

Decision taken by: **Councillor Michelle Dorrell, Ward Member
for East Folkestone**

Subject: JimJam Arts

Executive/non-executive decision: Non-executive

Date decision taken: 27 November 2019

Name and address of applicant(s):

Susan Blakesley
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Name and description of project:

Folkestone Living Advent Calendar - This year we have expanded the opportunities for the local community to get involved in the Advent Calendar performances by putting on a number of extra workshops. To bring these plans to fruition we need some additional funding to pay for facilitating and promoting the workshops and also for providing a community get together with food on the first night.

DECISION:

To provide funding of £300 to the above project.

Reason for decision:

People and communities are involved from the outset of this project. After three years of running the Folkestone Living Advent Calendar we have a very wide and loyal following. We contact these via social media, questionnaires and interviews to get their feedback and invite them to come forward with ideas for workshops, performances and venues. Here are just some of their comments:

'Thank you - you are one of the main reasons I feel blessed to live here.'

"The Folkestone Living Advent Calendar has already become a much-loved Folkestone tradition."

"I love that it's genuinely involved the town - not just in locations, but ...dancers, local bands..older people, .. all ..had a chance to share what they do and be valued and appreciated." (audience member)

'Thank you - you have tirelessly made this season very very special for a lot of people. Rest now X'

'It's been another amazing year for the Folkestone Advent Calendar... you make Christmas really special xx'

'What a truly brilliant calendar it has been this year. Although we haven't made it to all the doors, we know every single one has been such a treat! Really hope we have it again next year'

Declarations or disclosable pecuniary interest/any other significant interest:

None

The decision set out above was made by me.

Signed:



**Councillor Michelle Dorrell
East Folkestone**

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