

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**Executive Decision Record**

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Culture and Recreation
Date:	8 July 2011
Title:	Consultation on Financial Support to Culture and Community Organisations
Reference:	2996
Report From:	Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services

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1. The decision:

- a) That the Executive Member for Culture and Recreation approves proposals to consult on financial contributions to cultural and community organisations as set out in the report.
- b) That the Executive Member for Culture and Recreation notes the changes to the consultation documents to reflect the following three principles proposed by the Culture and Communities Select Committee:
 - i. Priority be given to Hampshire-based organisations;
 - ii. Priority be given to applicants requesting small grants;
 - iii. Priority be given to applications which are supported by their respective district/borough councils.

2. Reason(s) for the decision:

- 2.1. Hampshire County Council needs to make decisions on the allocation of financial support to cultural and community organisations for 2012/13 and consider future strategy for the use of financial contributions to support the delivery of cultural and community services.
- 2.2. The Comprehensive Spending Review settlement for local authorities in 2010 and the on-going programme of budget reductions being implemented across all Council services means that the current approach and pattern of funding is unlikely to be sustainable in the future. The proposed consultation will allow funded organisations and stakeholders the opportunity to influence this change.

- 2.3. The Culture and Communities Select Committee agreed to set up a Panel to review grants from the Culture, Communities and Business Services Department and proposed the principles shown in 1b above.
- 2.4. It also recognises the general public and stakeholder interest in this funding and the requirement to involve and provide reasonable notice to funded organisations.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. The primary purpose of the consultation is to consider options for the future allocation of financial contributions to support the delivery of cultural and community services. These will be considered by the Executive Member for Culture and Recreation in December.

4. Conflicts of interest:

- 4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker:
None.
- 4.2. Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted:
None.

5. Dispensation granted by the Standards Committee: none.

6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: not applicable.

7. Statement from the Decision Maker:

Approved by:

Date:

8 July 2011

**Executive Member for Culture and Recreation
Councillor K. Chapman**