

GRANTS COMMITTEE

Thursday 3 December 2009

Present:-

Councillors Newby, Sheldon and R Smith

Also Present

City Arts and Festivals Manager, Principal Accountant and Member Services Officer (HB)

7 **CHAIR**

In the absence of Councillor Newcombe, Councillor Mrs Smith was appointed Chair for the meeting.

8 **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 26 February 2009 were taken as read and signed by the Chair as correct.

9 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were made by Members.

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

The City Arts and Festivals Manager presented the report on monitoring reviews which assess the delivery of Service Agreements for 2009/10 by the following strategic arts organisations: Exeter Northcott Theatre, Theatre Alibi, Spacex, Wren Music, Exeter Barnfield, Exeter Phoenix and the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra (BSO). The report also sought to approve the payment of the final 20% of agreed funding for this financial year.

The City Arts and Festivals Manager advised Members that the third line of the second paragraph of 4.6 should read “a tour of two weeks of performances” rather than “two performances”

Members expressed concern over the effect that the current transport and parking arrangements on campus had already had and the overall impact on future attendance at the Northcott, especially during the coming Panto season. Members requested that the City Arts and Festivals Manager consult with the Northcott and the University of Exeter to discuss the situation and explore improvements.

RESOLVED that:-

- (1) the final payments of funding for 2009/10 be made to Exeter Northcott, Exeter Phoenix, Theatre Alibi, Spacex, Wren Music, Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra and Exeter Barnfield Theatre;
- (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 Music, Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra and Exeter Barnfield Theatre, as the basis for the development of the 2010/11 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
TOTAL	£285,060

- (3) the City Arts and Festivals Manager advise Members of the Grants Committee of the outcome of a meeting to be held in the New Year with representatives of the Northcott and the University of Exeter on ways of improving transport and parking arrangements.

(Report circulated)

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EXETER CITY COUNCIL GRANTS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE – INDIVIDUAL TALENT SCHEME

- (i) Samuel Owens – **Age 14 - Sport/Activity: Badminton**

A grant of £300 had been made in 2008/09.

RESOLVED to recommend to Executive that this application be refused for the reason that his improvement over the last year had not been significant enough to suggest that he is a genuine prospect for national level performance.

- (ii) Callum Owens – **Age 10 - Sport/Activity: Badminton**

A grant of £200 had been made in 2008/09.

RESOLVED to recommend to Executive that a grant of £200 be made as Callum is continuing to progress well and has now come to the attention of England selectors.

(Report circulated)

(The meeting commenced at 4.30 pm and closed at 5.00 pm)

Chair