

## MAJOR GRANTS AND NEW HOMES BONUS PANEL

Thursday 27 November 2014

### Present:-

Councillor Edwards (Chair)  
Councillors Fullam, Hannaford and Sutton

### Apologies:

Councillor Leadbetter

### Also Present:

City Arts and Events Manager, Senior Valuer and Democratic Services Officer  
(Committees) (HB)

## 5 **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the last meeting held on 28 July 2014 were taken as read and signed by the Chair as correct.

## 6 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The following Councillor declared a disclosable pecuniary interest:-

<b>COUNCILLOR</b>	<b>MINUTE</b>
Councillor Sutton	8 (partner was involved with the running of the Bike Shed Theatre)

## 7 **EXETER ARTS COUNCIL UPDATE**

The City Arts and Events Manager presented the report on the cessation of Exeter Arts Council as a grant giving body and the arrangements for the management of the administration of small arts grants awards to be undertaken by the in house Arts and Events team within the existing cash limit.

**RESOLVED** to recommend to Executive that:

- (1) the change in status of Exeter Arts Council be noted; and
- (2) the replacement administration of a City Council small arts grants scheme by the City Council's Arts and Events team be approved, with the Portfolio Holder for Economy and Culture and Councillor Hannaford of this Panel to meet with the City Arts and Events Manager to discuss the way forward for the new administrative arrangements.

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

Councillor Sutton declared a disclosable pecuniary interest as her partner was involved with the running of the Bike Shed Theatre and left the meeting during consideration of this item

The City Arts and Events Manager presented the report on the 12 month monitoring reviews for 2013/14 which assess the delivery of the Service Agreements with annually funded arts organisations: Exeter Phoenix, Exeter Northcott, Theatre Alibi, Spacex, Exeter Barnfield Theatre and comment on the progress of the 2014/15 six month monitoring for these organisations and also the Bike Shed Theatre, a new recipient of annual funding from the City Council in 2014/15; and to approve the final payments of annual grant funding for the current financial year to the above organisations.

There was some discussion about the Barnfield Theatre and its financial position in light of the significant reduction of Exeter College daytime use, the failure of the new cafe lease and their non application for core funding. It was noted that the Theatre had made an application for rent support (recommendations to next Major Grants and New Homes Bonus Panel in February), the submitted budgets for which, still indicating that they would be receiving core funding from the Council.

**RESOLVED** to recommend to Executive that:

- (1) the content of the reports on the delivery of Service Agreements for both 2013/14 and the progress towards delivery for 2014/15 be noted; and
- (2) the final payment of funding for 2014/15 as set out under 4.1.1 and 4.1.2 of the report be approved.

9                    **NEW HOMES BONUS LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE FUND**

The Panel noted that the fund for 2014/15 had been spent, and the Council would be considering how best to assist community projects in future.

(The meeting commenced at 4.30 pm and closed at 4.50 pm)