

**COMMITTEE:** CENTRAL AREA      **REF NO:** CAC/23/04  
**DATE:** 21 JUNE 2023  
**SUBJECT:** FUNDING REQUEST – CHAPTER 82  
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***Short description of report content and the decision requested:***

This report requests that the Central Area Committee consider allocating £2,100 to Chapter 82 to run four free storytelling sessions for children to attend in well known Central Ipswich venues during August. Children will participate in two-hour sessions designed to engage them in literacy through the magic of storytelling. After hearing stories, children will work with a local artist to create large 3D character creations made partially from recycled materials to enable them to further explore the stories.

***List of Appendices included in this report:***

- a) Appendix 1 - Completed Application
- b) Appendix 2 - Letter of Support from the HOLD

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***This report was prepared after consultation with:***

*Internal consultees*

*External consultees*

***The following policies form a context to this report:***

*(all relevant policies must also be referred to in the body of the report)*

*Building a Better Ipswich*

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**1. Item of business and issues for consideration**

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- 1.1 To consider the application of Chapter 82 and decide whether to agree:
- i) Option 1 - Fund the total amount requested.
  - ii) Option 2 - Fund a lesser amount to the amount requested.
  - iii) Option 3 - Not fund.
- 1.2 The Committee will make its decision based on whether the application meets the funding criteria and the funds available to the Committee.
- 1.3 Chapter 82 aims to use the magic of storytelling to create opportunities for children to learn in ways which are meaningful and purposeful. Chapter 82 has worked with families in Gainsborough, children at Eastern Angles, groups of fathers suffering from addiction in Central Ipswich, and work in various local schools. Chapter 82 aims to promote storytelling as a tool for connection, wellbeing and education.
- 1.4 The 'Story sculptures' sessions will take place over four sessions in the 2023 school summer holidays at two key venues in central Ipswich: Ipswich Library and The Hold. The sessions will be two hours long and attended by children in KS2 at school (aged 7-11). The sessions will be free.
- 1.5 The sessions will be facilitated by a storyteller and an artist, both of whom are qualified teachers and experienced in running sessions in a range of settings. Sessions will also be supported by volunteers.
- 1.6 During each session, children will hear a different story and explore and discuss the story with each other and the adults present. They will then work with an artist to produce large cardboard sculptures (masks, or figures) to represent characters in the story. Food will be provided for the children to have a drink and a snack in the session. Children are welcome to attend all the sessions if they wish.
- 1.7 Both new and recycled materials will be used, and leftover materials will be re-used to ensure sustainability.
- 1.8 Consultations with schools (both senior leaders and parents) in Central Ipswich, such as St Helen's, reveal a need for free summer activities, to relieve some financial burden.
- 1.9 Based on consultations, advertisements will be sent directly to local schools in Central Ipswich, alongside on social media. It is estimated 80 children will directly benefit (20 per session x4), in addition to the indirect benefit to parents and volunteers.

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## 2. Links to Area Action Plan

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2.1 Department of Communities and Local Government - Domains of Deprivation:

- **Education, Skills, and Training**, which is an Area Action Plan priority.

2.2 Building a Better Ipswich underlying principles:

- **A Healthy Community**, which is an Area Action Plan priority.
- **An enjoyable place to live, work and study.**

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## 3. Financial implications

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3.1 There is £14,552 remaining unallocated in the Central Area Committee's budget, which is available to fund grant applications.

3.2 Cost breakdown:

Description of expenditure		Cost (£)
Storyteller (£150 per session and £150 prep)		750.00
Artist (£150 per session and £150 prep)		750.00
Materials		400.00
Advertising (leaflets, 2x Facebook ads)		150.00
Refreshments		50.00
Total project costs		<b>£2,100</b>
<b>Total requested from Area Committees</b>	North East	N/A
	North West	N/A
	<b>Central</b>	<b>£2,100</b>
	South East	<b>£1,900</b>
	South West	N/A
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£4,000</b>

3.3 The application to South East Area Committee is for a different project and audience.

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#### **4. Legal Implications**

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- 4.1 The Council has the power to make grants to community projects through the Area Committees. The Area Committees have delegated Executive powers and devolved budgets.
- 4.2 Area Committees have the power to award grants in accordance with part 3, section 2 of the Council's Constitution i.e., the Area Committee terms of reference.
- 4.3 Chapter 82 (registered company number 13731143) has provided its constitution, named officers, proof of bank account, year-end accounts, and safeguarding policy as required by the Area Committee Funding Guidelines.

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#### **5. Risks considered**

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<b>Risk Description</b>	<b>Consequence of risk</b>	<b>Risk Controls</b>	<b>Probability of risk occurring taking account of controls (1: almost impossible - 6: very high)</b>	<b>Impact of risk, if it occurred taking account of actions (1: negligible - 4: catastrophic)</b>
Safeguarding risk to children and vulnerable people	Emotional or physical harm to individual	Safeguarding system  Records check on staff and volunteers	2	3
<b>Actions to mitigate risk</b>	Chapter 82 uses a safeguarding policy to recognise and respond to safeguarding risks.			

Lack of participants	Improper use of public money	Advertisements	2	2
<b>Actions to mitigate risk</b>	Chapter 82 have well established connections with local schools in Central Ipswich and will use targeted approaches both in-person and online. The locations used are easily accessed on foot for most Central residents, and the sessions will be held at large, well known venues.			

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**6. Options**

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- 6.1 Option 1 – Approve allocation of funding of £2,100 to Chapter 82
- 6.2 Option 2 – Approve allocation of less than £2,100 as contribution to the same.
- 6.3 Option 3 – Do not fund.

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**7. Record of Decision taken**

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**8. Exemption from call in (if applicable)**

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I certify that this decision is urgent and therefore exempt from call-in for the following reasons:

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Signed.....

Chair of the Area Committee