



DRAFT PORTFOLIO HOLDER DECISION NOTICE

PROPOSED INDIVIDUAL DECISION BY THE LEADER

TOPIC – SIR JOHN TAVENER CONCERT / ART AND MIND FESTIVAL AND STABILISATION CONTRIBUTION / HAT FAIR FESTIVAL

PROCEDURAL INFORMATION

The Access to Information Procedure Rules – Part 4, Section 22 of the Council's Constitution provides for a decision to be made by an individual member of Cabinet.

In accordance with the Procedure Rules, the Corporate Director (Governance), the Chief Executive and the Head of Finance are consulted together with Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Principal Scrutiny Committee and all Members of the relevant Scrutiny Panel (individual Ward Members are consulted separately where appropriate). In addition, all Members are notified.

Five or more of these consulted Members can require that the matter be referred to Cabinet for determination.

If you wish to make representation on this proposed Decision please contact the relevant Portfolio Holder and the following Committee Administrator by 5.00pm on 28 April 2009

Contact Officers:

Marilyn Michalowicz, Arts Development Officer, Tel 01962 848 175, Email mmichalowicz@winchester.gov.uk

Committee Administrator:

Ellie Hogston, Tel 01962 848155, Email: ehogston@winchester.gov.uk

SUMMARY

Tavener Concert:

- Winchester's Art and Mind Festival has arranged to present a prestigious and artistically exciting concert 'Towards Silence' by the renowned composer Sir John Tavener, at Winchester Cathedral on July 6th 2009.
- Originally scheduled for performance in 2008, the concert was postponed due to the composer's ill health. Winchester City Council, having originally offered a contribution of £5,000, agreed on 12th June 2008 (PHD 166) to release an interim sum of £1,000 to the Art & Mind festival.
- The Festival organisers now request payment of the remaining £4,000 towards the costs of staging and promoting this event.

- Other funding partners include Hampshire County Council and the University of Winchester.
- Winchester City Council's contribution will be made under the conditions of a Service Level Agreement, ensuring:
 - opportunities are made for a wide range of people to attend and
 - that the Council is fully credited in all publicity

Hat Fair:

- The Hat Fair – a Winchester City Council Key Revenue Client - became a Regionally Funded Organisation (RFO) by Arts Council England, South East (ACE,SE) from 1st April 2008, due to its importance for the region as a presenter and commissioner of contemporary large scale touring street arts performance. This status means that the Hat Fair can rely on funding from ACE,SE over a period of three years, and can benefit from organisational development and specialist support opportunities.
- ACE,SE approached WCC in January 2009 to discuss their proposal to make additional funding arrangements for Hat Fair, for which a local partnership contribution is a normal requirement.
- ACE,SE has offered Hat Fair an Additional Funding Grant of £40,000 in order to redress the shortfall caused by last year's switch from Project Funding to RFO funding, and other loss of income caused by disappointing market stall trading and unexpected commissioning costs.
- In addition, ACE,SE has offered Hat Fair an Organisational Development Grant of £26,000 to support improvements to its governance, finance and marketing functions.
- A sum of £5,000 is being proposed as a single contribution by Winchester City Council to support these ACE,SE funding streams.
- It is proposed that this sum is offered with the following conditions:
 - completion and publication of the Economic Impact Study for Hat Fair 2008
 - further detailed financial reports for 2008
 - full compliance with the conditions relating to the ACE,SE grant offers

(please contact Marilyn Michalowicz for information relating to the ACE,SE grant offers, if required)

Corporate Strategy Reference:

Economic Prosperity: ensuring that Winchester District economy meets the challenges of the 21st century by ... supporting vibrant city, town and village centres.... supporting the creative economy ... supporting tourism businesses throughout the District.

PROPOSED DECISION

To approve the release from LABGI funds of £4,000 (Tavener concert) and £5,000 (Hat Fair development).

REASON FOR THE PROPOSED DECISION AND OTHER ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

Both projects meet priorities identified in the Corporate Strategy and in the Community Strategy including:

1. Working together to ensure that everyone in the District has the opportunity to lead a fulfilling life now and in the future by making sure that Winchester District remains an area which encourages cultural opportunities which everyone can participate in.
2. Supporting the creative economy.
3. Supporting tourism businesses throughout the District.
4. Supporting vibrant city, town and village centres.

FURTHER ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED FOLLOWING PUBLICATION OF THE DRAFT PORTFOLIO HOLDER DECISION NOTICE

n/a

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS BY THE DECISION MAKER OR A MEMBER OR OFFICER CONSULTED

n/a

DISPENSATION GRANTED BY THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

n/a

Approved by: (signature)

Date of Decision

Councillor George Beckett

The Leader