

FINANCE, POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

06 December 2017

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Councillor Donnelly declared an interest in relation to the following item of business by virtue of him being a member of the Aberdeen International Youth Festival, he considered that the nature of his business required him to leave the meeting and he took no further part in the Committee's deliberations thereon. Councillor Lesley Dunbar substituted for Councillor Donnelly.

YEAR OF YOUNG PEOPLE CULTURAL AWARD PROGRAMME – ECS/17/071

1. The Committee had before it a report by the Director of Education and Children's Services, which sought approval to commit £100,000 for a Year of Young People funding Award Programme for the financial year 2018/19 for groups and organisations to apply for funding for the delivery of youth led cultural projects and events in Aberdeen to celebrate the Year of Young People in 2018.

The report recommended:-

that the Committee approve a sum of £100,000 from contingencies or reserves for a Year of Young People Cultural Award Programme for the financial year 2018/19.

The Convener, seconded by Councillor Houghton moved:-

that the Committee approve a sum of £100,000 from contingencies or reserves within the Council's 2017/18 budget for a Year of Young People Cultural Award Programme to be made available from 1 January 2018 to coincide with the event.

Councillor Nicoll, seconded by Councillor Yuill moved as an amendment:-

that the Committee:-

- (1) note that the Aberdeen International Youth Festival (AIYF) has been an important part of Aberdeen's cultural offering for many years;
- (2) note the long term relationship that exists between Aberdeen City Council and Aberdeen International Youth Festival and the importance of maintaining the good brand name of the organisation and the close cultural aspirations of both organisations that have promoted many decades of local, national and international acclaim;
- (3) recognise that AIYF faces substantial reorganisation in the transition to operate as a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) to assist in improving the governance and delivery of the organisation's ambitious aspirations for the future;
- (4) note the AIYF draft Business Plan and additional documents submitted to the Head of Education and Inclusion on the 29th September and asks that a final Business Plan, taking account of the above, is re-

- submitted to the Head of Education and Inclusion once approved by the AIYF Board of Trustees;
- (5) note that the committee is supportive of continued funding being made available to AIYF as part of the budget setting process for the year 2018/19 in the sum of £100,000 in order to assist the organisation to transition to a SCIO and seek alternative funding streams that will ensure their continued success on a self- sufficient model;
 - (6) note that the Committee is supportive of continued funding being made available to AIYF as part of the Budget setting process for the year 2019/20 in the sum of £75,000 for the reason outlined at 5 above;
 - (7) recognise that AIYF must move to a position where it does not rely on funding from the council to support its core activities;
 - (8) should the Chief Executive of AIYF be agreeable, invite them to a future meeting of the Finance Policy and Resources Committee in order that they may provide feedback of the completed transformation of the organisation; and
 - (9) approve a sum of £100,000 from contingencies or reserves for a Year of Young People Cultural Award Programme for the calendar year 2018.

On a division, there voted:- for the motion (9) – the Convener, the Vice Convener and Councillors Lesley Dunbar, Houghton, John, Laing, Macdonald, Reynolds and Wheeler; for the amendment (8) – Councillors Cameron, Flynn, Hutchison, Catriona MacKenzie, MacLellan, Nicoll, Townson and Yuill.

The Committee resolved:-
to adopt the motion.

In terms of Standing Order 31.1, Councillor Yuill intimated that he would like this matter to be referred to full Council in order for a final decision to be taken. Councillor Yuill was supported by Councillors Cameron, Flynn, Hutchison, Catriona MacKenzie, MacLellan, Nicoll and Townson.