

**24<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2017**

<b>Executive Board Member:</b>	<b>Portfolio:</b>
<b>Cllr. Peter Hughes Griffiths</b>	<b>Culture, Sport &amp; Tourism</b>

## **RECOVERY AND REDISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNITY ARTS DEVELOPMENT GRANT**

### **Recommendations / key decisions required:**

1. Permission is required to write to Llais (County umbrella youth theatre body), to recover £8,496.90 of undistributed community arts development grant paid to the organisation in 2012.
2. Upon recovery of the grant to return it to the "Culture / Arts Fund" and distribute the recovered money in accordance with the procedure and application process appended.

### **Reasons:**

1. During an audit of the arts development section, advice was taken in regard to a payment in 2011/2012 to Llais, an umbrella organisation supporting youth theatre in the County. The arts development section are aware that there is an undistributed balance of circa £8,496.90 of grant in the organisation's bank account. Llais is no longer fit for purpose, does not operate, does not meet and has no means of distributing the grant given in 2012.
2. Following recovery of the sum it will be available for redistribution as a "Culture / Arts Fund". In order to achieve this an application procedure and form has been drafted for approval.

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**Declaration of Personal Interest (if any):**

**Dispensation Granted to Make Decision (if any):**

**DECISION MADE:**

**Signed:**

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER

**The following section will be completed by the Democratic Services Officer in attendance at the meeting**

Recommendation of Officer adopted	YES / NO
Recommendation of the Officer was adopted <b>subject to the amendment(s) and reason(s) specified:</b>	
Reason(s) why the Officer's recommendation was <b>not adopted:</b>	

# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

## EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER DECISION MEETING FOR CULTURE, SPORT & TOURISM

### 24<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2017

#### Recovery and Redistribution of Community Arts Development Grant

Llais was established in circa 2002/03 to be the umbrella body for the youth theatres of Carmarthenshire with the aim of sharing best practice and working in collaboration. In the early days this was achieved and membership consisted of the following organisations:

Carmarthen Youth Opera  
Theatr Ieuenctid Cwm Gwendraeth  
Clwb Saib Bach\*  
Galaxy Arts  
Llanelli Youth Theatre  
Merlin Youth Theatre\*  
Ysgol Berfformio Dyffryn Tywi\*  
Mess Up the Mess

(\*now no longer exist).

It became increasingly obvious that there was no appetite for the continuation of the Llais organisation despite several attempts to kick start/continue the good work. There is no capacity within the organisations to sustain this. Since the last tranche of grant was paid in 2012 there has been no significant work undertaken /meetings held by the organisation unless prompted by the Principal Arts Officer. Llais holds as at 31/12/16 £8496.90 which was paid out in 2012 and was intended to be used as seed money for their development.

The Principal Arts Officer had the opportunity recently during the audit of the Arts Development section to raise concerns that this grant remains unspent. A letter proposing the recovery of the funding has been drafted in conjunction with the legal team.

This report therefore recommends the recovery of the remaining balance of the money paid out to Llais in 2012 to support a Culture / Arts Fund and to redistribute this money to organisations who can apply for a small grant to support their arts development work. Indeed this will benefit those members of Llais who are active, to access funds if they meet the criteria. A proposed application form and process is attached.

**DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?**

**YES –**

- Draft Letter Proposing recovery of Funding
- Proposed Application Form & Procedure

# IMPLICATIONS

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report :

Signed: Ian Jones

Head of Leisure

Policy and Crime & Disorder	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Organisational Development	Physical Assets
YES	YES	YES	NONE	YES	NONE	NONE

## 1. Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities

The County Council's Transformations Regeneration Plan 2015-2030 highlights the aim to *transform the overall economic, environmental, cultural and social well-being of Carmarthenshire*. The money recovered from Llais will be used to support Culture / Arts activity and to complement the existing Events Support Scheme.

## 2. Legal

CCC's Legal Department have been consulted in regard to the recovery of the grant and the letter composed to the Vice-Chair meets with their approval.

## 3. Finance

The funding for the Culture / Arts grant will be provided from the funds recovered from Llais.

## 4. Risk Management Issues

As a third party grant, the responsibility for successful scheme delivery is with the applicant who under the terms of the scheme is only allowed to make a claim after the expenditure has been incurred.

# CONSULTATIONS

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below

Signed: Ian Jones

Head of Leisure

1. Scrutiny Committee – N/A
2. Local Member(s) - N/A
3. Community / Town Council – N/A
4. Relevant Partners - N/A
5. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations - N/A

Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information  
List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:

THESE ARE DETAILED BELOW

Title of Document	File Ref No.	Locations that the papers are available for public inspection
Notes in relation to the way forward with regards to Llais, including Draft Letter to Llais		The Gate, St Clears .Principal Arts Officer's Office
Funding Application Form. Culture /Arts Fund		As above