



## **Grants for Supplementary Language Classes 2004/2005**

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 1.1 To approve payment of grant to supplementary school classes for 2004/2005 as detailed in the appendix to this report.
- 1.2 To refer the report to the Minority Ethnic Communities Advisory Committee for information and comment.

### **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 The establishment of a process to pay grants for supplementary language classes at the beginning of the financial year from 2004/2005, in line with other Council grants, was approved by Cabinet on 18 March 2003.
- 2.2 The payment of grants for supplementary language classes ensures continued provision of support for language and cultural values to children.

### **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

- 3.1 Financial support has been provided to supplementary classes since 1997 by the City Council, and previously by the County Council.
- 3.2 The purpose of the grant is to enable minority communities to develop structured opportunities to pass on language and cultural values to their children. It was considered that such classes complemented the education provided by schools, affording opportunities for children to develop understanding and pride in their culture, consistent with the Council's Equal Opportunities policy.
- 3.3 The City Council information packs for voluntary groups will be sent out to eligible organisations in November/December 2004 for grant applications for 2005/2006. These will include organisations who have historically received a grant and show continuing need for support. All eligible organisations will be required to submit information in line with established grant conditions and criteria. This will include submission of accounts, supported by invoices for audit purposes and information from the attendance register.

3.4 Grant approval is subject to use of funding for the following purposes:

- purchasing of language books and educational materials.
- purchasing of essential furniture
- payment to teachers or instructors
- the hiring of premises

3.5 Grant requests will normally be submitted to Cabinet in February/March each year, subject to relevant budget approval. Grants will then be paid to groups in April/May of each financial year. There has been a delay in the submission of grant requests to Cabinet this year due to staff absence.

3.6 Organisers receiving grant are required to submit an annual report of their activities to the Director of Education and to keep attendance registers which can be made available to named authorised officers.

3.7 A review of the overall process for the allocation of grants for 2005/2006 within the context of the agreed budget level will be carried out in the Autumn term 2004. It will be referred to the Minority Ethnic Communities Advisory Committee for consultation and comment. The process will consider monitoring procedures, opportunities to develop curriculum links further with mainstream schools and access to a range of Education Service training provision.

3.8 The proposed grant allocations to individual organisations for 2004/2005 are summarised in Appendix 2.

#### **OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

4.1 Consideration has been given to the level of grant and continuation for each organisation, and expenditure is monitored as noted in the report.

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<b>List of appendices:</b>	Appendix 1 – Implications Appendix 2 – Proposed Grants 2004-05

<b>IMPLICATIONS</b>
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**Financial**

- 1.1 Eligible groups must comply with the City Council's general rules and conditions on grant support. Grant is payable directly to organisations concerned, subject to submission of accounts, supported by invoices for audit purposes. In the current financial year no new groups have requested grant to support supplementary language classes. Four organisations, previously in receipt of grant, did not submit applications for the current year. It would be difficult to meet any additional requests within the current budget allocation without some redistribution.
- 1.2 Support to supplementary classes is allocated using criteria approved by Education Committee in 1997. A base budget of £12,118 is available to eligible groups in 2004/5. The base budget has been under pressure for some years and is not able to absorb the rent costs of two supported groups. Historically, savings have been used from elsewhere within the Access Service to fund the remainder of the proposed allocations and this will again need to happen in 2004/05. This cannot, however, continue to be sustained.
- 1.3 In the forthcoming budget round for 2005/2006 only the agreed budget level of £12,118 will be available for allocation. This will have implications for those groups who have been supported with rent costs over the past years. A review of accommodation needs is required with affected groups to reduce the overall level of rent costs.

**Legal**

- 2 None directly arising from this report.

**Personnel**

- 3 None directly arising from this report.

**Equalities impact**

- 4 The activities contribute to supporting the cultural and language heritages of different groups in the city. The work also contributes to raising pupils' understanding, self-esteem and standards of attainment.

## **Corporate objectives and priorities for change**

- 5 This work links to the Council's objective of making Derby a city of education with strong positive neighbourhoods and protecting and supporting people. It supports the Council's priorities to tackle under-achievement in schools and to enhance its community leadership role through partnership working and listening to, and communication with, the public.

**Access Service****Appendix 2****Grants to Supplementary Language Classes -  
2004-05**

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>2004-05 Grant £</b>	<b>Proposed **Rent £</b>
Guru Arjan Dev Gurdwara	1,238	10,669
Ramgarhia Sabha Sikh Temple	1,238	661
Jamia Mosque	1,735	-
Derby West Indian Community Assoc.	495	-
Chinese Welfare Association	868	-
Polish Community Assoc.	397	-
Ukranian Assoc.	186	-
Derby Bosnia-Hercegovinia Comm. Assoc.	402	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6,558</b>	<b>11,330</b>

\*\*Rent costs based on 2003-04 Actuals

	£
<b>Grants for 2004/05</b>	<b>12,118</b>
<b>Shortfall due to rent charges</b>	<b>5,770</b>
<b>Total grant required</b>	<b>17,888</b>