



Derby City Council

**COUNCIL CABINET**  
**18 July 2018**

Report of the Strategic Director of People  
Services

# ITEM 9

## **Essential Life Skills Arts Culture, Leisure and Sport Large Grant Fund – Funding Recommendations**

### **SUMMARY**

- 1.1 The purpose of Essential Life Skills Arts Culture, Leisure and Sport Large Grant Fund is to support a range of extra-curricular activities aimed at children and young people aged 5 -18 years. This is a grant awarded to Derby by the Department for Education. Eligible activities will be open to all but target children from vulnerable groups. These could include children or young people eligible for free school meals, young people in alternative provision, looked after children, young carers and children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities.
- 1.2 The grant fund available is £1,000,000. Applications over £250,000 were accepted, but fund guidance stated a preference to make a single funding award for the full amount of the available funding.
- 1.3 Funded activities will use arts, culture, sport and leisure to develop non-cognitive abilities, collectively named 'essential life skills'.
- 1.4 Four applications were considered at a grants panel meeting on 5 June 2018. The panel were unanimous in their decision on the recommended applicant, but highlighted several areas where further information was required before final approval. Following receipt of such information, the panel's initial decision remained to award to the recommended applicant.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 To give in principle approval to award a grant of £1,000,000 to Derby County Community Trust, subject to satisfactory provision of requested additional information and clarification.
- 2.2 To delegate authority to negotiate and agree the final terms of the grant agreement between Derby City Council and Derby County Community Trust to the Strategic Director for People Services following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People and the Strategic Director for Corporate Resources.

### **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

- 3.1 To comply with the Council's Contract and Financial Procedure rules.
- 3.2 To meet funding and delivery timescales the preference is to notify the successful applicant before the schools' summer break. Therefore an in principle approval is requested whilst final negotiations with the applicant are completed.

<b>SUPPORTING INFORMATION</b>
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- 4.1 Essential Life Skills (ELS) funding has been awarded to Derby by the Department for Education. Allocation of the funds is being managed through the Broader Horizons sub-group of the Derby Opportunity Area Board. The funding is time limited and all activity supported must be completed by 31 August 2019.
- 4.2 The grants panel was made up of the Chair of Broader Horizons Group; the Derby Opportunity Area Local Programme Manager; Derby City Council's Arts Development Manager; a Derby City Council Improvement Officer, and a Derby City Council Principal Lawyer. An official from the Department for Education acted in an advisory role to the panel.
- 4.3 The recommended applicant is the lead organisation within a partnership of culture and leisure providers based in the City. These organisations have signed up to a Memorandum of Understanding to define how they will work collaboratively on the project. All organisations have extensive experience of delivering community development and youth projects in the city. The partnership includes organisations that are known and trusted by vulnerable and hard to reach young people in Derby. The organisations within the partnership are;
- Derby County Community Trust
  - Artcore
  - Baby People
  - Derby Theatre
  - Déda
  - Derby Museums
  - East Midlands Caribbean Carnival Arts Network
  - Sinfonia Viva
  - QUAD
  - Derby and Derbyshire Music Partnership
  - Derby City Sports Forum
- 4.4 Derby city schools are key partners within the project. The project intends to work with all schools within each of the hub localities. At the point of application 18 schools had confirmed their support for the project and this is expected to grow. Their role will include hosting activity, encouraging engagement and supporting referrals of young people. The project will also work with a range of wider agencies that support young people to ensure those outside of mainstream education access the available opportunities.

- 4.5 In brief the project aims to develop 10 hubs within priority communities. The programme will be shaped through consultation with young people and other stakeholders in each of the hub localities. There will be 12 hours of delivery every week in each hub for 50 weeks of the year. The project will capacity build in the hub localities, supporting existing clubs and providers and developing volunteers. The aim is for activity to engage with 180 young people in each hub locality each week. Longer term, the partners have stated commitment to maintain provision in the hub localities. This will be through additional fundraising and integration within core programmes.
- 4.6 Further information has been requested in relation to the following;
- confirmation of the wards and localities the hubs will be within.
  - Selection of partners and split between culture and leisure providers.
  - Evidence of experience and capacity of partners within hub lead roles.
  - Strength of partnership and contingencies to maintain provision if a partner drops out.
  - Clarification of value for money around certain elements of expenditure.

<b>OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED</b>
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5.1 None

**This report has been approved by the following officers:**

<b>Legal officer</b> <b>Financial officer</b> <b>Human Resources officer</b> <b>Estates/Property officer</b> <b>Service Director(s)</b> <b>Other(s)</b>	Emily Feenan, Principal Lawyer
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<b>IMPLICATIONS</b>
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### **Financial and Value for Money**

- 1.1 These recommendations are in line with the terms of the Essential Life Skills fund. The Essential Life Skills grant is approximately £2.4 million. £1 million has been allocated as within this recommendation, £1 million via a pupil premium formula to schools and £400,000 by small grants worth up to £25,000.

### **Legal**

- 2.1 None arising directly from this Report; the Legal Service will support Officers with the negotiation and drafting of the grant agreement, which will be based on the Council's standard form grant agreement.

Derby County Community Trust is the community trust linked to Derby County Football Club. Its aims including working with the community. In 2017, they invested £1.7m in to the community and their activities reached 17,000 participants from aged 3 years to 98 years.

### **Personnel**

- 3.1 None directly arising from this report.

### **IT**

- 4.1 There are no IT implications arising from this report.

### **Equalities Impact**

- 5.1 Derby County Community Trust have a very good record of equality and diversity and inclusion and so do the other partners – it's still essential though that equality is monitored through the grant monitoring procedures.

### **Health and Safety**

- 6.1 No implications arising from this report

### **Environmental Sustainability**

- 7.1 No implications arising from this report

## **Property and Asset Management**

- 8.1 No implications arising from this report

## **Risk Management and Safeguarding**

- 9.1 Grant funding is an inherently risky process, which has the potential for benefit as well as harm. The risks take different forms and their nature depends on what the aims and objectives of the grant funding are. The grant funding arrangements will be assessed to identify what risks could present themselves and these will be monitored over the term of the funding.

## **Corporate objectives and priorities for change**

- 10.1 This meets the council's priorities of:
- Ambitious - a place where we support our children and young people to achieve their full potential.
  - Strong - a place where people work together, can enjoy good health and wellbeing throughout their life and feel that they belong to a thriving community.