

## **GRANTS COMMITTEE**

Thursday 4 December 2008

### **Present:-**

Councillor Vanessa Newcombe (Chair)  
Councillors S Brock, Gale, A Hannaford, Robson, Sheldon and Winterbottom

### **Also Present**

Director Community and Environment, Head of Leisure and Museums, Principal Accountant (SH), Community Inclusion and Engagement Officer, Festival and Events Manager, Senior Valuer (TJ), Community Outreach Manager and Member Services Officer (SJS)

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### **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 18 September 2008 were taken as read and signed by the Chair as correct.

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### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members declared the following personal (\*prejudicial) interests:-

<b>COUNCILLOR</b>	<b>MINUTE</b>
Councillor A Hannaford	21*(trustee of Exwick Community Association))
Councillor Gale	25 (wife works for Exeter Northcott Theatre)
Councillor Robson	23 (trustee of Exeter Relate)

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### **RENT GRANTS**

Councillor A Hannaford declared a personal and prejudicial interest as a Trustee of Exwick Community Association. He was not present at the meeting for this item.

**RESOLVED** to recommend to Executive that:-

- (1) the decisions as set out below be implemented in respect of the bodies indicated; and
- (2) the Director Community and Environment and the Head of Treasury Services, subject to prior consultation with the Chair, be authorised to agree a grant increase to those organisations indicated by an asterisk to match any increase in rental following forthcoming rent reviews and also, where applicable, a pro rata reduction in grant where a rent reduction occurs following a reduction in the amount of accommodation occupied.

### **DECISIONS**

#### **Community/Social Need**

#### **RECOMMENDED**

Citizens Advice Bureau

£33,190

Exeter Age Concern*	£9,000
Exeter CVS	£63,425
Exeter Relate*	£11,600
Turntable	£9,000

### **Museums**

Topsham Museum*	£4,354
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### **Arts**

Phoenix*	£43,500
Barnfield Theatre	£8,000
Magic Carpet – Scrapstore (The rental stated is a fully serviced rent i.e. includes rates, heating, lighting, building insurance, maintenance etc.)	£3,000

### **Sport/Recreation**

Exeter BMX Track	£18,000
Exeter Cycle Speedway Club	£9,750
Exeter Water Sports Association	£6,350
Merry Go Round Toy and Leisure Library - Scrapstore (The rental stated is a fully serviced rent i.e. includes rates, heating, lighting, building insurance, maintenance etc.)	£1,750

### **Community Associations**

Alphington Community Association*	£5,500
Exwick Community Association	£6,500
Newtown Community Association	£1,900
Stoke Hill Community Association	£8,300
Sylvania Play and Community Facilities Association	£1,250
Topsham Community Association*	£6,800
Wonford Community and Learning Centre Ltd	£3,750
Stoke Hill Pre-School Group	£800

(Schedule circulated)

**CORE GRANTS**

**RESOLVED** to recommend to Executive that the decisions as set out below be implemented in respect of the bodies indicated;

**DECISIONS**

<b>CORE GRANTS</b>	<b>RECOMMENDED</b>
<b>BODY</b>	
<b>Community/Social Need</b>	
Citizens Advice Bureau	£70,489 3 year rolling funding agreement
Devon Council for Racial Equality	£1,500 support for BME community
Exeter CVS	£13,367 3 year rolling funding agreement
Living Options	£5,000 supports people with disabilities within the City
Paperchain	£4,500 recycling in the City generally, volunteers with disabilities, supports the City Council's objectives
Turntable	£6,000 environmentally friendly project, 30% of those helped take up housing association tenancies and 50% Council tenancies

**Arts**

Arts organisations subject to Service Level Agreements (3 year rolling funding agreements - a to f)

(a) Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra	£11,865
(b) Exeter Northcott Theatre	£85,231

(c)	Spacex	£11,365
(d)	Theatre Alibi	£19,196
(e)	Wren Trust	£16,205
(f)	Phoenix	£131,198
(g)	Barnfield Theatre	£10,000

Magic Carpet	£1,500	support for regular arts activities for people with disabilities and special needs in the City
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### **Sport and Leisure**

Merry Go Round Toy and Leisure Library - Scrapstore	£1,000	to enable the toy library in the Scrapstore to remain open
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### **Grant-Aiding Bodies**

Exeter Arts Council	£13,500	delivers a cost effective efficient grant distribution organisation; the grants allocated support the objectives of the Arts and Media Strategy
Exeter Council for Sport and Recreation	£5,000	an efficient and effective body which administers valuable small grants for sport
Play Grants	£5,000	an efficient and effective body which administers valuable small grants for play

(Report circulated)

**NEW CORE GRANT**

Councillor Robson declared a personal interest as trustee of Exeter Relate.

**RESOLVED** to recommend to Executive that the decisions as set out below be implemented in respect of the bodies indicated;

**DECISIONS**

	<b>NEW CORE GRANTS</b>	<b>RECOMMENDED</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>
<b>BODY</b>			
<b>Community/Social Need</b>			
Age Concern		£5,000	to help support Age Concern to continue to provide services to Exeter residents
Exeter Relate		Defer	Members requested that the application be deferred for Exeter Relate to investigate funding from other sources

(Report circulated)

**PROJECT GRANTS**

**RESOLVED** to recommend to Executive that the decisions as set out below be implemented in respect of the bodies indicated:-

**DECISIONS**

<b>BODY</b>	<b>RECOMMENDED</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>
Community Action	£2,000	promotes volunteering among young people and helps children at risk of exclusion
Exeter Credit Union	£1,343.99	Members supported this application for a one off-grant in light of the present exceptional economic climate

Exeter Phoenix	£4,270 (for 2009/2010 and 2010/2011)	a worthwhile use of a potentially difficult site and furthered the Council's objectives for the arts in the City
Exeter Sea Cadets	£1,000	valuable young people's community group
Women Running Network	£3,675	supporting a group to help towards developing a women's running group that would promote the Council's strategic objective of a Healthy and Active City

### **Environment**

BTCV	£1,500	supports volunteer work in the Valley Parks
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(Report circulated)

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### **DEVELOPMENT OF SERVICE AGREEMENTS WITH STRATEGIC ARTS ORGANISATIONS**

Councillor Gale declared a personal interest as his wife works for Exeter Northcott.

The report of the Head of Economy and Tourism was submitted.

**RESOLVED** that:-

- (1) the final payments of funding for 2008/09 be made to Exeter Northcott Theatre, Exeter Phoenix, Theatre Alibi, Wren Trust, Spacex Gallery, Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra and Exeter Barnfield Theatre; and
- (2) the following be recommended to Executive:-
  - (a) the Service Agreement progress reports be noted; and
  - (b) an in principle allocation of funds, as set out in the report, be discussed with Exeter Phoenix, Exeter Northcott Theatre, Theatre Alibi, Spacex Gallery, Wren Trust, Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra and Exeter Barnfield Theatre, as the basis for the development of the 2009/10 Service Agreements, with a report to be submitted to the next meeting of the Grants Committee for consideration:-

	TOTAL
Exeter Northcott	£85,231
Theatre Alibi	£19,196
Spacex Gallery	£11,365
Wren Trust	£16,205
Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra	£11,865

Exeter Phoenix	£131,198
Exeter Barnfield	£10,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£285,060</b>

(Report circulated)

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**EXETER CITY COUNCIL GRANTS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE – INDIVIDUAL TALENT SCHEME**

The Head of Leisure and Museums outlined the criteria used in assessing applications for support from the individual talent scheme.

(i) **David Follett - Age:19 - Sport/Activity: Wheelchair Badminton**

David represented England in the Four Nations Championships this summer and would again be representing England in a forthcoming Four Nations tournament in Ireland. David hoped to continue to be selected for the National team and to compete in international matches in the coming year. He was also intending to take his Level 1 coaching award so that he could put something back into the sport. His coach believed he had the potential to reach the top five in the country and continue his very rapid progress. David was also keen to raise awareness of his sport in the hope that it would eventually become a Paralympic discipline.

**RESOLVED** to recommend to Executive that a grant of £750 be made.

(Report circulated)

(The meeting commenced at 4.30 pm and closed at 5.10 pm)

Chair