

**Scottish arts Council  
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**Planning and Budgeting Context**

**1 Introduction**

1.1 A number of detailed papers are presented for consideration by Council.

1.2 The general context within which these papers should be considered include the following:-

- Grant figures from the Scottish executive are now known. These are fixed up until March 2008 (i.e. for financial years 2005/06, 2006/07 and 2007/08).
- Lottery income is declining in line with our forecasts.
- Core funded organisations absorb approximately 80% of our Scottish Executive grant.
- Core funded organisations expect, under previously agreed procedures, 18 months notice of any major reduction or withdrawal of funding.
- The entire portfolio of core funded organisations will be reviewed by Council over the next twelve months. This will involve agreeing criteria, setting standards, negotiating with partners and consulting where appropriate. This exercise (20:20 Vision) will be done on a cross Council basis using corporate plan aims. The resulting decisions will be notified to organisations in November 2005 giving notice to the end of 2006/07 for any organisation whose funding is to be withdrawn or substantially reduced. All organisations will be measured against agreed criteria and be funded until 31 March 2001.

1.3 The following papers should be viewed within this context.

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