

## **Funding for the Arts and Creative Industries**

This Council acknowledges the contribution of those employed in the Arts, Events and Creative Industries. We understand the impact that lockdown has had on these sectors; on theatres, museums, live music venues, comedy clubs, freelancers and individual artists and all other creative outlets that have been in the dark since March, with most having no finite indication of when their activities can recommence safely.

This Council welcomes the allocation of £29million by the Northern Ireland Executive to the Arts, Culture and Heritage sectors as part of a £1.57 billion investment from the UK Government purposefully designed to protect these world class industries across the UK.

This Council agrees to write to the Communities Minister Carál Ní Chuilín in support of the direct allocation of funds to those within these industries who have been most impacted. In addition, this Council agrees to write to the Finance Minister Conor Murphy to encourage any further measures that can be taken to support and protect the creative sectors going forward.

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(To be debated)