

DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Leisure and Arts Services Committee - 19 March 2007

REPORT ON: Major Project Grants Allocation (2006-2007)

REPORT BY: Director of Leisure and Communities

REPORT NO: 157-2007

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 The report makes a recommendation for a grant award from the Major Project Grants Portfolio.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

2.1 That the Committee approves the allocation of a grant of £1,500 to the Random Theatre Company.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The grant award will be met from the Leisure and Communities Department's revenue budget 2006-2007.

4.0 SUSTAINABILITY POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Sustainability

The award will provide access to skills and knowledge through activities for young people, thus contributing to the achievement of the Council's vision of active, informed communities.

4.2 Strategic Environmental Assessment

None.

4.3 Anti-Poverty

Free access to activities and resources will be provided for specific groups of young people who would be otherwise unable to participate.

5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Activities and resources will be available to all.

6.0 MAIN TEXT

6.1 Background

The Random Theatre Company fulfils the aims and the assessment criteria outlined below.

Aims:

- To increase provision of good quality, best value, services in the cultural sector in Dundee.
- To promote social inclusion through sector activity.

- To assist non-profit organisations undertake the delivery of arts and heritage projects in Dundee.
- To complement the Leisure and Communities Department's priorities and public programme.

Assessment Criteria:

- The extent to which the aims of the application meet the aims of the scheme.
- The relevance of the application to the delivery of quality Leisure and Communities services in Dundee.
- The expected impact of Council support on the applicant organisation's ability to deliver Leisure and Communities services in Dundee.
- Evidence of sound organisational and financial management.
- Production of a balanced project budget eligible costs up to the sum applied for.

6.2 Purpose of Grant

The grant will enable the Random Theatre to set up a residency in the Caird Hall between March and September 2007 to provide a platform for young people to gain new skills and new confidence by becoming involved in theatre. This will centre around a production written by a local writer entitled "These Are My Mountains".

7.0 CONSULTATION

7.1 The Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Finance) and Depute Chief Executive (Support Services) have been consulted on this report and are in agreement with its contents.

8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

8.1 None.

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