

Cabinet Member Response to the Recommendations of the Community, Cultural and Corporate Services Scrutiny Committee following its review of Lancashire Culture and Sport Fund / Crowdfund Lancashire Report on 6 February 2024

At its meeting on 6 February 2024, the committee considered a report on Lancashire Culture and Sport Fund / Crowdfund Lancashire. Several recommendations were made by the committee and shared with the Cabinet Member for Communities and Cultural Services. A written response to the recommendations of the committee has now been provided by the Cabinet Member.

The recommendations of the committee are detailed below and the response from the Cabinet Member is also provided.

Item 5: Lancashire Culture and Sport Fund / Crowdfund Lancashire

Resolved: That the following recommendations be shared with the Cabinet Member for Communities and Cultural Services:

- i. **That the following recommendations from the report be supported:**
 - a. **To continue to reach Lancashire residents and community groups in more areas so all districts have an equitable share of the Lancashire Culture & Sport Fund.**
 - b. **To continue to target under-represented areas and communities through working with district councils and community organisations.**
 - c. **To lower the current maximum pledge of £20,000 to £15,000. This would allow the panel to support more projects at higher pledge amounts, meaning more funds could be spread across the county and increasing the likeliness of more projects reaching their crowdfunding target.**
- ii. **That recommendation iii from the report to prioritise those projects in low-income and for under-represented areas not be supported at this time.**
- iii. **Officers to consider how venues can be utilised and accessed more for community events, allowing communities to have greater access to venues and facilities that are available in Lancashire.**

Response

All changes to the Lancashire Culture and Sports Fund criteria to be introduced for the next funding round later in 2024.