

**Decision Session - Executive Member for
Culture, Leisure and Tourism**

19 March 2018

Report of the Assistant Director (Communities & Equalities)

Service Level Agreements with Cultural Organisations

Summary

1. This report is brought to the Executive Member to seek approval for three year funding agreements to 31st March 2021 with Accessible Arts & Media, Friends of St Nicholas Fields and the National Centre for Early Music.

Recommendation

2. The Executive Member is asked to approve the three funding agreements set out in paragraph 3 and the associated service level agreements set out in the annexes.

Reason: To increase the wellbeing and quality of life of York residents.

Background

3. In accordance with best practice recommended by the Department of Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) we have previously negotiated a three year partnership funding agreements with our significant cultural organisations in York. Accessible Arts & Media, Friends of St Nicholas Fields and the National Centre for Early Music have been recipients of a previous agreement which finished this month. This report proposes renewed funding support for 2018–2021.

Funding offer

4. It is proposed to offer the organisations the following:
 - Accessible Arts & Media - £8,400 p.a.
 - National Centre for Early Music - £8,146 p.a.
 - Friends of St Nicholas Fields - £23,008 p.a.

5. The proposed service level agreements are attached at the Annexes.

Council Plan

6. The actions set out in the report contribute to the Building Stronger Communities priority in the Council Plan 2015-19 by helping to ensure that everyone who lives in the city can enjoy its unique heritage and range of activities.

Implications

7. **Financial** - The total funding made available is within existing budget provision.
8. **Equalities** – this funding support enables the most vulnerable sections of the community to access environmental, arts and media opportunities and to gain new skills in these sectors.
9. There are no Legal, Property, Human Resources, Crime and Disorder, or Information Technology implications arising from this report.

Risk Management

10. The level of risk associated with this proposal is “Acceptable”.

Annexes

- 1 – Service Level Agreement: National Centre for Early Music
- 2 – Service Level Agreement: Accessible Arts and Media
- 3 – Service Level Agreement: Friends of St Nicholas Fields

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Report Approved	✓	Date	8 March, 2018
Specialist Implications Officer(s): N/A			
Wards Affected:	All	✓	
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