

Committee:	Executive	Agenda Item No.:	8.
Date:	2 nd August 2010	Status	Open
Category	Key decision included in the Forward Plan		
Subject:	Junction Arts Community Arts Programme – Proposed Annual Programme Plan 2010/11		
Report by:	Arts Development Officer		
Other Officers Involved	Head of Leisure		
Director	Director of Neighbourhoods		
Relevant Portfolio Holder	Councillor A. M. Syrett, Portfolio Holder for Arts and Leisure		

RELEVANT CORPORATE AIMS

REGENERATION – Developing healthy, prosperous and sustainable communities

Contribute to bringing awareness to issues regarding health within the District.

Help develop flourishing rural communities.

Help develop vibrant projects through creative work.

SOCIAL INCLUSION – Promoting fairness, equality and lifelong learning

Ensure quality in the delivery of services.

Promote the development of skill and learning in the community.

ENVIRONMENT – Promoting and enhancing a clean and sustainable environment

Protect, enhance and improve the natural environment in a sustainable way through the development of the arts

Bring awareness to the environment through creativity

CUSTOMER FOCUSED SERVICES

Strengthen community consultation.

Design and deliver services to meet the needs of participants.

Improve quality of services delivered.

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 in additional investment in Community Arts provision.

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 approval of the annual programme plan for the forthcoming year and the balance released in December or upon submission of the Junction Arts Annual Report, subject to a satisfactory activity report being received.

At Executive on the 1st February 2010 Members approved the 2nd stage payment for 2009/10 but did not approve the 1st stage payment for 2010/11 until a satisfactory Annual Programme Plan had been developed by Junction Arts and agreed by the Head of Leisure and the Arts Development Officer.

The Head of Leisure and Arts Development Officer have worked closely with Junction Arts to develop a template which illustrates the value and outcomes associated with the work of Junction Arts and how it fits with our Organisation's priorities and targets.

A template has now been devised and the suggested programme plan for 2010/11 is now presented in this way. The format does improve the process particularly when attempting to demonstrate linkages between arts and cultural activity and the wider aims of the Council. Incidentally, this new method has received some acclaim from the Arts Council England who have intimated that if the scheme proves to be successful that they may use the same system to demonstrate and profile their work.

Junction Arts proposed plan for 2010/11 is attached at Appendix 1, pages 17 to 25 for your information.

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

ISSUES/OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

Grants to Voluntary Organisations have recently been reviewed as part of a discretionary service review. Junction Arts have a Service Level Agreement which states that funding will be given at the existing level of £19,800 until 31st March 2011. No further commitment has been given beyond this point.

The Council's funding is offered in two stage payments. Fifty percent (50%) of the funding released in April each financial year (subject to the Annual Programme Plan for the forthcoming year being approved) and on receipt of a proper invoice and the balance to be released in December upon receipt of and subject to a satisfactory activity report being received. It is for Members to decide whether or not the attached annual programme plan is satisfactory for the forthcoming year.

A new system has now been devised re Annual Programme Plan for Junction Arts and new staff and board members have been appointed at Junction Arts and a reporting mechanism agreed.

IMPLICATONS

Financial: Core funding of £19,800 has been allocated to Junction Arts as part of the 2010/11 budget. There are no additional financial implications. The 1st stage payment of £9,900 is scheduled for payment subject to Members approval of the attached programme plan for 2010/11.

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.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1. That Members consider approval of the proposed annual plan & core funding for 2010/11.**
- 2. 1st stage payment be released subject to approval of the Annual Programme Plan for 2010/11.**

REASON FOR DECISION

To release the 1st stage payment to Junction Arts.

ATTACHMENTS: **Y**
FILE REFERENCE: