



PORTFOLIO HOLDER DECISION NOTICE

INDIVIDUAL DECISION BY THE LEADER

TOPIC – ALLOCATION OF LABGI FUNDS

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.

The Portfolio Holder for Heritage, Culture and Sport has been consulted and concurs with the proposal.

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SUMMARY

The allocation of LABGI funds to support the following projects:

The English Project
Art & Mind Festival

DECISION

It is recommended that the following awards are made from the LABGI fund:

English Project - £10,000

Winchester City Council has supported the development of The English Project since the concept was first launched. The Project would bring a major new visitor attraction to the city in 2012, exploring the history and continued development of the English Language. The Project team has secured funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) and from Hampshire County Council to progress business planning and awareness raising activities, but is seeking a further £10,000 from the City Council to match the HLF award. This money will specifically be used to enable:

- (i) The development of a schools programme
- (ii) Public events to be held in order to raise the profile of this project.
- (iii) The development of a website for the project.

Art & Mind - £1,000

A sum of £5,000 was requested from Winchester City Council to support a concert of a new work by Sir John Taverner in Winchester Cathedral in conjunction with the Art & Mind Festival. Provision was made for £3,000 of this funding (to be supplemented by sponsorship) as part of the £50,000 LABGI allocation to cultural projects agreed at February Cabinet. This concert has been postponed due to the ill health of the composer, which has left a funding shortfall for the Art & Mind programme. A request has been received from Art & Mind to use some of the allocation to ensure that the remainder of the Art & Mind programme can go ahead as planned.

REASON FOR THE DECISION AND OTHER ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

These recommendations have been made in consultation with the Head of Cultural Services and the Arts Development Officer.

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

1. Promoting the creative economy.
2. Encouraging participation in cultural activity
3. Enhancing the contribution of tourism to the economy of the Winchester District.
4. Improving health and wellbeing

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

12 June 2008

Councillor George Beckett – The Leader