

RECORD OF DECISION: EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS

Decision No: 25/C/2024
Decision taken by: Cabinet
Date: 30 September 2024

Topic: Arts Council England Place Partnership Funding Bid

It was agreed:

1. To give approval to submit a funding bid application for £382,500 to Arts Council England to develop a Place Partnership project as set out in this report and subject to:
 - a. The Portfolio Cabinet Member taking the position of Chair of the Cultural Compact
 - b. Gravesham Borough Council branding to continue to be used
 - c. The Arts & Culture team continuing to deliver as they currently do
2. Approve match funding of £67,500 over the 4 years of the project (£16,875 per annum) from existing budgets

REASONS FOR THE DECISION:

The bid for funding will allow Gravesham Borough Council to expand its activity delivering and coordinating arts and cultural activity across the borough and establish a borough-wider partnership to oversee this work.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

- Continue to bid for ACE funding on an ad-hoc basis: this has been unsuccessful for the last two festival applications

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (if any)

None.

DISPENSATIONS GRANTED (if any)

None.

This decision will come into force and may then be implemented on the expiry of 5 working days after publication unless it is called in.

Decision No: 26/C/2024
Decision taken by: Cabinet
Date: 30 September 2024

Topic: St Andrew's Gardens Improvement works

It was agreed:

1. Approve expenditure of £260,540 Section 106 funding for the works as set out in the report.
2. Approve Delegated Authority to the Deputy Chief Executive & Director of Communities and Inclusive Growth, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Operational Services, to contract an appropriate company to deliver the scheme.
3. Approve Delegated Authority to the Deputy Chief Executive & Director of Communities and Inclusive Growth, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Operational Services, to deliver further works to St Andrews gardens, should further funding be made available by third parties.

REASON/S FOR THE DECISION:

In order to deliver improvements to St Andrew's Gardens in Gravesend.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

- Retain current landscaping: currently the space is underused, has poor accessibility and attracts anti-social behaviour.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (if any)

None.

DISPENSATIONS GRANTED (if any)

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