

Decision Notice

Decision Title: Cultural and Community Events pilot scheme (regional recovery and Adaptations Fund)

Decision Date: 01/02/2024

Decision Reference Number: CEO_2024_0003.3

Decision Taken

That:- CEOs approve the allocation of £50,000 of the Regional Recovery and Adaptations fund to the Cultural and Community Events pilot scheme.

Reasons for the Decision

The feasibility and development application summarized the intended beneficiaries and objectives of the fund as:

To support small cultural and community events to grow and become more impactful in terms of three possible outcomes:

- a. Increased participation and volunteering from within the community or place, in organising and delivering the event.
- b. Improved cohesion amongst communities and places where new development or regeneration has taken place.
- c. Encouraging local communities and others back to high streets, town centres or community hubs.

The recommendation to allocate the funds was approved unamended.

Authority for the decision

At its January 2022 meeting, the Combined Authority Committee resolved “To allocate £5m towards the creation of a Regional Recovery and Adaptions Fund and delegate the development of detailed assessment criteria and the approval of business cases to the Combined Authority Chief Executive in consultation with the Chief Executives of the constituent Councils.”

(Future grant awards from the fund will also be subject to CEO approval.)

Decision-Taker:

Full Name: Richard Ennis

Position: Interim Chief Executive, West of England Combined Authority

Date: 27/02/2024

In Consultation with: -

The Chief Executives of the constituent councils.