

STOCKPORT COUNCIL

REPORT TO CABINET– SUMMARY SHEET

Subject: Closure of the Section 48 AGMA Grants Scheme

Report to Cabinet

Date: 19 December 2017

Report of: Cabinet Leader and Cabinet Member for Policy, Finance & Devolution

Key Decision: N

Forward Plan ☒ General Exception ☐ Special Urgency ☐ (Mark with a Y if applicable)

Summary:

In December 2016, the Joint GMCA and AGMA Executive Board agreed to undertake a consultation on the formal closure of the Section 48 AGMA Grants programme and the development of a new funding programme for culture under Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA).

Following this consultation, this report seeks the agreement of Cabinet to the closure of the AGMA Section 48 grants programme. This will be replaced with a similar GMCA Culture and Social Impact Fund from April 2018.

Comments/Views of the Cabinet Member:

This proposal is made following a targeted consultation with grant recipients and an online consultation promoted through voluntary and third sector networks. The GMCA Culture and Social Impact scheme will have wider reach, particularly in terms of social impact, than the current AGMA Section 48 Grants Programme.

Recommendation(s) of Cabinet Member:

Cabinet is asked to;

- Note the outcome and mitigating actions of the completed consultation on the proposed closure of AGMA-run Section 48 grants programme;
- Authorise the closure of the Section 48 Grants scheme noting it will be replaced by the GMCA Culture and Social Impact Programme.

Relevant Scrutiny Committee (if decision called in):

Corporate, Resource Management & Governance

Background Papers (if report for publication):

There are none.

Contact persons for accessing background papers and discussing the report

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'Urgent Business':

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