

REPORT TO:		Cabinet	
DATE:		22 March 2021	
PORTFOLIO:		Cllr Munsif Dad BEM, JP - Education, Leisure and Arts	
REPORT AUTHOR:		David Welsby	
TITLE OF REPORT:		Super Slow Way project contribution	
EXEMPT REPORT (Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A)	No	Not applicable	
KEY DECISION:	Yes	If yes, date of publication:	16 April 2021

1. **Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 To obtain Cabinet approval for a project contribution from Hyndburn Borough Council of £10,000 per annum for three years towards a £0.5 million Arts Council England (ACE) funded project, led by Super Slow Way who are hosted by the Canal and River Trust.

2. **Recommendations**

- 2.1 That Cabinet approves a project contribution from Hyndburn Borough Council of £10,000 per annum to the Canal and River Trust for three financial years in support of the Super Slow Way project.

3. **Reasons for Recommendations and Background**

- 3.1 Super Slow Way is one of the Creative People & Places (CPP) programmes across the country funded by Arts Council England (ACE) to develop innovative ways of engaging people in arts activities in areas identified as cultural 'cold spots'.
- 3.2 They operate in Pennine Lancashire, along the Leeds & Liverpool Canal corridor, hosted by the Canal & River Trust, in conjunction with a consortium made up of the four local authorities of Blackburn, Hyndburn, Burnley and Pendle, UCLan, Creative Lancashire and Arts Partners Pennine Lancashire (APPL).
- 3.3 Super Slow Way has identified a commitment to supporting cultural programming in Hyndburn in conjunction with the Council, Community Solutions Northwest,

Lancashire Library Service and a range of cultural and community organisations in the borough.

- 3.4 During Super Slow Way Phase 2 audiences of over 130,000 people experienced their programme across Pennine Lancashire. Diversity is a hallmark of their programme, offering events and exhibitions that attract some of the most integrated audiences in the UK.
- 3.5 To date Super Slow Way have spent £205,250 in Hyndburn during their phase 2 programme and they intend to continue to make use of the Borough’s wonderful assets including libraries, the Civic, Gatty Park, Haworth Art Gallery, the Market Hall, Church Kirk, the canal and the town centre for contemporary performance, exhibitions and installations.
- 3.6 Super Slow Way made a successful bid to ACE for a further £500,000 to fund their programme from 2021 to 2023 and are requesting support and a financial contribution of £10,000 per annum from the Council for this period.

4. **Consultations**

- 4.1 Not applicable

5. **Implications**

Financial implications (including any future financial commitments for the Council)	There is an immediate financial consequence from this report. The report proposes that a contribution of £10,000 is made in 2021/22 to Super Slow Way. The same value of contribution is also committed during 2022/23 and 2023/24.
Legal and human rights implications	A grant agreement would be required between the Council and the Canal & Rivers Trust in respect of this funding
Assessment of risk	None at this stage.
Equality and diversity implications <i>A Customer First Analysis should be completed in relation to policy decisions and should be attached as an appendix to the report.</i>	The project will bring a range of cultural opportunities to the area, engaging young people and adults from across our community in accessible, positive cultural experiences.

**6. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985:
List of Background Papers**

6.1 No previous reports shared.

7. Freedom of Information

7.1 The report does not contain exempt information under the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A and all information can be disclosed under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.