

## **EAST HERTS COUNCIL**

### **OPENNESS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT BODIES REGULATIONS**

**2014**

### **OFFICER DECISION WRITTEN RECORD**

Reference:	OD/(to be added by Democratic Services)
Subject Matter:	Award of UKSPF-funded cultural activities grants 2023/24
Date of Decision:	15 <sup>th</sup> March 2024
Exempt/Confidential information (Yes/No):	No
If Exempt/Confidential – reason why:	n/a
Name of Officer taking decision under delegated authority:	Jonathan Geall, Head of Housing and Health
Source of delegated authority (constitution/express delegation/etc):	At its meeting of 18th January 2023, Council approved the use of UKSPF funds to fund cultural activities grants. An allocation of £20,000 was subsequently set aside for the awarding of grants in 2023/24.

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	At the same meeting, Council delegated decision-making on all cultural activities grants and contracts to the Head of Housing and Health acting in consultation with the Executive Member for Communities.
Exercise of delegated authority approved by: <i>(if different from Officer taking decision)</i>	n/a
Decision:	<p>Fund the nine applications which met the eligibility and assessment criteria. The grant recipients and amounts are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Drawing Voices - £3,000</li> <li>* Ware Poets - £1,275</li> <li>* Herts Musical Memories - £3,000</li> <li>* Buntingford Writers Group - £450</li> <li>* All Sorts Dementia Group - £2,580</li> <li>* Hertfordshire Festival of Music - £3,000</li> <li>* Generation Circus - £2,970</li> </ul>

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	* Buntingford Live! - £3,000 * Ware District Photographic Society - £300.
Reason(s) for Decision:	Applications it is proposed to fund were eligible, assessed within the approved policy and will clearly contribute to the UKSPF outputs on which the council is required to report to government.

Details of alternative options, if any considered and rejected:	Not fund all or some of the applications listed above. NOT RECOMMENDED because the applications it is proposed to fund were eligible, assessed within the approved policy and will clearly contribute to the UKSPF outputs on which the council is required to report to government.
Name of Officer who has confirmed with all Members involved in taking this decision whether they have pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest:	Jonathan Geall, Head of Housing and Health
Name(s) of any Member who has removed himself/herself from contributing to this decision because of a conflict of interest:	n/a

Signature of Decision Maker (where decision is taken in consultation with a Member):	REDACTED
Signature of Member consulted by Decision Maker (where decision is taken in consultation with a Member):	Alex Daar, Executive Member for Communities consulted on 7 <sup>th</sup> March 2024

**SIGNATURES TO BE REDACTED**