

ARUN DISTRICT COUNCIL

REPORT TO AND DECISION OF HOUSING AND WELLBEING SERVICES COMMITTEE ON 17 MARCH 2022

SUBJECT: ARUN INSPIRES PROGRAMME

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Arun Inspires Programme was established in 2019 to advance the cultural offer in Arun, particularly for children and young people. The programme is funded with a legacy contribution from Inspire Leisure and partnership funding from Artswork, supported by Arts Council England. The programme is due to end in September. Artswork has proposed a second phase of the Arun Inspires programme for consideration by the Committee.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that the Housing and Wellbeing Services Committee approve £30,000 Grant funding for Arun Inspires Programme (Phase 2) as detailed in the 2022/23 budget. Funding from April 2023 until March 2026 will be subject to satisfactory reviews, in line with Arun District Council's Priorities and the availability of funding in those years.

1. BACKGROUND:

1.1 Arun Inspires is a cultural development programme focussed on children and young people. The programme is delivered by Artswork and was established with legacy funding from the Council's previous leisure provider, Inspire leisure (£250,000) and Artswork (£100,000). Phase 1 also levered in £65,000 of additional external funding and significant in-kind support. The programme commenced in March 2019 and will end in September 2022.

1.2 The Council provides oversight of the programme and support to Artswork. Over the three years Artswork has introduced a number of initiatives and built successful partnerships to deliver on strategic themes including:

- Cultural regeneration
- Young People's Mental Health
- Involving Young People in local decisions
- Promoting careers in the creative industries
- Developing cultural infrastructure and support for local arts organisations

- 1.3 Over the past three years the Arun Inspires Programme has gained the attention of Arts Council England, specifically Artsworld's ability to build successful partnerships and support increased investment into local organisations. The Local Government Association plans to profile the programme as an example of Best Practice in collaboration between the charity/arts sector and local government. Artsworld has been featured as an exemplar of good practice by Coast2Capital LEP for its skills development, notably the inclusion of arts in STEM subjects (science, technology, engineering, maths) so that creativity is included in a broader approach to technical subjects - STEAM. Artsworld has also developed a ground-breaking youth arts and mental health toolkit which is being promoted by the National College for Social Prescribing.
- 1.4 Other notable achievements include the delivery of the 'Rainbow Bench' in Angmering, a project using Section 106 funding, working with schools, a professional artist and the Parish Council to develop a piece of public art (installed November 2021). Also the popular Littlehampton 'Love Local Arts: High Street Family Events Programme' that ran during the summer months in 2021 and has been shortlisted by the National Campaign for the Arts for best Art Project in their 'Hearts for the Arts' awards.
- 1.5 Phase two of the Arun Inspires Programme will build on the existing programme. It proposes four strands of work: culture led town centre regeneration events; improving the mental health and wellbeing of young people; developing the local arts and education infrastructure; and fostering partnerships to deliver youth-led public art.
- 1.6 In respect of the Council's draft Vision, the proposal from Artsworld accords with the overall aims of the Improving the Wellbeing of Arun. It will work in the areas of greatest deprivation, champion culture and the arts, and support activities that promote community wellbeing.
- 1.7 Artsworld is seeking £15,000 from the Council in 2022/23 for the period October to March (6 months) and £30,000 per annum between 2023/24 to 2025/26 (3 years). Artsworld will match the Council's funding in 2022/23. This programme of work will be a flagship element of Artsworld's funding bid to Arts Council England for the period 2023 to 2026 which Artsworld intends to utilise to match fund the Council's contribution for this period.

2. PROPOSAL(S):

- 2.1 It is proposed that the Housing and Wellbeing Services Committee approve the funding of the Arun Inspires Programme (Phase 2) for 2022/23 as agreed in the 2022/23 budget. Funding from April 2023 until March 2026 will be subject to satisfactory reviews, in line with Arun District Council's Priorities and the availability of funding in those years.

3. OPTIONS:

- 3.1 To support the recommendation as set out in the report (preferred option); or
 3.2 Not to support the recommendation.

4. CONSULTATION:

Has consultation been undertaken with:	YES	NO
Relevant Town/Parish Council	✓	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Positive conversations with Littlehampton Town Council and the Bognor Regis BID regarding the programme's future 		
Relevant District Ward Councillors		✓
Other groups/persons (please specify)		✓
5. ARE THERE ANY IMPLICATIONS IN RELATION TO THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL POLICIES: (Explain in more detail at 6 below)	YES	NO
Financial	✓	
Legal	✓	
Human Rights/Equality Impact Assessment		✓
Community Safety including Section 17 of Crime & Disorder Act		✓
Sustainability		✓
Asset Management/Property/Land		✓
Technology		✓
Other (please explain)		
6. IMPLICATIONS: Financial: £15,000 has been approved in the 2022/23 budget for Arun Artwork. Future years' funding will be subject to consideration as part of the budget setting processes. Legal: If approved a formal agreement will be drafted with Artwork.		


7. REASON FOR THE DECISION:

To safeguard the Councils leisure operating contract and facilitate a full business recovery in Arun

To serve the health and wellbeing needs of the community

8. BACKGROUND PAPERS:

Appendix 1 Arun Inspires Proposal for Phase 2: 2022/23 – 2025/26



Arun Inspires Phase
2 Proposal 2.0.pdf