

Committee:	Executive	Agenda Item No.:	5.
Date:	7 th March 2011	Status	Open
Category	Part of the Budget and Policy Framework		
Subject:	Junction Arts Community Arts Programme – 2nd Stage Payment 2010/11, and 2011/12 proposed programme plan		
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 and Equalities Champion		

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 £166,907 which is a ratio of 8.5 to 1 additional investment in Community Arts provision.

THE REPORT

The Council has approved annual core funding of Junction Arts which is 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 or upon submission of the Junction Arts Annual Report, subject to a satisfactory activity report being received.

Following a previous Junction Arts report to the Executive and as part of subsequent meetings with The Head of Leisure and the Arts Development Officer, it became clear that previous methods of monitoring their programme and reporting back to the Authority were not appropriate. It was agreed that the plan would need to be aligned to the strategic imperatives of the Council and would need to provide the Council and Junction Arts with evidence based assessment of their impact or value for money.

In consultation with the Head of Leisure and Arts Development Officer, Junction Arts have designed a reporting template that more clearly meets the needs of both organisations. As Junction Arts wants to demonstrate value for money and accountability to Bolsover District Council, it was agreed that all future programmes/activity reports for Bolsover District will be clearly aligned to the Council's corporate aims or key strategies.

The submission of the Junction Arts activity report and the 2nd stage payment consideration is now due for the current financial year. The report from Junction Arts for the period April to December 2010 is attached at Appendix 1.

The target set for 2010/11 was to deliver a programme which would involve working in 12 parishes with 99 sessions taking place overall. The actual achieved between April 2010 and end January 2011 was 138 sessions taking place overall within 10 Parishes, however some Parishes received more than

one project. Junction Arts are expected to achieve/surpass both elements of this target by the end of March 2011.

Attendance statistics show that Junction Arts had audiences of 2,785 during the period April to January and 3,071 participants attending participatory arts activities.

Junction Arts projects include:-

Planned:

Creative Curriculum;
Drawing the Way;
Link Film Project;
Rural Routes;
Sidelinez
Take Me With You;
Transition BDC
Brighter Winter Nights.

Response Programme:

Draw your own Dinner;
Youth Reach – Media Project;
Well Made;
Willow Tree Farm Event:
Youth Engagement Scheme.

The planned projects for 2011/12 are:

Brighter Winter Nights.
Drawing the Way;
Farming Combine;
Rural Living;
Rural Routes;
Sidelinez
Transition
Rural Creative Workshops;
Youth Reach Media Project;
Old School;
Limestone Journeys;
See Appendix 2 for detailed Programme

Junction Arts proposed plan for 2011/12 is attached at Appendix 2, for your information.

Junction Arts has now employed Paul Steele who is the Managing Director of Junction Arts. Tina Glover will be retiring 31st March 2011.

ISSUES/OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

The target set for 20010/11 has largely been achieved to date with an expectancy of both elements of the original target being achieved/surpassed by the end of March 2011.

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. A review of Grants to Voluntary Organisations has been recently undertaken and a cut in the core funding has been agreed by Full Council which equates to the £16,000 Junction Arts Core Funding for 2011/12.

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 released in December or upon receipt of and subject to a satisfactory activity report being received. It is for Members to decide whether or not Junction Arts has performed satisfactorily for the 2nd stage payment to be released.

For the £19,800 that Bolsover invests towards arts provision totalling £166,907 which is a leverage ratio of 8.5 to 1. Members might consider that sufficient value has been achieved to satisfy our investment which is a proportion of the total invested in arts provision within Bolsover District.

IMPLICATONS

Financial: Core funding of £19,800 has been allocated to Junction Arts as part of the 20010/11 budget. There are no additional financial implications. £9,900 has been paid early in the financial year 2010/11 as per the Service Level Agreement. The balance of £9,900 is scheduled for payment subject to the Executive determining whether or not the report received by Junction Arts is satisfactory.

A core budget of £16,000 has been agreed for financial year 2011/12.

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

For Members to:

- 1. Decide whether or not Junction Arts has performed satisfactorily to release the 2nd payment for 20010/11 totalling £9,900 to Junction Arts,**
- 2. Consider approval of the proposed annual plan & core funding for 2011/12.**

REASON FOR DECISION

To promote arts and participatory arts within the District to the benefit of inhabitants.

ATTACHMENTS: Y
FILE REFERENCE: Junction Arts File (11.1.1)
Junction Arts Recorded Attendance Statistics
April 2010 to January 2011
SOURCE DOCUMENT: Junction Arts Programme Report
April to December 2010/11
Junction Arts proposed Plan 2011/12.