

DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Leisure and Arts Services Committee – 20 December 2004

REPORT ON: Arts Development Grants

REPORT BY: Director of Leisure and Arts

REPORT NO: 744 - 2004

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To seek approval to the proposed changes in allocating Arts Development Grants.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

That Committee approves the proposed changes.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 None.

4.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The project supports the principles “opportunities for culture, leisure and recreation are available to all” and “access to the skills, knowledge and information needed to enable everyone to play a full part in society”.

5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

5.1 The project enhances the position of cultural and heritage resources for all age groups.

5.2 The project provides opportunities for people of all ages regardless of ability, social background, race, sex of disadvantage.

6.0 MAIN TEXT

6.1 Over the last few years there has been an increasing pressure on the grants budget to meet the demands of the continued development of cultural activity in the city. This has also resulted in a number of one off awards that have limited strategic importance.

6.2 Since the end of the Music Plus Lottery funded initiative two years ago the development in this area has been limited. It is now proposed that the Arts Development Grants, which have largely centred on this area of activity be consolidated in a more strategic manner.

6.3 The Music Development Officer (part-time) has proved to be effective in developing a number of initiatives and attracting external funding to support them from a number of sources including the Scottish Arts Council.

6.4 Activity in the broader field of Visual Arts has also increased and a number of initiatives have developed, increasing cultural activity across the city. This activity

includes projects such as Generator, Alt-W, Art-Angel, Projector and Meadowmill Artists. The Dundee Visual Arts Awards are funded from delegated budgets and the Scottish Arts Council.

- 6.5 To enable the Arts Development Grants to be utilised in a more strategic manner it is proposed that the following grants become subject to a Service Level Agreement in line with other organisations funded by the department.

It is proposed that this will take effect in financial year 2005/06.

Royal Scottish National Orchestra	18,000
Assembly Direct (Jazz Festival)	4,000
Dundee Guitar Festival	4,000
Projector Animation Festival	2,000
Generator Projects (Visual Arts)	7,000
Alt-W (Digital Medial Fund)	<u>2,000</u>
	37,000

The balance of £5,000 to be allocated as follows:

Short Courses	500
Music Futures	3,000
Performance	1,500

- 6.6 It is recommended that awards up to the sum of £250 be delegated to the authority of the Director of Leisure and Arts in line with the existing arrangements for the Short Course Grants and reported on an annual basis.

7.0 CONSULTATION

- 7.1 The Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Finance), Depute Chief Executive (Support Services) and Assistant Chief Executive (Community Planning) have all been consulted on this report and are in agreement with its contents.

8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 8.1 None

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