

## ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS

1.	Meeting:	Cabinet Member for Culture and Tourism
2.	Date:	18 <sup>th</sup> February, 2014
3.	Title:	Subsidised use of the Civic Theatre (Applications)
4.	Directorate:	Environment and Development Services

### 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 Acorns to Oaks Drama Group**

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## **7. Proposals and Details**

Local community drama group “Acorns to Oaks” currently have two dates booked for performances at the Civic Theatre in September 2014. The group is based in the Oaks Day Centre in Wath upon Dearne and describes itself as being made up of people with Learning Disabilities. The group have previously been granted one of these two days as a subsidised hire.

It is proposed that this is granted again due to the obvious benefits this experience bring to the performers and audience.

This would be taken from the annual allocation of £5,000k for subsidised community use of the theatre.

## **8. Finance**

Based on the second of the two dates, an estimate of the subsidy required would be:

Theatre Hire:	£460*
2 additional hours hire:	£103.40*
Nominal ticket fee (TBC)	<u>£140*</u>
Total:	£703.40*

\*This figure assumes approval of 2014/15 Fees and Charges.

## **9. Risks and Uncertainties**

The above amount can only be at this stage estimated and could escalate depending on further requirements.

It is difficult at this stage to forecast additional demands on the annual allocation for subsidised use.

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

The Civic Theatre contributes to the economic regeneration of the town centre and gives people from all communities opportunities to improve their mental well being.

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

Minute F 40 of the delegated Powers meeting on the 06/12/2011

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