

SALISBURY CITY COUNCIL

SPECIAL DELEGATION PROCEDURE

SCC Standing Orders Para 26

COMMITTEE CONCERNED: **Finance and Governance Committee**

OFFICER INITIATING: **Annie Child, City Clerk**

DATE: **31 Jul 2023**

To:

Cllr V Charleston, I Tomes, and Cllr A Riddle, Leaders of Salisbury City Council
Cllr A Bayliss, Chair of Finance and Governance Committee
Cllr I Tomes, Vice Chairman of Finance and Governance Committee

Item: Supplementary Grants in 2022/2023 to Wiltshire Creative and Salisbury Museum

At the Finance and Governance Committee meeting held on Mon 6 Jan 2023, as part of the debate on the 2023/2024 budget the following was noted (minute 736 refers) - *The committee noted that the Wiltshire Creative and Salisbury Museum are requested to contact the Clerk towards the end of the financial year to discuss the possibility of a supplementary grant if funds allow.*

The grants previously agreed for the Museum and Wiltshire Creative in 2022/2023 are summarised below.

Date of Committee	Minute no. and decision	Amount requested	2022/23
Full Council 15.11.21	1042.3 The Museum Awarded £16,000 per annum towards planned activities for 3 years	£16,000 in 2022/23, 2023/24 and 2024/25	£16,000
Fin & Gov 18.07.22	711.1 Wiltshire Creative Awarded £134,927 towards planned activities over 3 years	£42,800 in 2022/23, £44,940 in 2023/24 and £47,187 in 2024/25	£42,800

The note made by F&G was widely supported by councillors, and the desire for Wiltshire Creative and the Museum to receive additional funding was informally supported by many councillors at Full Council on Mon 16 Jan 2023 when the grants were once again considered as part of the 2023/2024 budget setting.

In January 2023, the Council agreed to cut the 23/24 grant awards by 50% (Minute 1201.1 Full Council refers).

This would mean the award of grants as follows:

Wiltshire Creative = £22,470 instead of £44,940

Salisbury Museum = £8,000 instead of £16,000

Wiltshire Creative and Salisbury Museum have now contacted the Clerk requesting a supplementary grant if funds allow. Therefore, the Clerk in consultation with the Responsible Finance Officer, has reviewed the financial position of the council towards the end of the finance year and can make the following recommendation:

That a supplementary grant be provided to Wiltshire Creative, and The Museums as shown below

Wiltshire Creative - £22,470

Museum – £8,000

This grant will be paid in 2022/2023 but the council notes that the activity will be conducted in 2023/2024.

Since the budget was set for 2022/2023 the following changes have taken place. The interest earned by the council's bank deposit has increased significantly. This has meant the bank interest is estimated to be by the end of the year £22,000 against an expected income of £2,250. In addition, the later than expected purchase of the new depot, and the successful application for a void period when it is empty, has resulted in a saving of approx. £10,500 on the NNDR budget. This over receipt and under payment will cover the cost of the supplementary grants if approved.

In 2023/2024 a grant will be given to Wiltshire Creative and the Museum in accordance with the agreed 2023/2024 budget as shown in the Full Council (16 Jan 2023) budget papers.

It is recommended that this matter be dealt with by Special Delegation to ensure the supplementary grant is made in this financial year. The next meeting of the Finance and Governance committee is July 2023. The Leader of the Conservative Group, Cllr E Wills, was made aware of the proposed use of the special delegation procedure for this purpose by the Clerk on Fri 10 Mar 2023.

Having considered the Special Delegation request above, and the reasoning behind it, I confirm that I APPROVE // DO NOT APPROVE (please delete as required) the request.

Councillor:

Date:

Please return the signed form to the City Clerk, The Guildhall, Market Place, SP1 1JH - Thank you.