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HIGHLANDS & ISLANDS ENTERPRISE

MINUTE OF THE MEETING OF THE MANAGEMENT TEAM (SUB-GROUP) HELD ON MONDAY, 26 FEBRUARY 2007

PRESENT: Sandy Cumming (Chief Executive)
Sandy Brady (Director – Strategy)
Forbes Duthie (Director – Corporate Services)
John Watt (Director - Strengthening Communities)
David Smillie (Strengthening Communities)
Anna Miller (Executive Office)

1 HI-ARTS CONTRACT 2007-2009 (PN 223004) (HIE 2007/00358)

It was noted that HI-Arts was an independent company limited by guarantee with charitable status, established and funded by HIE to promote and develop the arts in the Highlands and Islands. Since its formation in 1990, HI-Arts had developed the area's arts infrastructure, delivering a discernibly higher quality of cultural experience for many people in the region.

The group considered the arguments for assisting the project and assessed how the existing 2006/07 contract had been developed. Increases to mainstream costs were noted and acknowledged as resulting from 2.5% inflation costs plus the addition of a project post moving from the arts development programme budget to mainstream services.

Approval was given to the renewal of the HI-Arts contract for 2007/08 and 2008/09, on the basis that £13,040 allocated towards additional office costs was deducted from the mainstream services funding for the year 2008/09. This would result in funding of £158,188 towards mainstream services in 2007/08 and £145,148 in 2008/09; £195,000 for arts development programme during 2007/08; and £45,000 for the second phase of the booth online ticketing service spread over the two years.

HI-Arts were requested to provide the HIE Network with information on the future role of HI-Arts in maintaining the legacy of Highland 2007.

A Miller
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