

DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Arts and Heritage Committee – 17 December 2001

REPORT ON: Dundee Guitar Festival

REPORT BY: Director of Arts and Heritage

REPORT NO: 807-2001

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To seek approval to award a grant to Dundee Guitar Festival towards the cost of developing music initiatives in the community.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

2.1 That the Committee authorises the payment of the grant of £6000

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The grant of £6000 can be met from the Arts & Heritage Department's 2001/2002 revenue budget

4.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

4.1 This initiative helps to ensure that "opportunities for culture, leisure and recreation are readily available to all" that "local needs are met locally" bringing together the best of international and national performers and tutors creating local opportunities.

5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

5.1 This initiative offers the potential to develop a wider range of guitar related activities for all ages and abilities enhancing the cultural calendar of the City and Scotland, contributing to local education and the development of local talent.

5.2 The international competition and opportunity to bring performers from around the world will enhance the representation of different cultures in Dundee, with links to minority communities where relevant.

5.3 The opportunity to develop access for young people and adults with disabilities will be explored within the broader programming.

6.0 MAIN TEXT

6.1 The Dundee Guitar Festival has presented an annual festival celebrating the music of the guitar in its many forms for the past 10 years. The Festival has grown from an ambitious local project to an important week in the British classical guitar calendar.

6.2 A unique event in Scotland, the Festival currently provides a stage for the best of Britain's talent and attracting top artists from home and abroad. The Festival aims to create a diverse, imaginative and truly international event, which will attract performers of the highest calibre to Scotland, making their work available to new audiences and students of the guitar, and develop this beyond an annual event to a year round programme of guitar performances, workshops, training and education opportunities.

6.3 Dundee Guitar Festival makes an important contribution to the life of the City of Dundee and the world of guitar music. This new partnership will enable new strands of training and skills development to be delivered in Dundee.
The key elements are:

- To create, develop and deliver the 1st Scottish International Guitar Competition.
- To establish the Dundee Guitar Festival as a national resource for guitarists, teachers and guitar enthusiasts.
- To encourage and develop talented young guitarists.
- To establish a network of Scottish venues willing to support guitar recitals, events

7.0 CONSULTATION

7.1 The Chief Executive, Director of Support Services, Director of Finance and Director of Corporate Planning have been consulted on this report and are in agreement with its contents.

8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

8.1 None.

Director of Arts and Heritage _____ Date _____