

Committee:	Executive	Agenda Item No.:	9
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Category	Part of the Budget and Policy Framework		
Subject:	Junction Arts Community Arts Programme – 2nd Stage Payment 2008/09		
Report by:	Arts Development Officer		
Other Officers Involved	Leisure Operations Manager		
Director	Strategy		
Relevant Portfolio Holder	Social Inclusion		

#### **RELEVANT CORPORATE AIMS**

##### **REGENERATION – Developing healthy, prosperous and sustainable communities**

Develop vibrant town centres. Develop flourishing rural communities. Encourage inward investment and a local entrepreneurial culture to maximize sustainable employment opportunities.

##### **SOCIAL INCLUSION – Promoting fairness, equality and lifelong learning**

Promote the development of skills and learning within communities.

##### **ENVIRONMENT – Promoting and enhancing a clean and sustainable environment**

Protect, enhance and improve the natural and built environment in a sustainable way.

#### **TARGETS**

The work of Junction Arts directly impacts on the Corporate Plan target relating to increasing the number of annual recorded attendances at participatory arts programmes each year.

#### **VALUE FOR MONEY**

The Council's core funding helps to lever nearly £146,677 of additional investment in Community Arts provision.

**CUSTOMER FOCUSED SERVICES – Providing excellent customer focused services**

Strengthen community consultation and involvement. Design and deliver services to meet the needs of customers.

**COMMUNITY SAFETY – Ensuring that communities are safe and secure**

Deliver 40,000 hours of community based engagement to 5,000 young people and help 500 young people successfully complete leadership awards / active citizenship programmes by March 2011.

**THE REPORT**

The Council has approved annual core funding offered in two stage payments. Fifty percent (50%) of the funding released in April each financial year on receipt of a proper invoice and the balance released in December after submission of the Junction Arts Annual Report, subject to a satisfactory activity report being received.

(Minute No. 826/03 refers). The 2nd stage payment is now due for the current financial year and the report from Junction Arts for the period April to December 2008 is attached at pages 68 to 81.

Currently Junction Arts priority areas are:-

**Creative Inspiration;**

**Creative Partnerships;**

**Creative Learning for Young People (Living Literacy);**

**Creative Learning for Adults;**

**Bolsover Schools Arts Celebration;**

**Traveller's Enhancement Project;**

**Family Learning (Fun in the Woods") Shirebrook Extended Schools Cluster;**

**Connecting Communities (Parish Celebrations);**

**Lantern and Light Festivals;**

**'Sidelines' Arts and Sports Project;**

**Art in Public Spaces (Celebrating Places and People);**

**Research and Development Programme (Arts, Health and Well-Being);**

## **International Project (Spiral/La Rioja/Spain)**

Attendance statistics which show that Junction Arts had audiences of 6,684 during the period April to December and 4,183 participants attending participatory arts activities. The target set for 2008/09 was 18,372. Achieved between April 2008 and end December 2008 was 10,867. Junction Arts have indicated that it is likely that the targets set for 2008/09 will not be met and predicted attendances for January to end March 2009 will be approximately 1,500 which takes their total to around 12,367 against a target of 18,372.

There are a number of factors which relate to this circumstance:

These include: Planning Period

The process of Junction Arts planning framework and strategic review which has enabled them to undertake a year of reflection and planning for new partnerships and projects which will be coming on stream in 2009/10. Junction Arts felt the need to take into account that this was the first year for 6 years that NRF funded projects have not been delivered by Junction Arts and this has had an impact on both outputs and income.

Programme Specific: This includes

Junction Arts anticipated increased attendance through the parish based gala programme which did not occur due to the cancellation this year of events by parish partners.

The Creative Partnerships and Education programme has been delayed by CP due to a complete change in the mechanism for delivery. Junction Arts projects in schools are now only commencing delivery this term instead of in September as anticipated.

Junction Arts had anticipated delivery of Public Art projects through partnership with the District Council. This is now being delivered in-house. Large scale contracts will be subject to procurement in the near future.

The Family Learning Programme was anticipated to be funded this financial year but Junction Arts had to re submit the Lottery bid after further local consultation and will not now know the outcome until March 2009. Therefore Junction Arts could not deliver to this programme this year

The Big Draw programme is ongoing and will be completed by March 09.

The Travellers Project did not take place due to lack of travellers families on site

The Community Arts Leaders programme is still in the planning stages and seeking additional partners and funding to aid sustainability.

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Junction Arts proposed plan for 2009/10 is attached pages 82 to 96 for your information.

Councillor Ann Syrett is the Council's representative on Junction Arts Board of Management.

### **ISSUES/OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

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Grants to Voluntary Organisations have recently been reviewed as part of a discretionary service review. It was recommended by the review panel that Junction Arts would receive further funding for 3 years at which point the arrangement would be reviewed. This recommendation was upheld at the 26<sup>th</sup> January 2009 Executive Committee.

The Council's funding is offered in two stage payments. Fifty percent (50%) of the funding will be released in April each financial year on receipt of a proper invoice and the balance will be released in December subject to a satisfactory activity report being received.

Members to consider whether or not the Executive is satisfied with the update report received and whether to release the 2nd stage payment of £9,900.

### **IMPLICATONS**

**Financial:** Core funding of £19,800 has been allocated to Junction Arts as part of the 2008/09 budget. There are no additional financial implications. £9,900 has been paid early in the financial year 2008/09 as per the Service Level Agreement. The balance of £9,900 is scheduled for payment subject to Members of Executive determining whether or not the report received by Junction Arts is satisfactory.

**Legal:** The grant is subject to Junction Arts complying with the conditions outlined in the Council's Service Level Agreement.

**Human Resources:** The Arts Development Officer attends Junction Arts Board Meetings in a non voting capacity and has ongoing regular contact with Junction Arts staff.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**That subject to a satisfactory report, the 2nd stage payment for 2008/09 totalling £9,900 be released to Junction Arts.**

**REASON FOR DECISION**

**To release the 2nd stage payment to Junction Arts.**

<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b>	<b>Y/N</b>
<b>FILE REFERENCE:</b>	Junction Arts File (11.1.1) Junction Arts Recorded Attendance Statistics July to December 2008
<b>SOURCE DOCUMENT:</b>	Junction Arts Programme Report July to December 2008 Junction Arts Profit and Loss Account for year to date 2008/09