

RECORD OF INDIVIDUAL EXECUTIVE DECISION MADE BY AN OFFICER

Decision Maker	Decision Type	Date
Emma Barton	Non-key	20th July 2026

ACE Extension Grant 2027-28

Exempt/Confidential Report		No
Key Decision ¹		No

Decision (s) ² Accept the grant offer

Reasons for the decision(s)³

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.

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.

Options/Alternatives considered ⁴

Option 1 – Accept the Funding (Recommended)

¹ If the decision is Key Please use Key Decision Template.

² Brief details of the decision should be inserted. This note must set out the substance of the decision, options considered and the reason for deciding on the chosen option, although care must be taken not to disclose any confidential or exempt information. Please include proposed timescales for commencement and / or completion of implementation as appropriate.

³ Reasons for the decision must be given.

⁴ Options must be given.

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 – Decline the Funding

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.

Conflict of Interest declared⁵

none



(Signature of Emma Barton, Deputy Chief Executive)

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Decision made pursuant to:

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⁵ If none, please state none. No Member having a disclosable pecuniary interest or officer having an interest in any matter (whether pecuniary or otherwise required to be declared) should take a decision in relation to that matter. Other interests of a non-disqualifying nature should be recorded here. Any dispensation in place in relation to the matter should also be recorded here. This may include other elected Members, officers, stakeholders and the local community.