



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL CABINET
6 APRIL 2004

Report of the Director of Education

Grants to Sports and Community Groups

RECOMMENDATION

- 1.1 To approve the application for grant aid to Derby Phoenix Swimming Club for £1500 as detailed at Appendix 2.
- 1.2 To approve the application for grant aid to Brackens Bowls Club for £1,268 as detailed at Appendix 3.
- 1.3 To approve the application for grant aid to two voluntary community organisations as detailed below and at Appendix 4 and 5.
 - Chaddo Community Organisation - £4,000
 - Oakwood Community Association - £1,300

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The organisations applying for grant aid meet the Council's criteria and objectives for grant funding schemes.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 3.1 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 qualification.
- 3.2 Brackens Bowls Club provides opportunities for the local community to play crown green bowls at a Council owned facility. The Club also provides volunteers to teach bowls to disabled people from the Wetherby Centre.
- 3.3 The Community Organisations provide social, educational and cultural events for the benefit of the people who live in the vicinity.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 4.1 The application from the two voluntary sports organisations and from Oakwood Community Association do not meet the necessary funding criteria for the National Lottery 'Awards for All Scheme'.

- 4.2 CHADD0 Community Organisation has submitted an application to the New Deal for Communities and the Area Panel to part fund the project. The total cost of the project is estimated to be over £10,000.

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Background papers:

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Grant Application Form
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IMPLICATIONS

Financial

- 1.1 The annual revenue budget for grants to voluntary sports organisations for 2004/05 is £22,995. No grants have been awarded so far this financial year.
- 1.2 The annual revenue budget for grants to outside bodies and organisations for 2004/5 is £17,937. 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.

Corporate Themes and Priorities

- 4.1 The grant aiding of local sports and community groups helps to provide a range of sporting and community based activities for the people of Derby supporting the Council's objective of making Derby a city of - **leisure activities**.
- 4.2 It also satisfies the Council's objective of making Derby a city of - **integrated, cost effective services** that respond to customers and community needs.

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 currently holding discussions with the Derwent Community Team with a view to setting up swimming lessons for children in the Derwent area.

The Club has 200 members, 190 of who live 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 is £29,900. The cost of hiring facilities at Moorways and Queen's Leisure Centre is £4,344.

The Club were awarded £1,516 in 2003 to assist with the cost of hiring facilities.

The Club income and expenditure account at 31 September 2002 showed they had liquid assets of £2,199.

It is recommended that the Club be 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 PE Adviser 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 Derwentio Excel (Club X).

GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY SPORTS ORGANISATIONS

BRACKENS BOWLS CLUB

This organisation provides opportunities for the local community to play crown green bowls at a Council owned facility on Boulton Lane, in the Boulton Ward of Derby.

The Club was formed in 1960 and currently has 103 members, 94 of who live in Derby. Club members assist the Council with community initiatives and currently provide volunteer staff for a scheme to teach bowls to disabled people from the Wetherby Centre.

In recent years the Club has suffered increasingly from intruders and vandalism. They have applied for grant aid to provide additional security at the facility, which will:

- reduce maintenance and repair costs
- reduce insurance premiums
- increase confidence of all facility users
- reduce callouts to the Police

The Club was awarded £4,000 in 2001 to improve facilities at the Clubhouse.

The Club income and expenditure account at 31 December 2003 showed they had liquid assets of £9,952.

The total cost of the project is £2,268 to which the Club is willing to make a contribution of £1,000. The project includes:

- anti-climb measures on perimeter fencing
- security cameras and equipment
- security grilles

It is recommended that the organisation be granted £1,268 towards the cost of the project subject to the following specific conditions:

- the Club continues with the scheme to teach bowls to disabled people from the Wetherby Centre
- the Club consults with the Council's Sport Development Unit and PE Adviser to strengthen links with schools and disabled people's organisations
- the Club provides receipts to cover the whole cost of the project
- all security measures introduced are approved by the Director of Commercial Services

GRANTS TO COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS

CHADDO Community Association

CHADDO Community Association is a small voluntary organisation, which manages Roe Farm Community Centre. The community centre is owned by Derby City Council. The committee works very hard organising many fund raising events. Its objectives are to promote the benefit of the inhabitants of the surrounding area and to provide facilities in the interest of social welfare and leisure time occupation.

No individual or group is excluded whatever their nationality, creed, colour, religion or disability.

CHADDO is seeking a grant of £4,000 to cover part of the cost of renovating the community centre's toilets, which are very dilapidated and in urgent need of improvement. It will also include improvements to the current disabled person's toilet. The total cost of the project is estimated to be over £10,000.

The association has sought funding from New Deal for Communities and from the Area Panel to fund the main part of this project.

The association had a balance of £1,076 at the end of March 2003. This represents less than one year's running costs for the centre.

It is recommended that the association be awarded grant aid of £4,000 to cover part of the cost of the project.

GRANTS TO COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS

Oakwood Community Association

Oakwood Community Association owns and manages Oakwood Community Centre. Their objectives are to promote the benefit of the inhabitants of the surrounding area and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare and leisure-time occupation.

No individual or group is excluded whatever their nationality, creed, colour, religion or disability.

Oakwood Community Centre is a very well used building with a wide range of community groups.

Oakwood Community Association is applying for £1,300 funding to cover the cost of ground rent.

The Association had a balance of £13,388 on 31 January 2003, which represents less than one year's running costs.

The Association has received grant aid for their ground rent for the past two years.

It is recommended that the Association be awarded grant aid of £1,300 to cover the cost of ground rent.

