

URGENT DELEGATED DECISION

Date: 22 April 2020

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.

Usual Decision Maker: -

This decision would have been taken by the Corporate Policy and Resources Committee but all Committee Meetings have been suspended due to the COVID-19 situation.

Call-in does not apply.

Background

The Trinity Arts Centre is wishing to apply to the Arts Council to claim a £35,000 grant from their Covid-19 Non-Portfolio Arts Organisation Emergency Relief Fund. The facility is currently closed to the public and will not benefit from any primary or secondary income for some time due to shows, classes and other public activities not taking place.

The centre benefits from generating an average of £12-£20k commercial income every month, of which an average 25% is retained by WLDC and used to pay for the running costs of the facility and its staff. The arts centre is therefore applying to have part of its core running costs covered by the arts council grant, to cover staff salaries and help keep the venue in a secure position ready for when it can re-open.

The grant is based on fixed costs for the period of May to October.

Reason for Urgency and Rationale for use of urgent Delegated Decision

In light of the current COVID 19 situation, an urgent decision is required in order to support the grant application.

Decision

- Approved that the Grant bid to the Arts Council be submitted

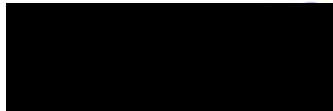
Financial Detail and Implications FIN/DD/1/21/TJB

The grant will support fixed costs of the Trinity Arts Centre during the Covid-19 closure totalling £35,000



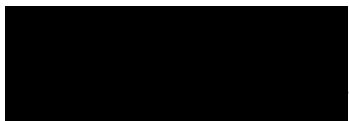
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Ian Knowles
Head of Paid Service

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



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Chairman of Corporate Policy and Resources Committee

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



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

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Leader of the Opposition

Date all Members were notified of the decision 24 April 2020