

## ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS

1.	<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>Cabinet Member for Culture and Tourism</b>
2.	<b>Date:</b>	<b>17<sup>th</sup> September, 2013</b>
3.	<b>Title:</b>	<b>Subsidised use of the Civic Theatre (Application)</b>
4.	<b>Programme Area:</b>	<b>Environment and Development Services</b>

### 5. Summary

The Cabinet Member has previously approved an application process with regards to requests for subsidised use of the Civic Theatre for charitable use (Minute F40 of 6<sup>th</sup> December, 2011). It was determined that applications be brought to Delegated Powers meetings for decisions and that advice should be given by officers as to the suitability of the proposal from a professional, technical and logistical perspective. This report contains a recommendation for one application.

### 6. Recommendations

- **Cabinet Member approves an application by Elliot Montgomery on behalf of Rotherham Amateur Repertory Company (“Rotherham Rep”).**

### 7. Proposals and Details

Rotherham Rep have allocated one of their traditional performance nights at the theatre to a dedication to their late member Stuart Lister. This would be a tribute evening. All proceeds from the evening would be donated to Rotherham Young Carers and also used to create a charity/trust fund that will allow local businesses in Rotherham to gain access to funding that will allow them to equip their establishments with defibrillators and/or train staff in their use.

The evening “A tribute to Stuart Lister” would consist of a variety show style of entertainment, including drama, song and dance.

An estimate of the subsidy required would be:

Lost ticket commission	£196
Theatre hire 6 – 10.30pm	£443
“Get in” from 3.00pm	£153.60
<b>Total</b>	<b>£792.60</b>

## **8. Finance**

If approval is given for the proposed event, the remaining subsidy for 2013-14 would be £218.70, from a total budget of £5,000. Four events will have received subsidy.

Subsidy for the evening may be partly offset by bar sales, for which the Theatre retains all profits. At this stage this cannot be quantified.

## **9. Risks and uncertainties**

That the 3.00pm start time for the get in maybe brought forwards and that attendance at this event may reduce ticket sales for the Rep shows later in the week. However, we hope that many patrons will attend twice in the week which would be of benefit to the theatre.

## **10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications**

The Theatre & Arts Service contributes to the following priorities

- More people come to the Town Centre for work, shopping and for things to do and see
- People enjoy parks, green spaces, sports, leisure and cultural activities

## **11. Background Papers and Consultation**

Minute F40 of the Delegated Powers meeting 6<sup>th</sup> December 2011

Minute F 20 of the Delegated Powers meeting 4<sup>th</sup> December 2012

**The application form from Rotherham Rep will be circulated at the meeting**

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