



Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee

Report Title: Main Grants and Arts and Culture Grants Programme Allocations 2022-25

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| Ward(s) affected: | All |
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1. Purpose and summary of the report

- 1.1. This report seeks agreement for the allocation of the Main Grants and Arts and Culture funding programmes for 2022 – 25.
- 1.2. The report details the recommended grant allocations that Mayor and Cabinet are asked to agree following the assessment of all applications and the appeals process.
- 1.3. The two funding programmes were previously both let under a single Main Grants framework which was last fully allocated in 2019 following a full public consultation on the revised framework which was agreed by Mayor and Cabinet on 24th April 2019.
- 1.4. These grants are due to expire at the end of March 2022 and this paper details the process that has been undertaken to re-let the programmes through to March 2025.
- 1.5. As part of the 2022/23 budget setting process £800,000 was removed from the Councils core grant funding of £2,636,308 per annum leaving £1,836,308 per annum.
- 1.6. On 14th September 2021 Mayor and Cabinet agreed that this funding be split to create a separate Borough of Culture grants programme (now called the Arts and Culture Fund) alongside the Main Grants. The current level of funding to Arts organisations was therefore identified with a pro-rate level allocated to each fund creating budgets of £1,450,308 for Main Grants and £386,000 for Arts and Culture respectively.
- 1.7. The original main grants budget was due to be supplemented by £525,000 from the

Better Care Fund for social prescribing services. However an additional £98,000 has been secured from the Better Care Fund increasing the available funding to £623k pa for 22/23 onwards.

Cover Paper

The Committee is asked to consider the draft Mayor and Cabinet report which is attached to this paper.

This paper will be subject to revisions following feedback from the Committee and the special meeting of Mayor and Cabinet that is taking place on 17th January in case of any appeals against the draft recommendations set out in the attached paper.

Details of the paper attached are:

- Draft Mayor and Cabinet paper including:
 - Appendix 1 – Equalities Analysis Assessment Main Grants Programme
 - Appendix 2 – Equalities Analysis Assessment Arts and Culture Grant Programme
 - Appendix 3 – Full list of recommended projects, Main Grants Programme and Arts and Culture Fund
 - Appendix 4 – Main Grants Programme Consultation

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