

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Decision Report

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Member for Culture and Recreation
<b>Date:</b>	9 September 2010
<b>Title:</b>	Dance Bursary Scheme Awards: 2010/11
<b>Reference:</b>	2001
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Culture, Communities and Rural Affairs

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#### 1. Executive Summary

- 1.1. This report is to request approval of the new process for agreeing Hampshire County Council Dance Bursary Scheme awards.

#### 2. Contextual information

- 2.1. In November 2009 the Executive Member for Recreation and Heritage approved Decision 1019, to revise the new Dance Bursary Scheme and approve the nominations for awards from the inaugural year of the Scheme.
- 2.2. The *Springboard 13-18 years scheme* offers a bursary of up to £500 and mentoring from the Scheme Manager for up to 15 young people. The young people have been selected through a written application process combined with a practical audition. The selection has been made by Hampshire County Council and Hampshire Dance representatives, and in the case of the auditions, recommendations have been made by 3 dance specialists.
- 2.3. The *Associate Dance Artist Scheme* offers a bursary of up to £1000 and mentoring from the Hampshire Dance Artist Development Co-ordinator for up to 2 graduate candidates. The candidates have been selected through a written application process, participation in a Professional Development workshop and a written Development Plan. The selection has been made by HCC and Hampshire Dance representatives.
- 2.3.1. Bursaries will be allocated over the period September 2010 – June 2011.

2.3.2. Each bursary will create a training plan with their scheme contact. This will form part of an agreement and set of conditions for accepting the bursary.

2.3.3. The bursary spend will be monitored, with a maximum of £100 being used for travel expenses and/or supplementary training such as nutrition, strength or flexibility training.

2.3.4. Each bursary will also be required to contribute to dance in Hampshire in some way, through volunteering, teaching or mentoring future bursaries.

2.4. The Dance Bursary Scheme runs through the academic year from September to July of the following year. The application and selection process occurs during the summer months prior to the start of the new academic year. Due to these timings, the annual award nominations require approval prior to the November Decision Day for the Scheme to start. Agreement is sought for the Head of Arts Service, in consultation with the Director for Culture, Communities & Rural Affairs (CCRA), to approve annual nominations within the agreed criteria of the Scheme.

2.5. Small grants awarded by Sports and Community are also similarly approved in this manner.

2.6. This will enable the dance bursaries to avail of courses and training opportunities which start in September and to fully utilise the funding and opportunities over the full academic year. If the approval of awards occur in November each year, the start of the Scheme would be delayed and potential bursaries would wait up to 4 months to understand if they are accepted onto the Scheme.

### **3. Finance**

3.1. This decision will have no impact on the finances of the project and how the budget will be administered.

### **4. Legal Implications**

4.1 The County Council has the power under s145 (1) (d) of the Local Government Act 1972 to contribute toward the expenses incurred in the development and improvement of the knowledge understanding and practice of the arts

### **5. Recommendation**

5.1. It is recommended that annual awards to applicants of the Dance Bursary Scheme are approved by the Head of Arts Service, in consultation with the Director of Culture Community and Rural Affairs.

**CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:****Links to the Corporate Strategy**

<b>Hampshire safer and more secure for all:</b>	No
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
<b>Maximising well-being:</b>	Yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
<b>Enhancing our quality of place:</b>	Yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	

**Other Significant Links**

<b>Links to previous Member decisions:</b>		
<u>Title</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>Date</u>
Executive Member for Policy and Resources Revised Dance Bursary Scheme	471	08.02.2008
Springboard Dance Bursary Scheme Grants: 2010/11	1019	12.11.2009

**Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents**

**The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)**

<u>Document</u>	<u>Location</u>
Applications, Short listing information and Audition Notes	J Mein Office Mottisfont Ct.

## **IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:**

### **1. Equalities Impact Assessment:**

No adverse impact on any group of young people has been identified. The scheme is designed to be accessible to the greatest number of people.

### **2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:**

N/A

### **3. Climate Change:**

#### **a) How does what is being proposed impact on our carbon footprint / energy consumption?**

- No impact Identified

#### **b) How does what is being proposed consider the need to adapt to climate change, and be resilient to its longer term impacts?**

- N/A