



TODMORDEN TOWN COUNCIL

**Item 8 – Town Council 16th June
2021**

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REPORT TO FULL COUNCIL

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Date	16th June 2021
SUBJECT	Handmade Parade Grant Application

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. To advise Town Council that the Resources Committee on the 19th May 2021 considered a request for a grant award of £6,530 to be made towards a total project cost of £13,018 to fund an outreach programme enabling residents of Todmorden, regardless of background, to participate in workshops in the creation of art - see Appendix 1 Handmade Parade Grant Application.
2. To inform Town Council that in view of the Council's limited financial resources and that this is still early in the the year ahead of receiving further grant applications, the Resources Committee whilst supportive of this project, did not feel able to support an award for the total amount, but felt comfortable in recommending to Town Council that an award of £4,000 be made.
3. To ask Town Council to note that whilst this project is stand alone in term of focus on Todmorden, it nevertheless does form part of a wider submission to the Arts Council to lever in funds to deliver other projects, including the return of the actual parade itself to Todmorden, albeit this may likely be in a different format.
4. To inform Town Council that if they are not successful in securing Arts Council support this scheme will still be progressed albeit slightly scaled down relative to the extent of Town Council award made.
5. To inform Town Council that the Resources Committee as part of their discussions encouraged Handmade Parade to actively engage with the Muslim Community to encourage participation in this scheme.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

6. Should Town Council agree such an award this would be met from within existing budgets.

RECOMMENDATION

7. That Town Council agree to an award of £4,000 be made to Handmade Parade and as part of the award letter, focussed efforts be made to encourage participation by the Muslim Community

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

8. The Resources Committee has delegated powers to award only up to £3,000 and therefore Town Council approval is required for an award of £4,000.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

14. None arising from this report.

DETAILS OF CONSULTATION:

15. None from this report.

CLIMATE CHANGE:

16. None arising from this report.

IMPACT EQUALITY ASSESSMENT

17. None arising from this report.

SUPPORTING PAPERS:

18. Appendix 1 - Handmade Parade Grant Application

FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT: Colin Hill