

GRANTS COMMITTEE

Thursday 26 February 2009

Present:-

Councillor Vanessa Newcombe (Chair)
Councillors S Brock, A Hannaford, Robson, Sheldon and Winterbottom

Also Present

Director Community and Environment, Principal Accountant (SH), Community Inclusion and Engagement Officer, Festival and Events Manager and Member Services Officer (SJS)

1 **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 4 December 2008 were taken as read and signed by the Chair as correct.

2 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

A Member declared the following personal interest:-

COUNCILLOR	MINUTE
Councillor Robson	4 (trustee of Exeter Relate)

3 **SAVINGS IN THE GRANTS BUDGET**

The Director of Community and Environment informed Members that at Council on 24 February 2009 it had been resolved to reduce the grants budget by £50,000 per annum as part of the savings required to achieve a balanced budget. Provided that there was a sufficient resource in the closing of the Council's 2008/09 revenue accounts, there was currently an unallocated balance of £4,093 for grant-making purposes over the 2008/09 and 2009/10 financial years.

Members agreed that the remaining funds would be used to support applicants for the Individual Talent Scheme whose families were on means tested benefits.

4 **NEW CORE GRANT**

Councillor Robson declared a personal interest as a trustee of Exeter Relate.

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

NEW CORE GRANT	RECOMMENDED	COMMENTS
Community/Social Need		
Exeter Relate	Refuse	Exeter City Council awarded a rent grant of £11,600 in December 2008

(Report circulated)

SERVICE AGREEMENTS WITH STRATEGIC ARTS ORGANISATIONS

The City Arts Officer presented the report to approve the Service Profiles, targets and measures which would be the basis of Service Agreements with the Exeter Northcott Theatre, Theatre Alibi, Spacex Gallery, Wren Trust, Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra, and Exeter Phoenix for 2009/10 and to also approve their grant funding for 2009/10.

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 the release of 80% of the grants detailed in paragraphs 5.2 and 5.3 of the circulated report;
- (2) final approval and release of the grant for the Exeter Northcott would depend on subsequent agreement of the Service Profile to be presented to the Chair of this Committee, the Portfolio Holder of Economy and Tourism and the Head of Economy and Tourism by the end of March 2009;
- (3) final approval and release of the grant instalments for Exeter Barnfield Theatre would depend on subsequent agreement of the satisfactory implementation of the Theatre's Business Plan that resolves current concerns as to the clear and transparent governance of the Theatre. Regular progress reports commencing in April 2009 would be presented to and approved by the Chair of this Committee and the Portfolio Holder of Economy and Tourism and the Head of Economy and Tourism; and
- (4) the remaining 20% of the grants be released in January 2010 subject to a report being submitted to the Grants Committee in December 2009 and the Committee being satisfied with the actions being proposed.

(Report circulated)

EXETER CITY COUNCIL GRANTS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE – INDIVIDUAL TALENT SCHEME

The Director Community and Environment outlined the criteria for the Individual Talent Scheme application which reflected the budget savings in the Grants Budget.

(i) **Katie Leck - Age: 8 - Sport/Activity: Tennis**

This application did not meet the Council's criteria for the individual talent scheme.

RESOLVED to recommend to Executive that this grant be refused.

(ii) **Robert Leck - Age: 10 - Sport/Activity: Tennis**

This application did not meet the Council's criteria for the individual talent scheme.

RESOLVED to recommend to Executive that this grant be refused.

(iii) **Katie McGinley - Age: 17 - Sport/Activity: Netball**

A previous grant of £500 had been made in 2007/08.

This application met the Council's criteria for the individual talent scheme.

RESOLVED to recommend to Executive that a grant of £750 be made as this applicant meets the Council's criteria.

(iv) **Lyell Fuller - Age: 13 - Sport/Activity: Squash**

This application did not meet the Council's criteria for the individual talent scheme.

RESOLVED to recommend to Executive that this grant be refused.

(Report circulated)

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

Chair