

DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Policy & Resources Committee - 13 February 2012

REPORT ON: Dundee Visual Artists Award Allocation – 1st Round

REPORT BY: Director, Leisure and Communities

REPORT NO: 51-2012

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To seek approval for the payment of grant awards from the Dundee Visual Artists Award Scheme from the first round of applications this year. The second round is in March 2012.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the Committee approves the following awards to:
- **Alexander Storey Gordon** – £900 towards a theatre art performance, with accompanying film screening and lecture programme. Conditional offer of funding.
 - **Catrin Jeans** - £1,100 towards a performance show to be broadcast during Neon Digital Arts Festival 2012.
 - **Holly Keasey** - £1,000 towards project exploring the global water crisis, resulting in installation piece and documentation material.
 - **Peter Mansfield** - £300 towards materials for site-specific artworks at St Peters Church, based on Hilltown multis.
 - **Liz Myhill** - £420 towards learning new printmaking techniques leading to a new body of work.
 - **Neil Nodzak** - £275 towards funding materials for new work for an exhibition at Tin Roof Studios.
 - **Neil Scott** - £900 towards a collaborative journey by two artists, the experience of which will be related through documentation, found objects and artworks.
 - **Jackie Smith** – £1,500 towards equipment to develop animation work resulting from recent DCA residency, and to be screened in Autumn 2012.
 - **Alison Whyte** - £580 towards travel and residency costs for research to inform new body of work.
- 2.2 These awards will be made on return of a letter of agreement from the recipients.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 A fund of £12,000 is available for the financial year 2011/12. £4,000 will be met from the Communities and Policy Division revenue budget and £8,000 through a grant from Creative Scotland.

4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 The Dundee Visual Artists Award Scheme is a partnership between Leisure & Culture Dundee and Creative Scotland (previously between Dundee City Council and Scottish Arts Council).
- 4.2 This scheme awards grants to Dundee-based visual artists towards professional development, researching and creating new work for exhibitions. There are two deadlines for application each year - in 2011/12 these are in November and March. Due to late start of the scheme the period will extend in to the new financial year.
- 4.3 All the listed applicants were assessed according to the following criteria:
- the quality of the artist's work;
 - the expected impact of support on the applicant's creative development;

- the clarity of purpose behind the submission and reasons given for applying for an award;
- the quality of the information/material supplied;
- the level of commitment to the development of practice.

4.4 These awards are progressed under clause 10 of the Services Agreement between Dundee City Council and Leisure & Culture Dundee.

5.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

5.1 This report has been screened for any policy implications in respect of Sustainability, Strategic Environmental Assessment, Anti-Poverty, Equality Impact Assessment and Risk Management. No major issues have been identified.

6.0 CONSULTATION

6.1 The Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Support Services) and Director of Finance have been consulted on this report.

7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

7.1 None

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