

**GRANTS COMMITTEE**

Thursday 1 December 2011

Present:-

Councillor John Winterbottom (Chair)  
Councillors Baldwin, Bull, Newcombe and Spackman

Also Present

Director Community and Environment, Arts and Events Manager and Member Services Officer (SJS)

13 **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 15 September 2011 were taken as read and signed by the Chair as correct.

14 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

<b>COUNCILLOR</b>	<b>MINUTE</b>
Councillor Bull	15* (he and his wife work with the Arts Organisations)
Councillor Newcombe	15 (member of Devon County Council)

15 **PERFORMANCE REVIEW OF SERVICE AGREEMENTS WITH STRATEGIC ARTS ORGANISATIONS**

Councillor Bull declared a personal and prejudicial interest as he and his wife work with the Arts Organisations and left the room for the duration of the meeting.

Councillor Newcombe declared a personal interest as a member of Devon County Council.

The Arts and Events Manager presented the report on monitoring reviews which assess the delivery of the Service Agreements for 2011/12 with the following strategic arts organisations: Exeter Northcott Theatre, Theatre Alibi, Spacex, Exeter Barnfield and Exeter Phoenix. Members were advised that the report sought approval of the payment of the final 20% grant funding to Theatre Alibi and Spacex, and the final quarter payment of agreed grant funding to Exeter Phoenix, Exeter Northcott and Exeter Barnfield Theatre, for this financial year.

Members were informed that the Arts Organisations had a good year despite the economic climate. The Exeter Northcott, in its first year trading as Exeter Northcott Theatre Company, had showed a profit. The Council, with Exeter University and the Arts Council, had been working together with the Exeter Northcott to develop a sustainable future for the Theatre as all parties recognised the value of, and the need for, a high quality theatre in the City. Exeter Northcott had been asked to present an updated Business Plan that indicated projections for the next three years, for approval by the Council and other stakeholders, before the Grants

Committee to be held on 23 February 2012 at which funding for 2012/13 would be agreed.

**RESOLVED** that:-

- (1) the content of the Service Agreement progress reports to date be noted and the final payments of the funding for 2011/12 to Theatre Alibi, Spacex, Exeter Phoenix, Exeter Northcott and Exeter Barnfield be agreed; and  
  
the following be recommended to Executive:-
- (2) an in principle allocation of funds be discussed with Theatre Alibi, Exeter Phoenix, Spacex, Exeter Northcott and Exeter Barnfield as the basis for the development of Service Agreements to be brought to the next Grants Committee for approval.

(Report circulated)

(The meeting commenced at 4.30 pm and closed at 4.40 pm)

Chair