ITEM 21



Report of the Director of Education

Grants to Sports and Community Groups

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.1 To approve the application for grant aid to two voluntary sports organisations as identified below and as detailed at Appendix 2 and 3:
 - Derby Athletic Club £5,528
 - Derby Phoenix Swimming Club £1,500
- 1.2 To approve the application for grant aid to six Voluntary and Special Needs Playschemes as identified below and as detailed at Appendices 4 and 5:

•	Jigsaw Playscheme	£2,005
•	Lord Street Community Nursery School	£2,000
•	PATCH Barnardos Playscheme	£2,000
•	Derby West Indian C.A. Playscheme	£2,010
•	Peartree Playscheme	£3,100
•	Boulton St Mary's Church	£1,000

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

2. The organisations applying for grant aid meet the Council's conditions, rules and financial regulations for grant funding schemes, as detailed in Section 3 of the Grants to Voluntary and Community Groups information pack.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 3.1 The Derby Athletic Club provides training and coaching for athletes and officials of all ages. They also promote and organise league, club, school and international athletic events.
- 3.2 The Derby Phoenix Swimming Club provides training, coaching and competition in swimming for children and adults. It also provides the opportunity for children and adults to learn to swim and the opportunity for members to obtain coaching and officiating qualifications.
- 3.3 The Voluntary and Special Needs Playschemes provide a safe and stimulating environment for children, including those with disabilities, during the summer holidays. Children between 3 and 16 years will be able to attend various schemes across the City.

3.4 The Playschemes are monitored by the Community and Grant Support Officer who visits all of the funded schemes. In addition, the scheme organiser is asked to provide details of attendances, police checks on staff, a timetable of activities and the Ofsted report if the scheme requires one. Feedback from last year's Playschemes showed that all of the schemes were running at or near to full capacity and comments from parents were very positive. The Ofsted reports were satisfactory for the Peartree and Jigsaw schemes, good for the PATCH Barnardos and Derby West Indian Playschemes and very good for Lord Street Nursery.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

4. The Regeneration Co-ordinator in the External Funding Unit of Derby City Partnership has been consulted on the grant applications. It is considered that the projects do not meet the necessary funding criteria for the National Lottery 'Awards for All Scheme' and that no other source of funding is currently available.

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Background papers: List of appendices:	Grant Application Form Appendix 1 – Implications Appendix 2 – Derby Athletic Club Appendix 3 – Derby Phoenix Swimming Club Appendix 4 – Voluntary Special Needs Playschemes Appendix 5 – Voluntary Playschemes

IMPLICATIONS

Financial

- 1.1 The annual revenue budget for grants to voluntary sports organisations for 2005/06 is £23,616. So far this financial year £6,500 has been committed, leaving a balance of £17,116.
- 1.2 The annual revenue budget for grants to Voluntary and Special Needs Playschemes for 2005/06 is £21,012. No grants have been awarded so far this financial year.

Legal

2. Powers to fund these schemes are granted under Section 19 Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976.

Personnel

3. None.

Equalities impact

- 4.1 Grants are available to all sections of the community for schemes that will benefit the citizens of Derby.
- 4.2 The Voluntary and Special Needs Playschemes provide for children with special needs, physical disabilities and learning difficulties and give support to their families during the school holiday period.
- 4.3 The Voluntary Playschemes provide active social learning for disadvantaged young people.

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

5. The proposal comes under the Council's Objectives of a stimulating and high quality learning environment, healthy, safe and independent communities and a lively and energetic cultural life. The grant aiding of local sports organisations, community organisations and voluntary and special needs playschemes helps to provide a range of sporting and community based activities for the people of Derby and visitors to the City.

GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY SPORTS ORGANISATIONS

DERBY ATHLETIC CLUB

- 1 Derby Athletic Club was established in September 2002 by the amalgamation of Derby and County Athletic Club and Derby Ladies Athletic Club. The Club provides training, coaching and competition in athletics, primarily for the residents of Derby. The Club is based at Moorways Stadium, which they use for training every Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday throughout the year. They also hold several major athletic events during the summer months.
- 2 The Club works closely with the Council's Sports Development Unit and Education Officer - PE and School Sport and contributes to the development of athletics in Derby in the following ways:
 - Club coaches coach in primary schools in the City including Special Educational Needs Units and special schools. The Club also provides workshops and advice for teachers to run their own athletic events.
 - Last year the Club put on Cross Country League and Relay Championships for primary and secondary schools. The Club has also put over 550 children through the Club's Induction Coaching Scheme since 2003.
 - The Club has become heavily involved with the community during the past year in coaching and strategic planning for the development of athletics in Derby.
 - It has co-operated with the management of Moorways Sports Complex including preparation for Sportshall Athletics Programme on Saturdays and during the holidays. It has assisted with security during athletics events and the development of Moorways as a Centre of Excellence for athletics.
- 3 The Club has 450 members, the majority living in Derby. They are seeking grant aid of £5,528 towards the cost of hire of Moorways Stadium to enable them to continue their coaching and training programme. The Income and Expenditure account at 31 December 2003 showed the Club has assets of £28,969, of this £20,000 is held in a bond for repair/replacement of premises.
- 4 Prior to amalgamation, the Clubs received an annual grant from the City Council for many years, last year the Club received a grant of £7,125.
- 5 It is recommended that the Club is granted £5,528 subject to meeting the following specific conditions:
 - The Club continues to consult and work with the Council's Education Officer PE and School Sport, Sports Development Unit, Partnership Development Managers and School Sports Co-ordinators to strengthen links with schools and disabled people's organisations.
 - The Club continues to support the development of athletics in the City by carrying on with the projects identified at Paragraph 2.
 - The grant award is paid direct to the Moorways Stadium Account.

GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY SPORTS ORGANISATIONS

DERBY PHOENIX SWIMMING CLUB

The Club was established in 1959 and provides training, coaching and competition in swimming for children and adults in the Derby area. It also provides the opportunity for children and adults from the local community to learn to swim, and provides the opportunity for members to obtain coaching and officiating qualifications.

The Club is liaising with the Derwent Community Team with a view to setting up swimming lessons for children in the Derwent area. It is also involved in the Swimming Focus Group for Derby and the Derby Sports Forum.

The Club has 200 members, 190 living in Derby.

They are applying for grant aid of £6,000 to assist with the cost of hire of swimming facilities at Moorways Pool, Queen's Leisure Centre, Woodlands School, Repton School and Lonsdale University. The total hire costs for the full year are £30,314. The cost of hiring facilities at Moorways and Queen's Leisure Centre is £5,071.

The Club was awarded £1,500 in 2004 to assist with the cost of hiring facilities.

The Club income and expenditure account at 31 September 2004 showed it had liquid assets of £3,139.

It is recommended that the Club is granted £1,500 towards the cost of hire of facilities at Moorways Pool and Queen's Leisure Centre, subject to the following specific conditions:

- The Club continues to consult with the Council's Education Officer PE and School Sport and Sport Development Unit to strengthen links with schools.
- The Club continues to liaise with the Derwent Community Team with a view to setting up swimming lessons for children in the Derwent area.
- The Club continues to co-operate with the development of Derventio Excel.

VOLUNTARY SPECIAL NEEDS PLAYSCHEMES

Voluntary Special Needs Playschemes	Duration of Scheme	Number of Children	Ages of Children	Additional Information	Grant 2004/2005	Applied for 2005/2006	Grant Recommended 2005/2006
Jigsaw Playscheme Keldholme Community Centre	4 weeks	35 – 40	21⁄2 - 10	Children with learning and physical disabilities	£2,042	£2,005	£2,005
Lord Street Community Nursery School	10 days	Total 86, 35 each session	3 – 7	Children with special needs – children in need	£1,920	£2,595	£2,000
PATCH Play at the Community House – Barnardos	4 weeks	88	3 – 11	Children with behavioural problems	N/A	£2,252	£2,000

VOLUNTARY PLAYSCHEME GRANTS

Playschemes Name	Duration of Scheme	Number of Children	Ages of Children	Additional Information	Grant 2004/2005	Applied for 2005/2006	Grant Recommended 2005/2006
Derby West Indian CA Playscheme	4 weeks	50	7 – 16	Summer School providing active social learning for disadvantaged young people	£1,950	£3,000	£2,010
Peartree Playscheme	4 weeks 10 – 2	80 – 100	4 – 12	To provide a Playscheme for disadvantaged children	£3,000	£27,610	£3,100
Boulton St Mary's Church	1 week	70	5 – 10	To provide a safe and caring environment for children, which includes drama, team games, puppets and crafts	£1,000	£1,000	£1,000

The conditions of the grant are that the above organisations will:

- Supply the Council with their Ofsted registration number prior to the start of the playscheme
- Supply the Council with a copy of any Ofsted reports on their scheme
- Ensure that all play staff are enhanced CRB checked

Applicants will also be encouraged to work with the Council's Community and Play section who can offer support and advice