

BRECKLAND COUNCIL

Report of the Strategic Director - Services to

Policy Development Review Panel 2 – 27 November 2008

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Gifted and Talented update report

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide an overview and update of the Gifted and Talented Grant Scheme.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 None. This report is for information purposes.

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 The Gifted and Talented grant scheme was approved in early 2008 as part of the match funding review. A funding pot of £10k was ring fenced to support sports and arts individuals, teams or groups who satisfied set criteria as outlined in the guidance document. The standard was set at regional representation level for sports people or equivalent for the arts.

- 3.1.2 The new scheme was promoted through Breckland Voice and through sports and arts networks creating an initial surge of interest from the public. Between April and August approximately 30 application forms were sent out following telephone and email enquiries.

3.2 Issues

- 3.2.1 Since the scheme was launched there has been more interest from sports sector than there has from the arts. To date 8 gifted and talented grants totalling £4000 have been awarded to individuals who have reached Regional standard or above in their particular sports. 1 grant has been awarded to an arts sector group. The breakdown of the awards is as follows:

Sport: Tennis

Johnnie Carmichael-Plester (aged 11) is ranked No. 1 in the country for his age group and was awarded the LTA achievement award for significant rankings improvement. Johnnie was also one of three players selected to attend a training camp at the National Tennis Centre by Tennis East.

Sport: Tennis

Pippa Horn (aged 12) is ranked No. 1 in the country for her age group, winner of multiple national competitions. Pippa was also selected to represent Great Britain on the international stage where she competed in six international cup competitions.

Sport: Disabled Carriage Driving

Lindsey Tyas (aged 32) represents Great Britain in the sport of Disabled Carriage Driving at an International level. Lindsey was voted as Inspirational Sports Personality of the Year at the Norfolk Sports Awards and was subsequently appointed as Patron of Norfolk Disability Sports.

Sport: Basketball

Karlynn Edgeller (aged 12) is competing in the U14 National Basketball League a year early. She is the only player in the squad to have achieved this. Karlynn also shows great commitment to the sport with her extensive volunteer work and has been identified as strong role model for younger players.

Sport: Baton Twirling

Lauren Stearman (aged 15) is a member of the English Baton Twirling Team due to compete at the World Baton Twirling Championships. Lauren will also compete in the individual event and shows great commitment to the sport by actively seeking local sponsorship to continue her progression in the sport.

Sport: Gymnastics (Tumbling)

Daniel Corbyn (age 10) has qualified for National Finals after only 1 year of training. Teachers report that his participation in gymnastics has aided his studies and he has 'blossomed' at school despite his learning difficulties (Daniel is enrolled in the schools special needs programme for maths and English).

Sport: Gymnastics

Summer-Jade Kenzitt (age 11) is current Norfolk Champion at grade 2. She was National Team Gold Medallist in April '08 and is dedicated to her training programme training 5 times / 18 hours per week.

Sport: Gymnastics

Angel Kenzitt (aged 9) is current Norfolk Champion at grade 3 and a National Finalist. She is currently on the elite path in gymnastics for GB national squads supported by her current coaches.

Arts: JDT Music

JDT music selected three bands from across the district to go on tour to Barcelona. They represented exceptional standards of musical talent for children aged between 11 and 16. In addition, they supported the live acts at the Breckfest event in September.

- 3.2.2 There is currently £5500 remaining in the grant pot for the rest of the financial year.
- 3.2.3 While the guidance and scoring system for sports applications appears to be working well it is clear that it is difficult to apply the same process to the arts sector. It is difficult to establish the level of representation they have i.e. County, Regional or National. In addition it is difficult to compare different arts disciplines and this makes the scoring process more complex.
- 3.2.4 The Sports and Arts Development Officers are therefore looking at how the scheme could be modified to better suit the arts sector. Initial thoughts are that there should be different guidance / criteria produced for sports and arts applicants.

3.3 Options

3.3.1 To note the contents of the report.

3.4 Reasons for Recommendation(s)

3.4.1 Report for information only

4. **Risk and Financial Implications**

4.1 Risk

4.1.1 There are no risks attached to the contents of this report

4.2 Financial

4.2.1 None

5. **Legal Implications**

5.1 None

6. **Other Implications**

- a) Equalities: The Council is committed to providing fair and equitable services.
- b) Section 17, Crime & Disorder Act 1998: None
- c) Section 40, Natural Environment & Rural Communities Act 2006: None
- d) Human Resources: None
- e) Human Rights: None
- f) Other: [e.g. Children's Act 2004] None

7. **Alignment to Council Priorities**

7.1 Functions and activities relating to sports development arts development and leisure services support the delivery of the following Council Priorities:

- Stronger Communities
- Prosperous Communities

8. **Ward/Community Affected**

8.1 The cultural services within the district are available to all members of the community.

Background Papers

None

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Key Decision Status (Executive Decisions only):

This is not a key decision

Appendices attached to this report:

N/A