

**Oldham Borough Council
Record of Decision**



1. **TITLE:** ACE Extension Grant 2027=28
2. **SERVICE AREA:** Health and Care Services
3. **PURPOSE OF DECISION**

This delegated decision is made under the authority granted by Cabinet on 23 March 2026 within the report 'Arts Council Investment into Oldham's Cultural Programming and Venue Development Extension Grant', which delegated authority to the Deputy Chief Executive to accept a further one year extension for 2027–28, should this be offered by Arts Council England.

4. **DECISION MADE BY:** Executive Director Health & Care (Deputy Chief Executive)
5. **DECISION:**

RESOLVED - That:

1. To accept the ACE grant funding.
2. To note that acceptance of the funding enables the continuation of cultural programming, community engagement, audience development, talent development and progress towards delivery of the new theatre project.

6. **REASON FOR DECISION**

To approve the acceptance of a further extension grant from Arts Council England (ACE) for the financial year 2027–28 in support of the continued development and delivery of Oldham's cultural programme, community engagement activities, and the development of the new theatre operating model.

7. **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

Option 1 (preferred Option) - Accept the funding. Acceptance of the funding enables the continuation of cultural programming, community engagement, audience development, talent development and progress towards delivery of the new theatre project.

Option 2 - Declining the funding would significantly reduce the Council's ability to deliver cultural activities, impact support for the Coliseum and the new theatre development programme and potentially affect future eligibility for Arts Council England investment.

8. **INTERESTS AND NATURE OF INTERESTS DECLARED**

None

9. **PRINCIPAL GROUPS CONSULTED:** Not applicable

10. **DOCUMENT CONSIDERED:** DDR - acceptance of ACE Extension Funding for 2027-28.pdf