

RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

Tuesday, 13 June 2023

Decision No: (CAB 23/24 37583)

DECISION-MAKER:	CABINET
PORTFOLIO AREA:	Cabinet Member for Children and Learning
SUBJECT:	Proposed Southampton Music Hub Bid
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THE DECISION

- (i) To approve an application to be music hub lead organisation and Accountable Body for the new Department for Education prescribed geographical areas from September 2024 (BCP, Portsmouth, IOW and Southampton) and delegate authority to the Executive Director Wellbeing (Children & Learning), after consultation with the Executive Director Corporate Services and the Director of Governance, Legal and HR, to accept and take any action necessary to implement / deliver the service should the bid be successful.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

Southampton Music Services has a strong and proven track record of local, regional and national leadership and partnership meeting the needs of CYP and their diverse communities through a commitment to ensuring ambitious and high-quality musical activities that meet the needs of all children and young people in the communities that we serve.

As the hub lead organisation (Accountable Body), Southampton Music Services can continue to increase investment into the city through the hub grant, as well as through additional funding leveraged against it.

As hub lead organisation, Southampton Music Services can continue to build Southampton's reputation as a city of culture, a child friendly city, a green city and aligns with the Southampton Education Strategy.

The local plan for music education in Southampton and the Isle of Wight is being co-created by the hub partnership, schools and young people. (See DMR 5 for list of partners). The successful application of the new hub grant would continue to support the wider music ecosystem including National Portfolio Organisations, freelancers, community musicians and small organisations by commissioning services and work, developing sustainable funding streams (as per principle 4 in the National Plan for Music Education 2) and workforce development and training.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

Making no application to be a Hub Lead Organisation, resulting in

- Risk of loss of investment from music education hub grant, impacting
- schools children and young people and the wider community
- Risk of loss of additional investment leveraged against the music
- education hub grant impacting schools children and young people and
- the wider community
- Risk of loss of influence and impact on quality for opportunities and
- outcomes for children and young people in Southampton
- Risk of loss of current regional and national profile for the city

Contribution to another organisation's bid to be Hub Lead Organisation, resulting in

- Risk of some loss of investment to SCC from music education hub
- grant and therefore impact on opportunities available to children and
- young people
- Risk of some loss of additional investment leveraged against the music
- education hub grant, impacting on amount and type of activity for
- children and young people
- Risk of loss of influence over opportunities outcomes for children and
- young people in Southampton
- No ability to sustain and build upon quality and current track record
- Lack of ability to be responsive, dynamic, agile and strategic
- Loss of current regional and national profile for Southampton

Formation of new company with other Local Authorities in the Geographical Area, to facilitate shared leadership resulting in

- No return on investment and outcomes for children and young people or for Department for Education due to added layer of management and company costs resulting in no efficiencies of scale
- Potential for exit costs and strategy as well as personal liabilities need consideration should there be a need to dissolve the new company
- Create tax implications
- LA would need to tender to deliver services – no direct relationship possible
- Potential loss of additional investment leveraged against the music education hub grant impacting schools, children and young people and communities in Southampton
- Potential loss of influence over opportunities outcomes for children and young people in Southampton
- No ability to sustain and build upon quality and current track record
- Lack of ability to be responsive, dynamic, agile and strategic unless democratically agreed.

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: 13th June 2023

Decision Maker:
The Cabinet

Proper Officer:
Claire Heather

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 *(if applicable) (this suspends implementation)*

Call-in Procedure completed *(if applicable)*

Call-in heard by *(if applicable)*

Results of Call-in *(if applicable)*