

# Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision



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**City Council**

<b>Reference Number:</b>	4672
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<b>Subject:</b>	Acceptance of Grant Funding from the Arts Council England Cultural Recovery Fund Round 3
<b>Total Value:</b>	£682,000 (Type: Revenue)
<b>Decision Being Taken:</b>	To accept grant funding of £682,000 from the Arts Council England Cultural Recovery Fund Round 3. The fund forms part of the £1.57 billion announced by the Government to support the Arts and Culture sector through the Covid-19 pandemic. The Theatre Royal and Royal Concert Hall (TRCH) management team submitted an application to the scheme and have been successful in securing all of the £682,000 requested.
<b>Reasons for the Decision(s)</b>	The Covid-19 pandemic resulted in the closure of the TRCH from March 2020 to June 2021. The 2021/22 Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) includes £1.587 million of additional temporary funding in recognition of the financial impact of the pandemic, based on assumptions at the time of preparing the refreshed MTFP. The application to the Cultural Recovery Fund is intended to support the TRCH financially throughout November 2021 to January 2022, at the peak of the Omicron variant, underwriting elements of the programme of events and supporting staffing costs during the period. This bid for funding is in addition to the financial support sought from the Job Retention Scheme and the Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government's Lost Income Scheme that the Council is also applying for, and these have been factored into the bid submitted to the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport.
<b>Briefing notes documents:</b>	CRF3 Offer Letter.pdf, CRF3 Terms & Conditions.pdf
<b>Other Options Considered:</b>	To reject the funding offer: this would remove a significant mitigation of a budget pressure as the TRCH recovers from the impacts of the pandemic, so this option is rejected.

**Background Papers:**

None

**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 arising as a result of this decision.

**Equality:**

EIA not required. Reasons: The decision does not represent proposals for a new or changing policy, service or function.

**Decision Type:**

Portfolio Holder

**Subject to Call In:**

Yes

**Call In Expiry date:**

20/07/2022

**Advice Sought:**

Legal, Finance

**Legal Advice:**

The grant funding is subject to standard terms and conditions that if not met and complied with could result in the grant being suspended or repayment of the grant being required.

Advice provided by Sarah O'Bradaigh (Senior Solicitor) on 08/04/2022.

**Finance Advice:**

**This decision seeks approval to accept grant funding of £682,000 in respect of financial support for the Theatre Royal Concert Hall for the recovery phase following closure and restrictions during the pandemic. The purpose of the grant is to improve customer confidence and recognises the time to achieve sustainable ticket sales. The Budget Manager is required to provide financial and other performance data to Arts Council England and the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, as a condition of the grant award. As a result, the Budget Manager will need to put in place appropriate measures to ensure compliance to the grant conditions to avoid clawback of grant funding.**

**Advice provided by Maria Balchin (Finance Analyst) on 04/05/2022.**

**Signatures**

<b>Pavlos Kotsonis (Portfolio Holder for Leisure, Culture and Planning)</b>
<b>SIGNED and Dated: 13/07/2022</b>
<b>Frank Jordan (Corporate Director, Resident Services)</b>
<b>SIGNED and Dated: 04/07/2022</b>