

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**Executive Decision Record**

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Culture and Recreation
Date:	14 May 2012
Title:	Hampshire Arts and Museums Grants Strategy
Reference:	3830
Report From:	Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services

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1. The decision:

a) The Executive Member for Culture and Recreation:

- Notes the update regarding the development of dance, music visual arts and theatre planning within the context of the Arts and Museums Strategic Plan, 2012-15: Connecting Communities with Excellence
- Approves the updated Visual Arts Strategy (appendix 1)
- Approves the commissioning of new Music provision as per the attached brief (appendix 2)
- Notes the update regarding strategic discussions with Whitchurch Silk Mill, Hampshire Museums and Galleries Trust and Solent Sky
- Approves the awarding of £18,000 grant aid under the Organisational Change Fund 2012/13 for The Point (Eastleigh Borough Council)
- Approves the awarding of £15,000 grant aid under the Organisational Change Fund 2012/13 for St Barbes Museum (Lymington Museum Trust).
- Re-approves the £17,200 grant aid originally allocated to ArtSway at the Executive Member for Culture and Recreation Decision Day on 20 January 2012, in the light of ArtSway's intention to wind up gallery operations by the end of July 2012.

2. Reason(s) for the decision:

- 2.1 To take forward the ambitions for arts and museums outlined in the Strategic Plan 2012-15 approved by the Executive Member Culture and Recreation on 20 January 2012. In particular, this document identified Hampshire

County Council's intention to review its strategy for investing in dance, music, touring and participatory theatre and visual arts excellence during 2012/13.

- 2.2 It is intended that this work will inform future grant investment under the new Culture and Community Grants Programme from 2013/14 onwards and ensure that this investment is maximising opportunities in relation to the County Council's 8 Open for Business priorities.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1 These proposals lead on from actions identified in the outcomes from the arts and museums strategic review and culture and communities grants review which were approved by the Executive Member on 20 January 2012

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:
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Executive Member for Culture and Recreation Councillor Keith Chapman	