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Dear Mr McLaughlin

Thank you for your letter dated 5 August 2014. I have been away so have only just been able to sit and write to you in order to appeal about the decision.

I think you will appreciate a brief response so, in short, the response that "our services do not sufficiently benefit residents of the district when compared to the cost that awarding relief places on the Council Taxpayer" is really disappointing. We deliver Mintfest to and for the district generating more than one million pounds of economic impact for an investment from the local authority and local taxpayers of £35,000. Our original "agreement" with the local authority was to provide £50,000 local match (combined SLDC and Cumbria County Council local area committee) to the Arts Council England investment of £250,000 to continue to secure the latter for the benefit of the district. In 2013 and 2014 we were offered significantly less than this ie £39,000 and have had to make cuts in our budget whilst maintaining the scale and quality of Mintfest.

I hope you will re-consider our request and look forward to hearing from you.

Best wishes

  
Julie Tait  
Director