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| Report of: | Executive Member for Culture and Communities and Director of Regeneration |
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| Submitted to: | Executive Member for Culture and Communities |
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| Date: | 25 October 2022 |
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| Title: | Music in Secondary Schools Trust (MISST) Program |
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| Report for: | Decision |
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| Status: | Public |
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| Strategic priority: | Children and young people |
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| Key decision: | No |
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| Why: | Not applicable |
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| Urgent: | No |
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| Why: | Not applicable |
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Executive summary

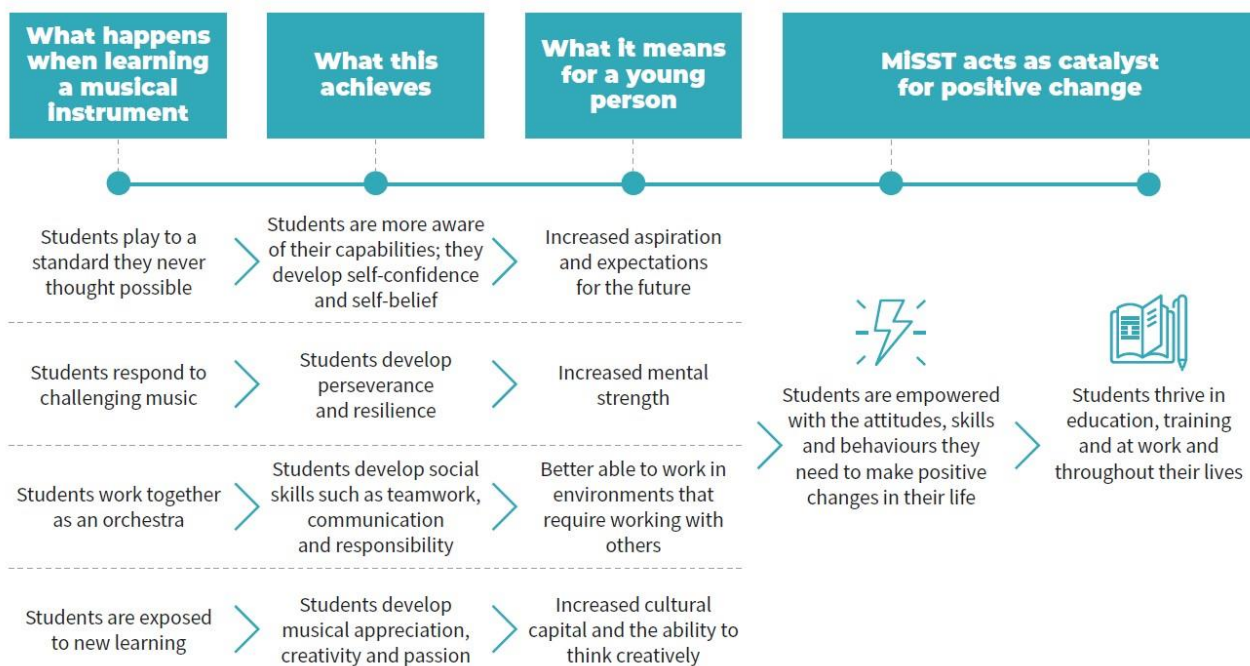
To seek Executive approval to allocate £15,000 Centrally held resources to the Music in Secondary Schools Trust program.

Purpose

1. To seek Executive approval to allocate £15,000 from centrally held resources to the Music in Secondary Schools Trust (MiSST).

Background and relevant information

2. Middlesbrough Council has worked with MiSST over the last year to trial a program of musical inclusion within secondary schools, working with Kings Academy to support over 240 children to learn an instrument.
3. MiSST will expand the program into Outwood Riverside Academy to support another 390 children over three years to learn an instrument. The drive and purpose of this work is to offer all students the opportunity, but especially those students from disadvantaged areas who would have been unlikely to have the opportunity to take up such an option.
4. This programme will significantly improve musical and social outcomes for young people inside and outside of school and improve creative education. MiSST follows the Andrew Lloyd Webber Programme and at its core is a skills based classical music curriculum that allows students to perform, listen, respond and be exposed to music from a diverse range of genres, traditions, styles and historical periods.
5. The programme will embed instrumental teaching into the weekly curriculum of the school, providing an opportunity for every pupil in Year 7 to have a free instrument and a weekly lesson.
6. Without the MiSST programme, over 90% of young people in the school would not be able to access instrumental teaching due to socio economic barriers to music education.
7. During the MiSST programme young people will be able to take part in ambitious activities outside of school time including the opportunity to be invited to take part in a national MiSST concert at the Southbank Centre, as well as a residential programme at the prestigious Radley School.
8. MiSST works with 21 schools in the UK that are situated within disadvantaged communities. They provide not only the funding for classical instruments, but also support in the form of regular tuition, opportunities to perform and a programme of excellence.
9. The diagram below shows how the model will improve outcomes for students:



10. To provide the project with a sustainability moving forward the Head of Culture is working with MiSST to apply for additional grants and funding including applications to the Morrisons foundation, Moon dance foundation and Swire trust. MiSST are leading in the development of these applications with decisions and outcomes expected by January 2023.

What decision(s) are being recommended?

11. That the Executive:

- Agree to seek Executive approval to allocate £15,000 of centrally held resources to the Music in Secondary Schools Trust.

Rationale for the recommended decision(s)

12. The MiSST project provides the Council with the opportunity to not only increase provision in a targeted area but also support the wider communities and schools directly impacting positively on children and young people in Middlesbrough.

13. MiSST are providing match funding of £17,000 from their central budget into the programme and Outwood Riverside have confirmed £10,000 from their school budget.

Other potential decision(s) and why these have not been recommended

14. That we do nothing to further develop musical education opportunities within schools locally. Doing nothing would further cement the issue of young people’s participation within the arts and fail to respond to an opportunity for external funding to be invested.

15. Impact(s) of the recommended decision(s)

Legal

16. There are no impacts on legal from this report as the Commissioning and Procurement Team are working with cultural services to approve a purchase exemption.

Strategic priorities and risks

17. These recommendations will directly support the delivery of the Council's Strategic Priorities.

Human Rights, Equality and Data Protection

18. The MiSST program will positively support disadvantaged groups.

Financial

19. The "Revenue Budget, Council Tax, Medium Term Financial Plan, and Capital Strategy 2022/23" report approved by Council on 23rd February 2022. The report included a paragraph which stated in part that "a budget of £495,000 per annum has been provided for investment in services provided to residents" As part of the proposal £15,000 of funds, which are currently held centrally, are allocated to this initiative.

20. Actions to be taken to implement the recommended decision(s)

| Action | Responsible Officer | Deadline |
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| Allocate £15,000 to MiSST project | Head of Service – Culture | 31 st October 2022 |
| Funding applications to ACE and other funding bodies for up to £30,000. | Head of Service – Culture | Ongoing throughout 2022/23 |

Appendices

N/A

Background papers

N/A

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