

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 Arts in East Herts 2024 grants
Date of Decision:	22 nd May 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 up to £100,000 was subsequently set aside for an 'Arts Trail'. This programme has since been

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	<p>renamed Arts in East Herts. This will be a district-wide programme of participatory arts and cultural events and activities taking place in September and October 2024. A total £34,519 of the available funding is being allocated to applications for a grant for activities and events which have met the eligibility and assessment criteria.</p> <p>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.</p>
<p>Exercise of delegated authority approved by:</p> <p><i>(if different from Officer taking decision)</i></p>	n/a
Decision:	<p>Fund the 37 applications made during the Arts in East Herts grants bidding window which fully met the eligibility and assessment criteria. The grant recipients and amounts are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Sorts Dementia Group - £1,000

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BEEE Creative and Adri Dance Flow and Fitness - £1,000 • Bishop's Stortford Band - £708 • Bishop's Stortford College - £900 • Bishop's Stortford Sinfonia - £1,000 • Buntingford Live, Seth Ward Community Hall project #1 - £1,000 • Buntingford Live, Seth Ward Community Hall project #2 - £780 • Buntingford Live, Seth Ward Community Hall project #3 - £800 • Buntingford Live, St Mary the Virgin Church - £225 • Coruscate Stained Glass - £1,000 • Courtyard Arts and Community Centre - £1,000 • Donna Stringer Gallery - £1,000 • Drawing Voices - £1,000 • Fiona Martin - £1,000 • Generation Circus - £1,000 • Hart Studios - £1,000 • Hertford Arts Hub project #1 - £1,000

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hertford Arts Hub project #2 - £1,000 • Hertford Choral Society - £1,000 • Hertford Regional College - £1,000 • Herts Musical Memories - £1,000 • Little Hadham Pantomime Group - £1,000 • Manic Ceramics - £1,000 • MB Dance Academy - £1,000 • Much Hadham Drama Group - £800 • Mudlarks Community - £1,000 • Ore Projects - £1,000 • Pins and Feathers Productions - £810 • South Mill Arts project #1 - £1,000 • South Mills Arts project #2 - £1,000 • Stortford Music Festival CIC - £1,000 • Sue Williams and Judith Handford - £996 • The Company of Players (Hertford) - £1,000 • Ware Arts Centre, trading as Southern Maltings – £1,000

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ware Choral Society - £1,000 • Ware's the Fun Palace - £1,000 • Wolf Newton - £500
Reason(s) for Decision:	Applications to be funded were eligible, assessed within the approved policy and will clearly contribute to the Arts in East Herts programme and 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 to be funded were eligible, assessed within the approved policy and will clearly contribute to the Arts in East Herts programme and 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):	Support confirmed by email from Alex Daar, Executive Member for Communities to Mekhola Ray, Community Wellbeing Programme Manager on 22 nd May 2024

SIGNATURES TO BE REDACTED