

RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

Tuesday, 17 July 2012

Decision No: (CAB 12/13 8599)

DECISION-MAKER:	CABINET
PORTFOLIO AREA:	CHILDREN'S SERVICES
SUBJECT:	MUSIC EDUCATION HUBS 2012 - 2015
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THE DECISION

- (i) To accept the grant of £696,409 from the Arts Council England on behalf of the Southampton Music Education Hub Partnership.
- (ii) To approve, in accordance with financial procedure rules, revenue expenditure of £696,409, to support schools in delivering the National Plan for Music Education for the period 1 August 2012 to 31 March 2015.
- (iii) To delegate authority to the Director of Children's Services and Learning to take all action necessary to deliver high quality music provision as lead partner in the Southampton Music Hub Partnership including incurring expenditure of up to £696,409 as set out above.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

1. Music hubs are the vehicle for receiving national funding to support music education delivery. The Southampton Music Hub will act as a gateway for local areas to create music education provision that works in a local context, both in and out of school. The Music Hub will help drive the quality of service locally, with scope for improved partnership working, better value for money, local innovation and greater accountability.
2. To enable SCC to accept the resource from the Arts Council England and operate as Lead Partner in the Music Hub. Enabling all children in the City to have access to high quality music provision.
3. The recommendation for SCC to accept government funding will enable the lead organisation (Southampton Music Services) to fulfil its role in leading delivery of the NPME in line with Central Government timescales: The Music Hub is now able to start delivery of services from September 2012.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

1. Invite another organisation to apply as Lead Partner. This was not a viable option as there was no other suitably qualified, resourced or experienced organisation that came forward with a proposal to submit an application.
2. Decide not to submit an application for central Government funding. This would result in a new music provider coming into the City.
3. Consult with another Local Authority Music Provider to investigate a merger. This option was explored (Hampshire Music Service) but was rejected due to TUPE implications and significant related financial risk.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

None

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE RECORD

We certify that the decision this document records was made in accordance with the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2000 and is a true and accurate record of that decision.

Date:
17 July 2012

Decision Maker:
The Cabinet

Proper Officer:
Sandra Coltman

SCRUTINY

Note: This decision will come in to force at the expiry of 5 working days from the date of publication subject to any review under the Council's Scrutiny "Call-In" provisions.

Call-In Period expires on

Date of Call-in <i>(if applicable) (this suspends implementation)</i>
Call-in Procedure completed <i>(if applicable)</i>
Call-in heard by <i>(if applicable)</i>
Results of Call-in <i>(if applicable)</i>