

# Report



Meeting

**CABINET**

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## **REPORT OF THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CULTURE & REGENERATION**

### **GRANTS TO ARTS AGENCIES (OVER £50,000) 2007/08**

#### **Purpose of the Report**

- 1 The purpose of this report is to seek approval to make a grant of £137,923 to Nottingham Playhouse. Under Regulation 3.3.3.1 of the Council's financial regulations, this requires Cabinet approval of a project with expenditure in excess of £50,000.

#### **Background**

- 2 The Council makes a number of revenue awards to arts agencies that provide substantial and significant arts programmes relevant to the County. These are often in collaboration with other Local Authorities and Arts Council East Midlands.
- 3 One of the applications is in excess of the £50,000 limit and is referred for Cabinet approval. The application is from Nottingham Playhouse.
- 4 Nottingham Playhouse is one of a network of major theatre producers in the region, situated in the major cities of each County. Besides producing regionally-significant plays, they have an extensive outreach and educational role. Funding in support of the Playhouse is in partnership with the City Council, Arts Council East Midlands, Rushcliffe Borough Council, Broxtowe Borough Council and private sponsorships.
- 5 Nottingham Playhouse has had a long funding relationship with Nottinghamshire County Council, which involves collaborating on events and educational developments.

#### **Finance**

- 6 Award for 2006-07, based on standstill levels was:  
Nottingham Playhouse                      £137,923

- 7 Award recommended for 2007-08, based on standstill is:  
Nottingham Playhouse £137,923
- 8 The overall impact of budget reductions on the Culture & Regeneration budget has resulted in grant aid reductions for all other clients receiving less than £50,000 of between 12% and 20%.
- 9 The grant of £137,923 can be met from the budget provision for Arts Grants for which a sum of £222,000 is included in 2007/08 revenue budget.

### **Personnel Implications**

- 10 There are no Personnel issues arising out of the report.

### **Statutory and Policy Implications**

- 11 This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, equal opportunities, personnel, crime and disorder and those using the service. Where such implications are included, they have been described in the text of the report.

### **Human Rights Implications**

- 12 This project extends the involvement of groups, excluded by their age and ability from mainstream creative activity, and therefore makes a positive impact on extending Human rights to excluded groups.

### **Recommendation**

That approval be given to the award of £137,923 to the Nottingham Playhouse.

**COUNCILLOR STEVE CARROLL**  
**Cabinet Member for Culture & Regeneration**

### **Legal Services' Comments (LM 27/07/07)**

Cabinet has delegated power to approve the recommendations in the report in accordance with Regulation 3.3.3.1 of the Council's Financial Regulations.

### **Director of Resources' Financial Comments (PB 17/10/07)**

The financial implications are as outlined in the report.

### **Background papers available for inspection**

2007/078 Grant Aid applications to Cultural Services (Arts).