



Financial Year	2016/17
Proposal no.	AC104
Directorate	Adult Care
Service Name	Public Health
Area of Service	Link4Life

Savings Programme Pre-consultation Report			
Subject:	Reduction of provision of Arts Grants and review of allocation methodology		
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1 Recommendations

- 1.1 It is recommended that Cabinet consider proposal to review the funding for Arts Grants and review how these are allocated.

Reason for recommendation

- 1.2 The Council is facing significant budget challenges and is required to reduce spend to enable it to fulfil its statutory requirement to set a balanced budget.
- 1.3 The proposed overall reduction would provide ongoing savings of £79k to contribute to the budget gap retaining a budget of £100k for future support.

2 Background

- 2.1 Currently the Council provides grants to external organisations to support Art and Cultural Activities, these are managed by Link4Life.
- 2.2 21 Arts and Culture organisations currently receive an annual grant from the council ranging from a few hundred pounds to £20k per annum.
- 2.3 Grants recipients were selected through an open application process which scored each application according to a range of established criteria.
- 2.4 Annual grants were offered for three years (15/16, 16/17 and 18/19) however it was made clear to recipients that funding for years 2 and 3 would be subject to funding approved by the Council, recognising the financial challenge the Council faces.
- 2.5 It is proposed that savings are delivered over a two year period in order to reduce impact on services and to enable organisations to develop alternative income streams.
- 2.6 It is proposed that a reduction of 20% is applied to all external grants for the financial year 2016/17 saving £35k.
- 2.7 It is proposed that a further saving of £44k is delivered in the financial year 2017/18 following a overall review of criteria for allocation. This would leave at this stage £100K for Arts Grants

3 Financial Implications

The overall saving proposal is 43.8% of the total budget for the area of service affected.

3.1 Table 1 provides the total savings

	Savings 2016/17		Savings 2017/18		Total savings	
	£k		£k		£k	
	On-going	One off	On-going	One off	On-going	One off
Total savings	35		44		79	

4. Financial and potential staffing impact on another internal service?

- 4.1 There are no financial or staffing implications on other services.

5 Asset implications

5.1 There are no asset implications arising from this report.

6 Voluntary Sector impact

6.1 Voluntary Sector organisations would be affected by the change proposed as funding levels would decrease.

7 Consultation

7.1 Consultation will be undertaken with the organisations affected, with the wider stakeholders supporting Arts and Cultural Activities and with the public.

8 Alternatives considered

8.1 Cabinet could decide not to take any or all these proposals forward and identify alternative savings proposals.

9 Risk Assessment Implications

9.1 There are no significant risk implications arising from this report.

10 Legal Implications

10.1 There are no legal implications arising from the proposals in this report. The organisations currently in receipt of funding were made aware of the possibility of changes in funding when given their funding at the start of the 2015/16 financial year.

10.2 The Council must comply with the commitments given in the Borough of Rochdale Compact to provide at least 90 days' notice of a reduction in funding and consult with staff, volunteers and service users and meet with the organisations to consider ways of mitigating the impact of the reduction in funding.

11 Personnel Implications

11.1 There are no personnel implications from this report

12 Equalities Impacts

Workforce Equality Impacts Assessment

12.1 There is no workforce equality impact resulting from the proposal.

Equality/Community Impact Assessments

12.2 The equality impact assessment on the 20% saving will follow.

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EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR SAVINGS PROPOSALS

1. Please state the name of the officers leading the EIA
Pauline Kane
2. Who has been involved in undertaking this assessment?
Pauline Kane
3. What is the scope of this assessment?
This assessment considers the impact of the proposal to reduce grant funding to Arts and Cultural Organisations in terms of its potential impact on the residents of the Borough of Rochdale.
4 a). What does the function currently do? b). Describe the needs which this service meets?
<p>The grant currently supports 21 Arts and Culture organisations to provide range of activities across the arts including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art • Music • Media • Radio • Drama • Theatre • Circus

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creative writing
5. What proposed changes do you wish to make?
A reduction in funding from £178k to £100k over 2 years – 20% reduction across all grants in 2016/17 with a review of criteria for allocation being applied from 2017/18 and delivering the remaining saving.
6. Who are the key stakeholders who may be affected by the proposed changes?
<p>Persons involved in the management of Arts and Cultural Organisations</p> <p>Local residents who may access the Arts and Cultural Organisations</p> <p>Elected members</p>

7. What impact will this proposal have on all the protected groups?
Race Equality
<p>In relation to Rochdale Borough, the 2011 Census confirms the following data on ethnicity. The overall population of Rochdale Borough is 211, 699. Of these, 166, 481 are classified as white British (79%); and 45,218 (21%) as BME. BME groups now account for a greater proportion of the population than was the case in 2001. Pakistani is the largest population among the BME groups and now accounts for 10.5% (22,265) of the total population in 2011, having grown by over 40% over the past decade.</p> <p>During the consultation period it will be assessed whether the proposed cuts will have a negative effect on this group and the EIA will be updated accordingly.</p>
Disabled People
<p>The 2011 Census confirms that 21% of the Borough consider themselves to be disabled or their activities are limited due to a health-related issue. This is an increase of 4.8% from 2001. Rochdale Borough has higher rates of residents noting a long-term health problem or disability when compared to Greater Manchester or England and Wales. In general terms, therefore, the levels of disability and associated health issues are acknowledged to be of relevance to this Borough.</p> <p>During the consultation period it will be assessed whether the proposed cuts will have a negative effect on this group and the EIA will be updated accordingly.</p>
Carers
It is not anticipated that the reduction in funding will have an impact on Carers.
Gender
<p>The 2011 Census provides the following breakdown of figures for the Borough:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • there are 103,642 males (an increase of 3.9% from 2001, when there were 99,705);

and

- there are 108,057 females (an increase of 2.3% from 2001, when there were 105,652).
- This seems to indicate an almost even split between male and female residents of the Borough
There is no reason to think that either gender is more at risk from the proposal.

Age

The Census 2011 gives the following breakdown of the Borough's population by age:

Age group	No in 2011	%age in 2011	Proportional change from 2001
0 – 14	41,827	19.7	-1.7%
15 – 29	42,541	20.1	+1.5%
30 – 44	42,914	20.3	-1.8%
45 – 64	53,601	25.4	+1.8%
65+	30,816	14.6	+0.3%
Totals	211,619		

These figures indicate that the Borough has a growing number of (i) young adults and (ii) persons aged 45 – 64.

It is not anticipated that the reduction in funding will have an impact on any specific age group.

Armed Forces and Ex-Armed Forces Personnel

It is not anticipated that there will be an impact on this group.

Religion or Belief

The 2011 Census confirms the following religious groups in the Borough:

- Christian (128,186, or 60.6%, a decrease of 11.5% since 2001)
- No religion (40,014 or 18.9%, an increase of 8.1% from 2001)
- Muslim (29,426 or 13.9%, an increase of 4.5% from 2001)

Rochdale's proportion of Muslim residents exceeds the comparative figure for Greater Manchester (8.7%) and also England and Wales (4.8%).

There is no reason to think that this Protected Group is particularly affected by this proposal.

Sexual Orientation

The 2011 Census does not record this data directly. There is no reason to think that this Protected Group is particularly affected by this proposal.

Gender Reassignment

The 2011 Census does not record this data directly. There is no reason to think that this Protected Group is particularly affected by this proposal.

Pregnant Women or Those on Maternity Leave or Those who have given Birth in the Previous 26 weeks

The 2011 Census does not record this data directly. There is no data to suggest that this protected group is at particular risk.

Marriage or Civil Partnership

The 2011 Census shows that there are now fewer people in the Borough living as a married couple. In 2001, 40.3% of the population were not living as a couple and that figure has risen to 44.4% in 2011. The prime reason for this is that a higher percentage of people are now living as single, the number of people living as single has risen by 23.8% over the past decade and increased by 3.9% proportionally.

There are now 5,625 fewer people in the Borough living as a couple in a married or civil partnership than in 2001; this equates to a drop of 7.4%. This is a proportionally greater decrease than across Greater Manchester (3.1%) and England and Wales (1%).

There is no data to suggest that this protected group is at particular risk.

8. Conclusions and Recommendations

What are the main conclusions and recommendations from this analysis?

Annual grants were offered for three years (15/16, 16/17 and 18/19) however it was made clear to recipients that funding for years 2 and 3 would be subject to funding approved by the Council, recognising the financial challenge the Council faces.

It is proposed that savings are delivered over a two year period in order to reduce impact on services and to enable organisations to develop alternative income streams.

The funding for organisations delivering Arts and Cultural activities would reduce in line with proposals. The impact on those accessing the services of the organisations will be dependent on decisions taken at an individual organisation level. It is anticipated that the staged delivery of the savings will give organisations the time and opportunity to develop alternative income streams and therefore reduce the impact on delivery.

9. In the box below please provide details of who you will consult with on the proposals, when you consult, and the methods which you will use to consult. In the box below

The Consultation and Inclusion Methodology Used

Meeting to be held with group leaders and service users for all affected organizations.

Full public consultation via the website and other corporate methods.

10. Produce an action plan detailing the mitigation measures that you propose to put in place to address any adverse impacts.

This will be completed following the consultation period.

Mitigation Measure	Action	Responsible Officer	Implementation Date	Review Date	Evaluation Measure

