

Decision taken by: **Ward Member for New Romney – Councillor David Wimble**

Subject: JAM – Marsh Primary Schools after-school singing

**Executive/non-executive decision:** Non-executive

Date decision taken: 23 January 2020

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**Name and address of applicant(s):**

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**Name and description of project:**

To support our after-school singing with 4 schools, culminating in a vibrant free concert to families/friends/teachers in JAM on the Marsh at St Nicholas Church, New Romney.

**DECISION:**

**To provide funding of £500 to the above project.**

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**Reason for decision:**

Significant challenges prevent children in Shepway from taking part in music:

- Severe education budget cuts, affecting teaching and opportunity
- Lack of specialist teaching
- Lack of cultural infrastructure

- Lack of opportunities and income to experience performance, professionals and quality means Shepway remains one of the most arts-deprived areas of England with limited cultural infrastructure and provision.

Young people on Romney Marsh have little access to the arts and meagre opportunities to participate in, create or experience musical activity. This brings with it associated negative impacts on social, academic and personal progression. Furthermore, poor transport links, prevents children's access to and benefit from activities/opportunities.

Since 2012 JAM on the Marsh has been working with schools across Hythe and Romney Marsh to bring ambitious and aspirational opportunities to young people.

**Declarations or disclosable pecuniary interest/any other significant interest:**

None

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**The decision set out above was made by me.**



**Signed:**

**23 January 2020**

**Councillor David Wimble  
New Romney Ward**