

RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Agenda Item No. 7

meeting date: 15 MARCH 2011
title: RECREATION/CULTURE/SPORTS AND ARTS GRANTS
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1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To present the recommendations of the working group in relation to the allocation of grants under Individual Sporting Excellence, Individual Arts Excellence and Recreation/Culture.

1.2 Relevance to the Council Aims / Ambitions

- **Principle Aim** – To be a well-managed council, providing efficient and responsive services, based on identified customer needs.
- **Council Ambitions** -- To make people's lives safer and healthier and, more specifically, to increase opportunities for people to access cultural activities and improve outcomes for children and young people.

2 BACKGROUND

2.1 The Council's Sporting Excellence Grants seek to assist many talented sportsmen and women in their chosen sport, helping towards the expenses associated with competition, training and equipment.

2.2 Arts Excellence awards are a new addition, mirroring the support given through sporting excellence.

2.3 The purpose of Recreation/Culture grants is to provide voluntary organisations with support for events/projects that enhance recreation and cultural provision.

3 ISSUES

The number of applications across all three categories was down on last year. This is owing, in part, to a lack of publicity because of the initial uncertainty on the Council's financial position. This is particularly the case for Arts Excellence grant applications. To help resolve this we have carried out some additional publicity to help generate applications. This does mean, however, that we are unable to present any recommendations with this report, so this will be presented at Committee for approval.

4 RISK ASSESSMENT

Approval of this report may have the following implications:


- **Resources** – There is a sum of £31,796 available within the Recreation/Culture Grants fund (2010/11 allocation plus balance carried forward, and £3,280 transferred to Arts Excellence). There is also an additional £7,000 from a project by Wiswell Parish Council that will not be going ahead. It is proposed that this should be

rounded down to £37,000 with the remainder being transferred to the Ribble Valley in Bloom / Christmas Lights Fund (this would mean there would be £2,455 available to allocate). There is £3,280 available for Sports and Arts excellence grants respectively.

- Technical, Environmental and Legal - none
- Political - none
- **Reputation** – the grants programme is well received within the community, and gives the Council a platform to demonstrate its support for the voluntary sector and young people.

5 RECOMMENDED THAT COMMITTEE

Notes the contents of the report endorses the recommendations of the working group outlined in appendices 1 and 2.



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RECREATION / CULTURE GRANT APPLICATIONS

| APPLICANT | PROJECT DESCRIPTION | TOTAL COSTS | REQUEST | RECOMENDATION |
|------------------------------------|--|-------------|---------|--|
| Longridge Band | Purchase of computer/printer | £933 | £600 | £600 |
| VEG, Downham | Provision of 4 SPOT ON Touring shows | £2050 | £550 | Guarantee against loss up to £550 |
| Ribchester Festival | Provision of annual festival | £39,300 | £4,000 | £4000 |
| Ribble Valley Netball Club | Summer coaching programme | £2864 | £464 | £464 |
| Mellor Table tennis Club | Table Tennis Table | £800 | £400 | £400 |
| Valley Gigs | Streetfest/Sheepfest | | £700 | £700 |
| Clitheroe Youth Forum | Entry into Street Games competition | £750 | £750 | £250 to cover entry fee |
| Stage Two Downham | Garment Rails | £70 | £70 | £70 |
| Ribchester Playing Fields Trust | Storage Facility | £12,342 | £4,500 | £4,500 subject to other funding being confirmed |
| Clitheroe Concerts Society | Annual concert programme | | £350 | £350 |
| Ribble Valley Choir | Contribution to concerts programme | £430 | £200 | £200 |
| Read Cricket Club | Clubhouse e-development | £321,000 | £10,000 | £10,000 subject to other funding being confirmed |
| Clitheroe Cricket and Bowling Club | Improvements to seating areas/shelters | £5,420 | £500 | £500 |

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| Ribble Valley Rangers F.C | Equipment/Travel Costs | £840 | £420 | £200 |
| Langho Football Club | Contribution to lease costs | £750 | £750 | £750 – part of a 3 year funding package previously agreed by committee |
| Sabden Live | Contribution to music festival | £2650 | £2650 | Late application – to be determined |
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RECOMMENDATION: THAT THE COMMITTEE SHOULD APPROVE THE ABOVE FUNDING APPLICATIONS.

SPORTING EXCELLENCE GRANTS 2011

| NAME | AGE | SPORT | CATAGORY | AWARD |
|---------------------|-----|--------------------------|----------|--------------|
| Charlie Dewhurst | 11 | Cricket | 1 | £100 |
| Jennifer key | 19 | Hockey | 2 | £150 |
| William Murray | 13 | Swimming/Fencing/Javelin | 2 | £150 |
| Tim Le Breton | 17 | Cricket | 2 | £150 |
| Jack Dewhurst | 17 | Cricket | 2 | £150 |
| Ronan Connelly | 11 | Skiing | 3 | £200 |
| Elizabeth Highton | 20 | Fencing | 3 | £200 |
| Connor Byrne | 14 | Rock Climbing | 3 | £200 |
| Mathew Hargreaves | 17 | Swimming | 3 | £200 |
| Elizabeth Greenwood | 12 | Modern Pentathlon | 3 | £200 |
| Samantha Murray | 21 | Modern Pentathlon | 4 | £250 |
| TOTAL | | | | £2150 |

- Category 1 – Achieving county standard at age group
- Category 2 – consistently achieving county standard/verge of regional standard
- Category 3 – Regional standard/verge of national standing
- Category 4 – National standard