



Grants to Sports and Community Groups

RECOMMENDATION

- 1.1 To approve the application for grant aid to two voluntary sports organisations as detailed below and at Appendices 2 and 3:
- Derby Athletic Club £7,125
 - North of England Athletic Association £3,450
- 1.2 To approve the application for grant aid to Heatherton Community Association for £4,000 as detailed at Appendix 5.
- 1.3 To approve the application for grant aid to five Voluntary and Special Needs Playschemes as detailed below and at Appendices 6 and 7:
- Jigsaw Playscheme £2,042
 - Lord Street Community Nursery School £1,920
 - Derby West Indian C.A. Playscheme £1,950
 - Peartree Playscheme £3,000
 - Boulton St Mary's Church £1,000

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 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 North of England Athletic Association encourages, promotes and develops athletics in the region as well as co-staging competitions, meetings, championships and events.
- 3.3 Heatherton Community Association has been formed to manage the Heatherton Community Centre, which is currently being built. When completed the Centre will provide social, educational and cultural events for the benefit of the people who live in the vicinity.

- 3.4 The Voluntary and Special Needs Playschemes provide a safe and stimulating environment for able bodied and children with disabilities during the summer holidays. Children between 7 and 16 years will be able to attend various schemes across the city.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 4.1 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: Grant Application Form
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Appendix 2 – Derby Athletic Club
Appendix 3 – North of England Athletic Association
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IMPLICATIONS

Financial

- 1.1 The annual revenue budget for grants to voluntary sports organisations for 2004/05 is £22,995. So far this financial year £3,668 has been committed, leaving a balance of £19,327.
- 1.2 The annual revenue budget for grants to Voluntary and Special Needs Playschemes for 2004/05 is £20,460. 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 Grants are available to all sections of the community for schemes that will benefit the citizens of Derby.

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

- 5.1 The proposal comes under the Council's Objectives of **commercial and leisure activities**. The grant aiding of local sports organisations and Voluntary and Special Needs Playschemes helps to provide a range of sporting and community based activities for the people of Derby.
- 5.2 The proposal furthers the priority of **enhancing our community leadership role through partnership working and listening to, and communicating with, the public**.

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 it uses for training every Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday throughout the year. It also holds several major athletic events during the summer months.
- 2 The Club works closely with the Sports Development Unit and PE Adviser and contributes to the development of athletics in Derby in the following ways:
 - Club coaches now coach in ten primary schools in the City including Dale Primary and the Newton's Walk Unit.
 - Last year the Club put on Cross Country League and Relay Championships for primary and secondary schools in which there were over 1,000 participants at the four events.
 - The Club is in the process of producing a Club Development Plan, which, with the agreement of the City Council, will guide the athletics programme in Derby for the next twelve years.
 - A project to put on a combined schools-club event for primary schools using Agility Challenge and the Norwich Union Shine Awards is currently being planned.
- 3 The Club has 450 members, 360 of who live in Derby. It is seeking grant aid of £7,125 towards the cost of hire of Moorways Stadium to enable it to continue its coaching and training programme. The Income and Expenditure account at 31 December 2003 showed the Club has liquid assets of £23,398, of this £18,000 is for repair/replacement of premises.
- 4 Prior to amalgamation, the clubs have received an annual grant from the City Council for many years. Last year they received a combined grant of £6,925.
- 5 It is recommended that the Club be granted £7,125 subject to meeting the following specific conditions:
 - The Club continues to consult and work with the Council's PE Adviser and Sports Development Unit 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 being paid direct to the Moorways Stadium Account.

GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY SPORTS ORGANISATIONS

NORTH OF ENGLAND ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

This organisation was formed in 1992 to encourage, promote and develop athletics in the region as well as co-stage competitions, meetings, championships and events.

It is seeking grant aid from the Council for £3,450 to assist with the cost of staging an Under 23 International Athletics Match at Moorways Stadium in August 2004. This is a prestigious event, which attracts top British international class athletes and receives extensive media coverage.

The cost of the event, estimated at £8,150, outweighs the envisaged income and it is for that reason it is seeking assistance from the Council. The event has been held at Moorways since 1999 and last year the Association was awarded £2,450.

The income and expenditure account for year ended 30 April 2003 showed the Association had £8,095 surplus for the year.

The organisation has based its request for grant aid on the same hire costs associated with last year's event. This year the charge for hiring the facility will be higher, as it will include staff time taken to set up, dismantle equipment and supervise the event.

With this in mind, it is recommended that the Association receive the full amount of grant aid requested, £3,450, subject to the following conditions:

- that £1,000 is used to cover the cost of hiring facilities and additional staffing.
- as in previous years, it provides 150 free admission tickets to be distributed to school children in the city.

GRANTS TO COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS

HEATHERTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Heatherton Community Association has been formed by local volunteers to manage the Heatherton Community Centre, which is currently being built. Work commenced in March 2004 and will be completed by December 2004. The objectives of the Association are to promote the benefit of the inhabitants of Heatherton Village and the surrounding area.

Membership of the Association is open to all residents of the Heatherton area. No individual or group is excluded whatever their nationality, creed, colour, religion or disability.

Heatherton Community Association is seeking a grant of £4,000 towards the costs of internal furnishings including:

- tables
- chairs
- carpets
- curtains
- kitchen equipment
- storage cupboards.

There has been no provision for essential internal furnishings and equipment, without which the centre cannot function. It is anticipated that once the centre is open, the running costs will be met from income generated by activities using the centre.

The Association's only source of income at present is through membership fees and at the end of January 2004 it had a balance of £140.

It is recommended that the Association is awarded a one-off grant of £4,000 towards the cost of internal furnishings and equipment.

Voluntary Special Needs Playschemes

Voluntary Special Needs Playschemes	Duration of Scheme	Number of Children	Ages of Children	Additional Information	Grant 2003 – 2004	Applied for 2004 – 2005	Recommended
Jigsaw Playscheme	4 weeks	35 - 40	2½ - 10	Children with learning and physical disabilities	£1,896	£2,042	£2,042
Lord Street Community Nursery School	10 days	86	3 - 7	Children with special needs – children in need	£1,829	£1,920	£1,920
Voluntary Special Needs Grants Budget Total							£3,962

Voluntary Playschemes Grants

Playscheme Name	Duration of Scheme	Number of Children	Ages of Children	Additional Information	Grant 2003 – 2004	Applied for 2004 – 2005	Recommended
Derby West Indian C.A. Playscheme	4 weeks	50	7 - 16		£1,950	£1,950	£1,950
Peartree Playscheme	4 weeks 10 - 2	80 - 100	4 - 12		£2,785	£3,000	£3,000
Boulton St Mary's Church	1 week	70	5 - 10		£500	£1000	£1,000
Voluntary Playschemes Grants Budget Total							£5,950

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
- Notify the Early Years Development and Childcare Team (EYDCT) of the playschemes.

Applicants will also be encouraged to work with EYDCT.