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1.0 Recommendations

- 1.1 Members agree to the Councils continued involvement in the development of the Derbyshire Arts Partnership.
- 1.2 Members agree the use of the Arts Council of England subscription fee as the Councils contribution to the operation of the Derbyshire Arts Partnership.

2.0 Purpose of Report

- 2.1 To inform members of the Arts Council of England's proposal to establish County Arts Partnerships.

3.0 Detail

- 3.1 A new National Partnerships Framework has been agreed between the Arts Council of England, the Local Government Association and the National Association of Local Association of Local Government Arts Officers. This Framework is designed to establish an infrastructure for strategic leadership and planning for the arts. The Framework is based upon the establishment of County or similar geographical based Arts Partnerships that will involve local authorities and the Regional Arts Boards.
- 3.2 Two meetings, attended by the Vice Chair of this Committee and the Community and Leisure Development Manager, have already taken place to discuss the formation of such a Partnership in Derbyshire.
- 3.3 Following these meetings the City Council, County Council and all the District and Borough Councils have agreed in principle to the formation of the Partnership.
- 3.4 A formal partnership agreement is currently being developed between the authorities and proposals are being drawn up for how the Partnership will work and what support it will require to deliver its work programme. The initial proposals for this include appointment of a Partnership Manager, a Creative Arts Project and a Young Peoples Internet initiative.

- 3.5 It is envisaged that the Partnership will function in a similar way to the very successful County Sports Partnership by securing external funding which will then be used to fund projects across the County. A future report will be brought to the Committee confirming the arrangements for how the Partnership will operate and its work programme.

4.0 Financial Implications

- 4.1 The proposal for funding the Partnership is that the subscriptions paid to the Arts Council of England by each local authority are instead paid into the new Partnership and the total will be matched pound for pound by the Arts Council. This will happen for 2004/5 and 2005/6. The subscription fee paid by this Council is £1080.
- 4.2 This formula would result in a total budget of over £150,000 for the first two years.
- 4.3 No other funding is required from this Council for the establishment of the Partnership.

5.0 Corporate Implications

- 5.1 The establishment of a Derbyshire Arts Partnership will assist the Council to deliver its an increase in leisure activities as identified as a secondary priority in the Corporate Plan.

6.0 Community Implications

- 6.1 The Partnership will enable a significant increase in arts and cultural activity to be achieved in the District through the generation of funding for projects and development of support networks for local artists, designers and groups.

7.0 Conclusions

- 7.1 Derbyshire is at the forefront of countywide partnership working and this Arts Partnership will follow the example of the Sports Partnership in acquiring resources and providing opportunities for local people.

8.0 Background Papers

- 8.1 Meeting Notes.