

**To:** Sport, Leisure and Culture Policy Board

**On:** 5 March 2015

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**Report by:** Chief Executive

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**Heading:** Grants to Voluntary Cultural Organisations 2015/16

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## **1. Summary**

- 1.1. The Education (Scotland) Act 1980 empowers the council, through children's services, to provide a range of grants to voluntary and independent organisations which provide or promote social, cultural and recreational activities. This power is confirmed by the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1994.
  - 1.2. This report provides information on voluntary sector grant applications and makes a series of recommendations for grant support to voluntary and independent organisations for 2015/2016.
  - 1.3. Acceptance of the recommendations contained within the report will result in £16,499 being disbursed from the total allocation.
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## **2. Recommendations**

- 2.1. Members of the sport, leisure and culture policy board are asked to:
    - i) agree the recommendations as detailed in the appendix subject to satisfactory financial reports; and
    - ii) note that all grant awards are subject to the council's conditions of grant scheme.
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## **3. Background**

- 3.1. The Education (Scotland) Act 1980 empowers the council, through children's services, to provide a range of grants to voluntary and independent organisations, which provide or promote social, cultural and recreational activities. This power is confirmed by the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1994.

- 3.2. The council in conjunction with its community planning partners continues to support and develop cultural opportunities in Renfrewshire. This is primarily achieved through the implementation of the Creative Renfrewshire Strategy which was agreed in September 2010. The specific cultural activities recommended for funding support the outcomes of this agreed strategy.
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## **Implications of this report**

### **1. Financial Implications**

£16,499 will be disbursed during 2015/2016 from the children's services budget as detailed in appendix 1.

### **2. HR and Organisational Development Implications**

None.

### **3. Community Plan/Council Plan Implications**

Children and Young People	- The provision of grants to local groups supports children and young people to develop skill to improve personal achievements.
Community Care, Health and Well-being	- The provision of grants to local groups recognises the key role individuals and groups can make to community involvement and participation.
Empowering our Communities	- Local people will be encouraged to participate and engage with public services.
Greener	- The provision of grants to local groups supports social, cultural and recreational activities which contribute to local sustainability.
Jobs and the Economy	- The provision of grants to local groups supports individuals and groups to develop skills to improve personal achievements.
Safer and Stronger	- The provision of grants to local groups contributes to the development of local communities.

### **4. Legal Implications**

The Education (Scotland) Act 1980 empowers the council to provide a range of grants.

### **5. Property/Assets Implications**

None.

**6. Information Technology Implications**

None.

**7. Equality and Human Rights Implications**

The Recommendations contained within this report have been assessed in relation to their impact on equalities and human rights. No negative impacts on equality groups or potential for infringement of individuals' human rights have been identified arising from the recommendations contained in the report because there is no change to the criteria for allocating funding.

**8. Health and Safety Implications**

None.

**9. Procurement Implications**

None.

**10. Risk Implications**

None.

**11. Privacy Impact**

None.

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**List of Background Papers**

(a) None

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**Renfrewshire Council Corporate Services  
Cultural Grant Application 2015/2016**

<b>Reference</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Purpose of Grant</b>	<b>2014/2015 Award</b>	<b>2015/2016 Award request</b>	<b>2015/2016 Award Recommended</b>
Cultural 1	Greensyde Carers	To advance the education and welfare of adults with learning difficulties and their carers through the delivery of arts and crafts workshops. Employ sessional staff.	£499	£499	£499
Cultural 2	Kilbarchan Pipe Band	To ensure that more people hear the band playing traditional music.	£1500	£1500	£1000
Cultural 3	Right to Dance	To provide high quality education and outreach programme of dance.	£5000	£6500	£5000
Cultural 4	Johnstone Pipe Band	General running costs including transport and equipment.	£500	£3000	£500
Cultural 5	Loud and Proud	To establish a Charleston Drummer Group	£934	£4000	£1500
Cultural 6	Pace Theatre Company	To continue to provide quality theatre activity.	£8000	£15000	£8000