



## **URGENT DELEGATED DECISION**

Date: 20 January 2021.

**Request to the Head of Paid Service to exercise delegated authority as per Responsibility of Functions in Part IV, page 28 of the Constitution.**

**“to determine any matter within the referred or delegated powers and duties of a committee / sub committee / board / working which is so urgent that a decision must be made before the next meeting of that committee / sub-committee / board / working group is due to be held.”**

Limits on delegation: -

- Before making a decision using this delegated power, The Head of Paid Service shall consult with and take cognisance of the views of the Chairman (or in his absence the VC) of the relevant Committee / Sub-Committee etc.; and
- Any decision taken by the Head of Paid Service under this delegated power shall be reported to Members within five working days of the decision taken.
- During the COVID-19 Pandemic we have also committed to consult with the Leader of the Opposition on such decisions.

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**Usual Decision Maker: -**

This decision would have been taken by the Corporate Policy and Resources Committee but all Committee Meetings.

This decision needs to be made before the body is next due to meet as the closing date for bids to the Fund is 12 noon on 26 January 2021.

The decision relates to the submission of an application for funding to the DCMS's (Department of Culture Media and Sport) Recovery Fund Round 2 in relation to the Trinity Arts Centre for the amount of £98,000 for the period April to June 2021.

Call-in does not apply.

### **Reason for Urgency and Rationale for use of urgent Delegated Decision**

In light of the current COVID 19 situation, the Government, through its Department for CMS, has set up a Recovery Fund. Monies are allocated through a bidding process. Round Two bidding is currently open. The deadline for submissions is noon on 26 January 2021. Corporate Policy and Resources Committee are not due to meet until after

this date and therefore an urgent decision is required in order to support the funding application.

## **Background and Detail relevant to the decision**

The Trinity Arts Centre is wishing to make a bid for Funding to the above recovery fund for a total amount of £98,000

A full funding bid had been prepared in consultation with Chief Finance Officer and shared with Members party to the consultation meeting. This has not been attached to the public decision notice due to its commercially sensitive nature.

The Council had been successful in its previous bid to this fund having been awarded £200,240, for the period 1 October 2020 – 31 March 2021.

Round two bids were limited to a maximum of 50% of the original.

The types of areas the funding monies could be utilised for were outlined, and the amount applied for would cover core “sitting” costs. Given the listed building status of the venue 20% of funding could be utilised for maintenance as opposed to 10% for non listed premises.

An element of the funding money, if secured would be used to support the Centre’s longevity plans and help instigate the Centre’s recovery. Artistic and engagement programmes were being developed to ensure, regardless of restrictions, people could participate. The Centre Manager outlined what this may look like.

A successful application did come with some “offer conditions” as before. These had previously been deemed manageable and acceptable.

Members welcomed the bid, the plans for the Centre’s future, and the resilience and variation in the programme.

**It was suggested that the bid should include reference to the Centre being one of only two in the District.**

## **Decision**

- Approved that the Round 2 Funding Bid to the DCMS Recovery Fund for the Trinity Arts Centre, as prepared, subject to including the reference requested above in bold, be submitted before the deadline and the conditions of funding, if successful, be accepted.

## **Financial Detail and Implications**

The grant bid of £98,000 does not require any match funding from the Council. If successful appropriate budgets and approval to spend will be formalised.



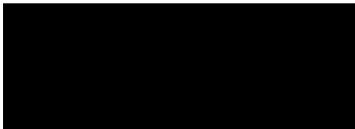
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Ian Knowles  
Head of Paid Service

As the Chairman of the Corporate Policy and Resources Committee I have been fully consulted on this matter



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Cllr A Welburn - Chairman of Corporate Policy and Resources Committee

As the Chairman of the Prosperous Communities Committee and Leader of Council I have been fully consulted on this matter



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Councillor O Bierley - Leader / Chairman of the Prosperous Communities Committee

As the Leader of the Opposition I have been fully consulted on this matter



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Councillor T Young – Opposition Leader

Date notified to All Members : - 22 January 2021