

Presentations from Surrey Heath Arts Council and Surrey Heath Sports Council

Portfolio	Corporate
Ward(s) Affected:	n/a

Purpose

To consider presentations from organisations in receipt of Revenue Grants

Background

1. The Executive, at its meeting on 21 February 2012, the Executive agreed that the performance of each of the organisations receiving a Revenue Grant would be closely monitored during 2012/13 and a fundamental review of the grants would be carried out with a view to evaluating the effective use of funds. The External Partnerships Select Committee was asked to assist the Executive in the gathering of the information from the relevant organisations.
2. The Committee has scheduled presentations from organisations in receipt of these grants throughout the 2012/13 municipal year.

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3. Surrey Heath Arts Council was established to promote and facilitate cultural events throughout the Borough of Surrey Heath and to act on behalf of the Council in giving financial support to individuals and organisations within the Borough to help with their cultural activities.
4. The Arts Council helps groups and individuals financially through the following two schemes, both of which require applicants to live or, in the case of organisations, meet within the Borough:
 - Grant Aid. Small grants are allocated to assist local non-professional groups or individuals from the annual grant received from the Council.
 - The James Winterbottom Bursary Award. These grants are available to students studying at professional level. Funding for this award is allocated from interest on invested capital which was specifically donated or raised for this purpose
5. Surrey Heath Arts Council received a grant from the Council of £1,400 in 2012/13.
6. The Committee will receive a presentation from the Chairman of Surrey Heath Arts Council, Mr Graham Scandrett.

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7. The aim of Surrey Heath Sports Council is to promote, support and encourage participation in all forms of sports as recognised by Sports England. The Sports Council assesses the sporting needs of the Borough and examines the need for improving existing facilities, in consultation with bodies such as Sports England. The Sports Council will offer advice to the Council and other organisations on the improvement of existing and the provision of new facilities.

8. The Sports Council administers and allocates funds and grants available to it from public funds to non-profit organisations. It also provides grants to exceptional individuals, clubs and other voluntary organisations in the Borough for the initial purchase of sports equipment, clothing and technical apparatus directly related to sporting participation for Borough residents and assists with costs deemed necessary by these individuals and groups.
9. In 2012/13 the Council provided a Revenue Grant of £3,500 to Surrey Heath Sports Council.

Proposal

10. It is proposed that the Committee receives each presentation, followed by Members' questions and discussion.

Recommendation

11. The Committee is asked to consider the presentations and consider any future steps which Members would wish to recommend to the Executive and/or Council.

Background Papers: None

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