

Date: 7th September 2022

**To: The chairperson and members of
North Central Area Committee**

Meeting: 19th September, 2022.

Item No.

**ARTS OFFICER UPDATE FOR THE
SEPTEMBER MEETING OF THE NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE**

Creative Places, the Arts Council project in Darndale supported by DCC, is entering its 2nd Year. The first year of Arts programming and community engagement has been a great success and the Arts Office is now actively seeking opportunities for legacy programming and further funding. In collaboration with the new European Funding Unit in DCC, we are exploring the opportunities that may exist for European support. The Public Art Officer will establish a Public Art hub in Darndale to investigate how residents can choose works of Public Art for the area in a new scheme called Citizen Commissioners

Artane Place

There have been frustrating delays with building and refurbishment works and electricity supply. Artists are now selected and waiting. This month, we will be facilitating a workshop with the selected Artists in order to form a collective or co-op that will take a Licence from DCC for a year, with the option of three years after the first. There are also planning issues about change of use which are soluble but also causing delay.

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The Arts Office are keen not to lose the momentum of this successful project but this funding will not be repeated under this scheme. Other schemes are possible and the Arts Office are studying the appropriate ways of continuing to work with this community.

Arts Research by Turley has concluded and been well supported locally. The Arts Office are still considering the findings and will report soon.

New Funding scheme pilot proposed.

I have attached the report to the forthcoming CRES SPC in which I suggest that Arts Grants funding in DCC could increase to IM from the current €550K over the next two years. If accepted by the CEO and Elected Members each Administrative Area would receive €100K as the focus of this increase would be local. However increasing funding in this way will place extra demands to find a common way of working and a transparent high standard application process that can work locally. With this in mind and given the work of 2022 in the

North Central Area I am proposing that €50K extra in Arts Grants funding be allocated as the pilot scheme in 2023 for increasing all Arts Funding by €100K per Area in 2024. This will allow the Area Office and Arts Office to work closely to devise a way of distributing Arts Grants locally in 2023.

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City Arts Officer