

MAJOR GRANTS PANEL

Thursday 30 November 2017

Present:-

Councillor Edwards (Chair)
Councillors Bialyk and Sutton

Also Present:

Director (JY), Principal Accountant (MH), City Arts and Events Manager and
Assistant Democratic Services Officer

5 **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on 23 March 2017 were taken as read and signed by the Chair.

6 **PERFORMANCE REVIEW OF SERVICE AGREEMENTS FOR STRATEGIC ARTS ORGANISATIONS**

The City Arts and Events Manager presented the report on the 12 month monitoring for 2016/17 and an assessment of the delivery of the Service Level Agreements with the Strategic Arts Organisations. The report included the detail of:

- those in receipt of the final year of the current three year funding from Exeter City Council to match three year National Portfolio Organisations (NPO) funding from Arts Council England (ACE); Exeter Phoenix, Exeter Northcott, Bikeshed Theatre, Theatre Alibi and Kaleider; and
- those in receipt of annual core funding from Exeter City Council which is applied for via open application process annually. These organisations are Spacex, DAISI, Double Elephant, Le Navet Bete and Magic Carpet (12 month monitoring 2016/17 only).

The report also sought Members' support of the final payments of annual core grant funding for 2017/18 to the organisations listed above with the exception of Magic Carpet (2016/17 core funding only) and the application process for annual core funding from the City Council for 2018/19.

Particular reference was made to the success of applications in Exeter for National Portfolio Organisations (NPO) funding. Exeter Library now had the ability to apply for other funding as a result of their successful application to Arts Council England and would be invited to apply for Arts Funding but only for work to be carried out in Exeter.

RESOLVED to recommend to Executive that:

- (1) The content of the monitoring reports for 2016/17 and progress towards delivery in 2017/18 be noted;
- (2) The final payment of funding for 2017/18 be agreed;

- (3) The final payment of 20% of SpaceX's annual core funding (£1,450) shall be paid as a one off payment to Exeter Phoenix in order to fulfil a programme obligation in this financial year between the organisations. This was at the request of SpaceX and was as a result of the organisations closing down in November subsequent to an unsuccessful application to ACE NPO 2018-2022; and
- (4) The application process for core funding for 2018/19 be agreed as follows:
- organisations who have been successful in applications to NPO funding shall receive priority and may apply for 4 year funding with the proviso that the amounts payable by the City Council in that period may vary (or cease altogether); and
 - that any balance remaining from the Major Grants Budget after the above organisations have been allocated funding, shall be allocated via the same application process but for annual core funding only.

(The meeting commenced at 4.30 pm and closed at 4.44 pm)