

BRECKLAND COUNCIL

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE MEMBER OF COMMUNITIES AND PLACE SHAPING to the CABINET: 8TH JUNE 2010

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BRECKLAND COUNCIL GRANT FUNDING: FUNDING ROUND 1 2010

1. Purpose of Report

This report summarises the funding recommendations that were made by the Grant Panel for funding round 1 of the 2010/11 financial year which was held on Friday 30th April 2010. This report summarises the funding decisions that were made by the Panel and to summarise the match funding grants approved through delegated decisions.

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that Cabinet:

- 2.1 Note for information the grants awarded under the Match Funding scheme, Pride in Breckland, Access Arts, Activity and Gifted & Talented Grant schemes

Note: In preparing this report, due regard has been had to equality of opportunity, human rights, prevention of crime and disorder, environmental and risk management considerations as appropriate. Relevant officers have been consulted in relation to any legal, financial or human resources implications and comments received are reflected in the report.

3. Information, Issues and Options

3.1 Background

- 3.1.1 As detailed in an earlier Cabinet report 4th August 2009 all funding applications for Breckland Council Match Funding, Pride in Breckland grants, Activity grants, Green grants and Gifted and Talented grants are now reviewed by a Grant Funding Panel prior to consideration by Cabinet.

- 3.1.2 This approach ensures that: -

- a) A strategic and joined-up approach is taken to grant giving
- b) Maximum funding opportunities are available to applicants
- c) A clear audit trail aligned to the Authority's priorities is maintained
- d) A consistent approach is taken to grant giving across the Authority

- 3.1.2 The first meeting of the 2010/11 financial year has taken place and all applications received prior to this date have been considered.

3.2 Issues

Match Funding

- 3.2.1 Six applications for Match Funding under the small grant scheme have been submitted to Breckland Council prior to the Grant Funding Panel meeting on the 30th April 2010 of which five has been successful through a delegated decision.

1) North Tuddenham Recycling Scheme

- 3.2.2 £1600 of capital match funding has been awarded to North Tuddenham Parish Council to develop a small recycling facility within the village. The facility will provide local residents with a means to recycle waste which would otherwise go to landfill and eliminate the need for local residents to travel long distances to dispose of waste. The scheme aims to increase recycling, and in turn generate funds for local

community projects through the sale of reclaimed items and through Norfolk County Council's Recycling Credits scheme.

2) Bawdeswell Toddler and Pre-School Play Area

3.2.5 Bawdeswell parish Council has been successful with their grant application of £2,000 of capital match funding to supply and install new play equipment in the village for children aged 8 and under. This funding will enable the local community to develop the range of play equipment accessible to their residents, and compliment their existing play area.

3.2.7 3) Swanton Morley Youth Football Club

A £1800 of match funding has awarded to Swanton Morley Youth Football Club to enable them to purchase kit, training equipment and for the volunteers to gain coaching qualifications. The new club aims to enter teams into the South Norfolk leagues for children aged 6-14years.

3.2.8 4) Shropham Bowls Club

Shropham Bowls Club has been successful with a small capital match funding grant of £1237.50 to purchase a new lawn mower for their club. This will enable them to keep the lawns up to current specifications set out by the English Bowling Association and is also necessary for the club to remain competing in their leagues.

3.2.9 5) Mattishall Cricket Club

A £500 match funding grant has been awarded to Mattishall Cricket Club to help purchase a new storage facility for their equipment. The club has expanded in teams recently, and this will help them keep their equipment secure whilst not in use.

Grants Awarded

Pride in Breckland Grant Scheme:

North Tuddenham Memorial Project

A £250 grant has been awarded to North Tuddenham Parish Council to dedicate a memorial to the crew of an American B24 bomber which crashed in North Tuddenham during the 2nd World War. This will help educate the local community and visitors on a historic event that once took place in the village and helps remember those that lost lives during World War II. This project will also create better access to North Tuddenham Common.

St Peters Church, Thetford

Due to the recent purchase of St Peters Church in Thetford, the Town Council have been successful in their application for £250 to enhance the appearance of the front of the church by replacing the lavender bushes and other plants. The church is due to have extensive refurbishment, and with the assistance of the Pride in Breckland Grant, it will add to the overall improvement of Thetford town.

Breckles Churchyard wall repair

A grant of £245 has been awarded to Breckles Parish Council to assist with the repair of Breckles Church wall. Volunteers have dedicated many hours to tidying up the churchyard area and this repair will complete the project and improve the landscape surrounding the church.

North Tuddenham Medieval Summer Fayre

A £250 grant has been awarded to North Tuddenham Church Committee to host a weekend of music, fun, competitions as well as an opportunity to showcase the history of the area, bring together the local community and encourage the sale of local goods.

Guiding 100yr Celebrations project, Thetford.

Due to the 100yr celebrations of Girl guiding, a £250 grant has been awarded to the Trefoil

Guild in Thetford to commemorate this centenary milestone by planting flowers to create the Girl Guiding and Brownies emblems in Riverside Walk, Thetford.

Access Arts:

Front Porch

A grant of £497.21 has been awarded to 2 musicians who live within Breckland and require funds to build a set to enable them programme gigs within the district and to add to their performance. Their programme will include many performances across the Breckland district of which residents can attend.

Oliver Haylett

Oliver has been awarded a grant of £200 to help with costs associated to a trip with Norfolk County Youth Orchestra to Serbia. Oliver has shown great passion for music and this trip would show great development opportunities for the future.

Thetford Academy of Dramatic Art

A grant of £339.36 has been awarded to Thetford Academy of Dramatic Art to purchase a CD player/mixer to enhance the music department, musical theatre tuition and lesson plans. They provide a Saturday class for 9-13 year olds to learn communications skills through drama and music.

Teddy Bear picnic (Thetford Festival)

As part of the Thetford Festival, Thetford Town Council are hosting a Teddy Bears Picnic which will involve local artists working with children in the Thetford schools to build many of the visual elements of the event. A grant of £250 has been awarded to help with the costs of the artists.

Gifted and Talented:

Liam Craigie

Liam is new to his sport of Gymnastics but has shown remarkable promise in the 12 months since entering his field. He has finished 2nd in the Norfolk championships in his first competition and a gifted and talented grant of £250 which has been awarded will assist with the cost of training and competitions fees for the future.

Joe Ground

Joe is the current British Indoor Champion for Archery and has set new records within Norfolk recently. He is planning on becoming the Outdoor Champion for his age groups with the view to being promoted to the national squad in 2 years time. A £450 grant has been awarded to enable him to participate in further professional lessons for his development.

Emily Davis

Emily has achieved the role of Captain of both East of England RFUW (Rugby) and the Saracens RFUW suggesting that she not only has the technical ability but also a manner which positively influences others in a team. She has been awarded £250 towards the costs of training and transport fees in order for her to continue her development within this sport.

Activity Grant:

Banham Integrate Youth for Christ

A grant of £500 has been awarded to Banham Youth for Christ to provide a computer games area in the youth café currently in Banham and will help to reduce incidents of anti-social behaviour in the village.

3.2 Options

- This report is for information only.

3.3 Recommendations

1. No recommendations applicable.

4. **Risk and Financial Implications**

4.1 Risk

- 4.1.2 No risk identified.

4.2 Financial

- 4.2.1 No proforma's required.

6. **Other Implications**

Equalities: None

- a) Section 17, Crime & Disorder Act 1998: None
- b) Section 40, Natural Environment & Rural Communities Act 2006: None
- c) Human Resources: None
- d) Human Rights: None
- e) Other: [e.g. Children's Act 2004] None

7. **Alignment to Council Priorities**

1. Building Safer and Stronger Communities:
 - Promote the sense of community belonging and pride
 - Contribute to improving the health of our district
2. Environment:
 - Protect and improve Breckland natural environment and resources
3. Prosperous Communities:
 - Develop flourishing rural communities
 - Protect and enhance our town centres

8. **Ward/Community Affected**

- 8.1.1 Thetford, Breckles, East Giltcross, Two Rivers , Swanton Morley, Wayland, and Eynsford

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Key Decision Status (Executive Decisions only): not a key decision

Appendices attached to this report:

None