

Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision



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Subject:	Acceptance of Grant Funding from the Arts Council England Cultural Recovery Fund
Total Value:	£851,604 (Type: Revenue)
Decision Being Taken:	To accept grant funding of £851,604 from the Arts Council England Cultural Recovery Fund. The fund forms part of the £1.57bn announced by the Government to support the Arts & Culture sector through the Covid-19 pandemic. The Theatre Royal & Royal Concert Hall (TRCH) management team submitted an application to the scheme and have been successful in securing all of the £851,604 requested.
Reasons for the Decision(s)	The Covid-19 pandemic has resulted in the closure of TRCH since March 2020, creating a budget pressure of £3.7m in 2020-21. Application to the Cultural Recovery Fund is intended to support TRCH in making the venue Covid-secure for a restart scenario, underwriting a socially-distanced programme of events and mitigating some of the budget pressure created through closure. This bid for funding is in addition to the financial support sought from the MHCLG Lost Income scheme that Nottingham City Council are also applying for.
Other Options Considered:	The Council can opt to reject the funding offer, however this will remove a significant mitigation of a budget pressure as TRCH looks to make the venue Covid-secure for future restart scenarios.
Background Papers:	Attached papers include the confirmation that the bid to the fund was successful, and the conditions attached to the acceptance of the grant income.
Unpublished background papers:	ACE Recovery Bid Confirmation.pdf, ACE CRF Conditions of grant acceptance.docx

Published Works:	None
Affected Wards:	Hyson Green and Arboretum
Colleague / Councillor Interests:	None
Consultations:	Those not consulted are not directly affected by the decision.
Crime and Disorder Implications:	There are no crime and disorder implications as a result of this decision.
Equality:	EIA not required. Reasons: An EIA is not appropriate for the decision of accepting grant funding to support the TRCH business, as it does not envision a new service or function.
Decision Type:	Portfolio Holder
Subject to Call In:	Yes
Call In Expiry date:	04/11/2020
Advice Sought:	Legal, Finance
Legal Advice:	<p>The decision raises no significant legal issues. It should be noted that the ACE funding is subject to conditions which, if not complied with, could risk some or all of the funding being subject to clawback.</p> <p>Advice provided by Sarah O'Bradaigh (Senior Solicitor) on 16/10/2020.</p>
Finance Advice:	<p>This decision seeks approval to accept grant funding of £0.852m. The grant has been allocated in line with the application to the Culture Recovery Fund to support the Covid-19 pandemic. The grant is accepted along with the standard conditions of the grant, and these must be adhered to, to avoid any clawback. The budget manager will need to put into place the appropriate monitoring and reporting processes for the conditions of the grant.</p> <p>Advice provided by Claire Gavagan (Strategic Business Partner Commercial/Operations) on 21/10/2020.</p>
Signatures	<p>David Trimble (Portfolio Holder for Leisure, Culture and IT)</p> <p>SIGNED and Dated: 27/10/2020</p>

Hugh White (Corporate Director for COVID Response and Recovery)

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