

## GRANTS COMMITTEE

Thursday 21 February 2008

### Present:-

Councillor Lesley Robson (Chair)  
Councillors Bond, S Brock, Mrs Evans, Gale, Lyons, Martin and Pettinger

### Also Present

Director Community and Environment, Head of Economy and Tourism, Community Outreach Manager and Member Services Officer (SJS)

### 1 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 6 December 2007 were taken as read and signed by the Chair as correct.

### 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members declared the following personal interests:-

<b>COUNCILLOR</b>	<b>MINUTE</b>
Councillor Mrs S Brock	25 (knows the applicant)
Councillor Gale	28 (wife was an employee of Northcott Theatre)

### 3 NEW CORE GRANT

Councillor Mrs S Brock declared a personal interest as she knows the applicant.

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

<b>BODY</b>	<b>RECOMMENDED</b>	<b>COMMENT</b>
<b>Community/Social Need</b>		
Paperchain	£6,000 (£4,500 pa. thereafter)	this would allow the current vehicle to be transferred to the ownership of Paperchain in 2008/9 together with a cash grant equivalent to the running costs of £3,000. The grant will support the continuation of this cooperative which supports the Council's environmental and social aims

(Report circulated)

**PROJECT GRANTS**

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

<b>BODY</b>	<b>RECOMMENDED</b>	<b>COMMENT</b>
<b>Community/Social Need</b>		
Age Concern	DEFER - TO THE JUNE COMMITTEE	Members requested that further information be sought as to the numbers anticipated in the group and if the group was to be an informal singing group rather than a choir
Home-Start	DEFER	to allow the Council to seek further clarification of what the project has delivered over the past 12 months with the 28 tenants it has supported
River Dream Centre (Feedback)	REFUSE	there are other sources of funding available for this type of project, including their own
The Ivy Project	£6,148	the project is offering a lifeline to vulnerable young people in the city. The project supports young people to improve their employability skills
Whipton Community Association	£10,000	a worthwhile self-supporting community association

(Report circulated)

**EXETER ARTS COUNCIL**

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

**RESOLVED** to recommend to Executive that Exeter Arts Council be given an additional grant of £6,500.

(Report circulated)

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

Councillor Gale declared a personal interest as his wife was an employee of the Northcott Theatre.

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

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

- (1) the Service Profiles and Agreements for Theatre Alibi, Spacex Gallery, Wren Trust, Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra and Exeter Phoenix for 2008/09 be agreed as the basis for approval of grants detailed in 5.2 and 5.3 of the circulated report:-

Northcott Theatre :	£85,231;
Theatre Alibi :	£19,196;
Spacex Gallery:	£11,365;
Wren Trust :	£16,205;
Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra :	£11,865;
Exeter Phoenix Arts Centre :	£131,198; and
Exeter Barnfield Theatre	£10,000; and

final approval of grant for the Exeter Northcott to depend on subsequent agreement of the Service Profile by the Chair of this Committee and the Head of Economy and Tourism; and

- (2) the Head of Economy and Tourism be authorised:-
- (i) with the Chair of Grants Committee and Councillor Martin to approve the grant of £10,000 for Exeter Barnfield Theatre, subject to conditions having been satisfactorily met regarding the implementation of the Theatre's Business Plan 2006-2010 within one month of this Committee, 80% of the approved grant to be released; and
- (ii) to release the remaining 20% of the grants in January 2009 subject to a report being submitted to this Committee in December 2008 and the Committee being satisfied with the actions being proposed.

(Report circulated)

## **URGENT ITEM- YOUTH INITIATIVE FUND**

The Chair agreed to take this as an urgent item due to the timescales involved.

The Community Outreach Manager presented the application for support for a film project from the Youth Initiative Fund. The Ivy Project had brought together a group of young people who hope to make a short film to show what it was like for a young person to live in Exeter at this time. The aim was to produce a film that mirrored the reality for young people in Exeter today, highlighting the ups and downs they face and ways to overcome those issues.

Members requested that a copy of the film be made available for Members to view.

**RESOLVED** to recommend to Executive that a grant of £2,300 be made in respect of the Ivy Project.

8                    **LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985**  
**EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

**RESOLVED** that, under Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

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

The Community Outreach Manager outlined the criteria used in assessing applications for support from the individual talent scheme.

(i) **Tom Sharpe – Age:17 - Sport/Activity: Kayaking**

Tom was a member of Exeter Canoe Club and was now one of the top junior paddlers in the country. He had made steady progress from Regional to National level competition. Tom hoped to compete in the National Sprint and National Marathon Championships and hoped his performances would gain him selection to compete for Britain in the Junior European Sprint Championships and the Junior World Marathon Championships. His long term goals were to make the progression from Junior to Senior competition at International level.

A previous grant of £200 in 2005-06 had been made.

**RESOLVED** to recommend to Executive that a grant of £500 be made.

(Report circulated)

(The meeting commenced at 4.30 pm and closed at 5.15 pm)

Chair