

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

**ASSET AND ESTATE MANAGEMENT,
SPORT, LEISURE AND CULTURE
CABINET MEMBER**

KEY ART ORGANISATION GRANT - WATERSIDE ARTISTS CO-OPERATIVE

1. OBJECT AND BRIEF SUMMARY OF SUBJECT

- 1.1 To consider an application for funding from the Waterside Artists' Co-operative for £5,000.
- 1.2 The key points in the report are as follows.
- The council has received an application for funding from the Waterside Artists' Co-operative in support of the Ropewalk.
 - This application needs consideration against the Arts Development Grant criteria and available funds.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 The Ropewalk is an arts centre in Barton upon Humber. It includes four gallery spaces, a shop, a coffee shop, a framing studio, artist's studios, creative industry units, meeting rooms and Ropery Hall. The hall is used for comedy, theatre and music performances.
- 2.2 The social enterprise, Waterside Artist Co-operative, manages the Ropewalk.
- 2.4 Waterside Artist Co-operative has asked North Lincolnshire Council to support their exhibition programme.
- 2.3 Waterside Artist Co-operative has indicated that the exhibition programme for this year will cost £40,595. They will partially meet this via a grant from the Arts Council of England. Also, gallery sales and income from the coffee shop. However, this still leaves a gap in funding of £5,000.
- 2.4 Waterside Artist Co-operative would like to apply for £5,000 in support of this programme.

3. **OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

- 3.1 **Option 1** - To approve the grant of £5,000 for Waterside Artists' Co-operative
- 3.2 **Option 2** - To approve a lesser grant for Waterside Artist Co-operative.
- 3.3 **Option 3** - To decline the application for a grant.

4. **ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS**

- 4.1 **Option 1** - Their application meets all the criteria in our grant aid scheme for assistance. There is enough money in the Key Arts Organisation Grant Scheme to support this proposal.
- 4.2 **Options 2 and 3** - Waterside Artist Co-operative has indicated that if they were unsuccessful with this application then they would not be able to pay Exhibition Payment Right. Exhibition Payment Right is a fee paid to exhibiting artists. It is often used to offset costs such as framing. If Waterside Artists Co-operative did not pay this fee it would prove more difficult to exhibit developing artists or those whose work is not commercial. This would mean that many of our local artists would not have the opportunity to exhibit.

5. **RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCIAL, STAFFING, PROPERTY, IT)**

- 5.1 Financial
 - 5.1.1 There is enough money in the current Arts Development budget to support this proposal.
- 5.2 Staffing, Property and IT
 - 5.2.1 There are no implications for staffing, property or IT.

6. **OTHER IMPLICATIONS (STATUTORY, ENVIRONMENTAL, DIVERSITY, SECTION 17 - CRIME AND DISORDER, RISK AND OTHER)**

- 6.1 The gallery runs an education programme with schools, and other communities. It has previously run workshops for people with disabilities.

7. **OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION**

- 7.1 The aim of the Key Art Organisation Grant Scheme is to allow a closer working relationship to develop between the Arts Development function and the arts voluntary sector. It is a condition of funding that the Arts Manager attends quarterly meetings with the Waterside Artists' Co-operative and works with them in their development.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

8.1 To approve a grant of £5,000 in support to Waterside Artists' Co-operative.

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