

APPENDIX 7: IRIE! – Appeal Outcome Letter

Main Grants 2017-18 recommendation report – Annex A



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Dear Patrischia,

Re: Main Grant Appeal and the Moonshot Centre

Further to your meeting with Aileen Buckton this morning I am writing to confirm the outcome of your formal appeal against the Main Grants recommendation which was heard by the Mayor and Cabinet on 30 November 2016 and to summarise our discussions regarding the management of the Moonshot Centre.

Firstly, the Mayor and Cabinet express thanks to you for your time in coming to present your case on 30 November. They considered your presentation alongside your written submission carefully but have decided not to uphold your appeal. This was in no way a reflection on the overall work of IRIE! which the Mayor and Cabinet were unanimous in applauding but rather a reflection of the challenges relating to the specific community development work funded by the grant.

The Mayor and Cabinet were impressed by the range of work you have undertaken against the agreed outputs but felt that the limited progress delivering against the two key strategies was significant when seen in light of the overall community development outcomes sought through the grant. Again, this was not intended as a reflection of IRIE!'s work overall and the decision to maintain funding through the Widening Access to the Arts theme reflects this position.

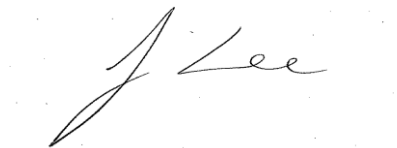
In addition to this the Mayor and Cabinet felt it was important that the Council support IRIE! in its ambition to take on the management of the Moonshot Centre. As such this morning's meeting set out officers' commitment to work with IRIE! over the coming months to explore the current usage of the building and the costs associated with an ongoing lease to support you in developing your plans to take on the management of the building.

Officers are clear that we support IRIE!'s ambition in this regard but need to ensure that the overall cost of managing the building does not threaten to destabilise the organisation in the long term. My colleague Petra Marshall will be in touch with you shortly with potential dates to discuss this in detail.

I know the outcome of the appeal is not what you were hoping for but I hope that our commitment to work with you on plans for the Moonshot demonstrates our ongoing commitment to IRIE! and its work.

I will write to you again following the Mayor and Cabinet (Contracts) meeting on 7 December to confirm your final grant allocation.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Lee', is positioned above the typed name. The signature is fluid and cursive.

James Lee
Head of Cultural and Community Development