



Cabinet 13 February 2013

Recommendations from the Grant Working Party: 11 December 2012 (Feb13/17)

Cabinet Member:
Cllr Robert Everitt

Chairman of the Working Party:
Cllr Sarah Broughton

**1. Rural Initiatives Grant Scheme (RIGS): Application for Project
Funding: 2012/2013 (Report D219)**

RECOMMENDED:-

That a grant of £8,000 be awarded to St Edmund's Archers, Whepstead towards the cost of providing an indoor range with a clubhouse and associated amenities.

Report D219 (previously circulated) was presented to the Working Party, which sought consideration of applications for grant from Hopton Community Swimming Committee and St Edmund's Archers, Whepstead. Officers advised that the estimated cost of the project in both cases is inclusive, and not exclusive, of VAT as stated in the report.

Members in discussing the application from Hopton Community Swimming Committee raised concerns that there was no indication as yet of the County Council's intentions in relation to the project, for example, whether it will be providing financial assistance, and the need for a formal agreement to be entered into regarding the applicants' tenure of the facility. The Working Party feels that other information is required about the proposed management and running costs of the pool and, therefore, consideration of the application stands deferred.

St Edmund's Archers have applied for £10,000 towards an indoor range at Whepstead with a clubhouse and associated amenities, including kitchen and toilet facilities and parking. The building would be 40m x 15m to allow shooting indoors of up to 30 yards. Planning permission has been granted by the Borough Council. The applicants' current facilities are basic and limited and their poor standard had been the main reason why new members are not being sustained. A 25 year lease for the land required has been agreed. In order to develop the club and continue to serve the community, the applicants need to retain more members and to be able to accommodate more people on beginners' courses. The facility will cater for all ages, current members' ages ranged from eight to 78, and for able bodied, and disabled archers

and for those with special needs. The cost of the project is £210,000. Confirmed funding of £2,000 from local donations, £10,000 from Havebury Housing Partnership, and £10,000 from the Bernard Sunley Trust has been obtained. The applicants have to date raised over £6,400 from local fundraising but this has been spent on enabling work for the project. Officers advised that the applicants are hoping to link up and make the facilities available to local schools.

2. Core Funding Applications from Voluntary Organisations 2013/2014 (Report D220)

RECOMMENDED:- That subject to the approval of full Council as part of the budget setting process for 2013/2014:

- (1) Community Action Suffolk be awarded a grant of £18,000, subject to a review after one year, to provide infrastructure support to the voluntary sector in St Edmundsbury and the grant be inclusive of the sum required to cover the cost of the rent of accommodation in Haverhill;***
- (2) no award of core funding be made to St Edmundsbury Newstalk but this organisation be advised to seek funding from Town and Parish Councils;***
- (3) no award of core funding be made to Out and About (inclusion of disabled children and young people in local activities);***
- (4) no award of core funding be made to Bury St Edmunds Foodbank but the applicants be advised to seek funding from Bury St Edmunds Town Council; and***
- (5) Open Road be given a grant of £2,500 for drug and alcohol recovery services in Haverhill, subject to a review after one year in respect of which more financial information and evidence of other funding should be provided.***

Report D220 (previously circulated) was presented to the Working Party which sought consideration of five recommendations in respect of 2013/2014 core funding applications from voluntary organisations. Core Grants Scoring Matrices in respect of new applications were attached as Appendix A to the report.

In line with the Grants Policy, each year the Council awards core funding grants to a variety of organisations. The bulk of the funding has been allocated to organisations for a 4 year period (Report C252 refers). However, some organisations who are not considered to be making a direct contribution to Council service delivery were given notice that they would be provided with funding for a final year in

2012/2013. This approach has given limited opportunity for some new applicants to apply for Core Funding.

The report brought to the Working Party detailed all the applications received requesting funding for 2013/2014.

To assist the Working Party in considering applications and the contribution organisations made to achieving the Council's responsibilities, applicants have been divided into categories. Last year the following headings had been applied to assist Members in making decisions, however, this year there were not applications for every category:

- (a) those that make a direct contribution to Council service delivery;
- (b) voluntary infrastructure organisations;
- (c) Countryside and In Bloom organisations;
- (d) organisations with general charitable objectives; and
- (e) organisations which support Substance Misuse projects

The Working Party noted that due to a number of organisations not receiving year-on-year funding this year, up to £6,050 is available to be allocated to new applications. A total of three new organisations have come forward requesting financial support totalling £18,300 for 2013/2014, one of which had requested £42,000 over three years.

The Working Party also noted that funding of £5,000 has been allocated to projects which supported Substance Misuse issues (Report C254 refers). No applications for this funding were received in 2012/2013, however one organisation has come forward for 2013/2014.

The Working Party then considered each recommendation contained within the report and the Working Party made comments and sought clarification on a number of issues.