

**REPORT OF THE TEMPORARY DEPUTY DIRECTOR, CHILDREN, FAMILIES
AND CULTURAL SERVICES****ESTABLISHMENT OF A TEMPORARY POST IN THE LIBRARY SERVICE TO
DELIVER A CHILDREN'S POP-UP THEATRE IN LIBRARIES PROJECT****Purpose of the Report**

1. To seek approval to establish a temporary 0.4 fte Library Events Officer (Grade 5) post to support the development and delivery of an externally funded Children's Pop-Up Theatre project within the Library Service for one year.

Information and Advice

2. The Library Service has been awarded a grant by the Arts Council to provide high quality, fun, imaginative and accessible live theatre in libraries for children aged 5 – 9 years old and their families.
3. The project will include the commission of a new play developed from a contemporary children's novel bespoke to library settings to tour 16 libraries and a programme of theatre-craft workshops in 12 libraries and existing children's theatre productions from a range of companies to tour five libraries.
4. It is proposed to create a temporary 0.4 full-time equivalent (fte) Library Events Officer post at Grade 5 to lead on the co-ordination of programme activity, support development of library staff and ensure regular monitoring and evaluation of activity for 12 months during this time limited project.

Other Options Considered

5. Funding for the post was part of the bid to the Arts Council and other options were considered during the development of the bid.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

6. Establishment of the post will enable the Library Service to deliver a cultural project through Arts Council funding.

Statutory and Policy Implications

7. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (Public Health only), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults, service users, sustainability and the environment and ways of working and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

Financial Implications

8. The post, which will cost £12,363 including on-costs, will be funded from a grant from the Arts Council and thus has no impact on the Library Service revenue budget.

Human Resources Implications

9. Recruitment to the temporary post detailed in this report would be subject to the County Council's employee recruitment policies and to the current vacancy control protocol.

Public Sector Equality Duty implications

10. Due regard has been given to the Public Sector Equality Duty. As the Children's Pop-Up Theatre project is specifically aimed at children there are no specific equality implications for protected groups.

Implications for Service Users

11. The Children's Pop-Up Theatre project will be available to all children of the target age via Nottinghamshire's public library network.

RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1) That approval be given to establish a temporary 0.4 fte Library Events Officer (Grade 5) post to support the development and delivery of an externally funded Children's Pop-Up Theatre project within the Library Service for one year.

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Constitutional Comments (LM 13/02/15)

12. The Culture Committee has delegated authority within the Constitution to approve the recommendations in the report.

Financial Comments (SS 06/02/15)

13. The financial implications of the report are set out in paragraph 8 above.

Background Papers and Published Documents

None.

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All.

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