

BRECKLAND COUNCIL

REPORT OF ADRIAN STASIAK, EXECUTIVE MEMBER OF COMMUNITY SERVICES AND BENEFITS to the CABINET – 30TH NOVEMBER 2010 (Author: Cat Lang, Community Development Officer)

BRECKLAND COUNCIL GRANT FUNDING: FUNDING ROUND 3 2010

1. Purpose of Report

This report summarises the funding recommendations that were made by the Grant Panel for funding round 3 which was held on Friday 22nd October 2010. This report summarises the funding decisions that were made by the Panel and makes recommendations to Cabinet on the allocation of Match Funding

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that Cabinet:

- 2.1 Approve the match funding applications for:
 - Diss Rugby Club £20,000 (capital)
 - Swanton Morley Cricket Club £19,000 (capital)
 - West Norfolk Transport £4925 (revenue)
- 2.2 Note for information - a match funding application for £3000 of revenue funding has been approved by delegated decision to JDT Music for an Arts Award project.
- 2.3 Note for information - the grants awarded under the Pride in Breckland, Activity, Access Arts 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 third meeting of the grant panel for 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 4 Applications for Match Funding have been submitted to Breckland Council prior to

the Grant Funding Panel meeting on the 18th December 2009. One application has been successful through delegated decision.

1) Diss Rugby Club

3.2.2 Diss Rugby club have applied for £20,000 of capital match funding towards phase 2 of the redevelopment plans costing £104,661. The redevelopment started in October 2010, with phase two enabling them to develop the kitchen, ladies toilets, and disabled toilets and referee changing rooms. Whilst being outside of the Breckland district, it is a very successful and inclusive club. It works significantly with the local schools including several based in the Breckland area, and 20% of the registered club members are from the Breckland area.

It is recommended to support this application for the following reasons:

- Diss Rugby club whilst being an elite focus club, also provides a fantastic provision for the residents of the Breckland area as well as Diss and this funding is essential to enable the club to grow, develop and to build on this provision.
- The club have provided an in depth and professional application showing how the redevelopment can progress the club and provide a better facility for registered users and schools in the future. The club as a whole are very community focused and would be willing to provide further community related work in the future.
- The project meets two of the council priorities:
 1. Building safer and stronger communities
Improving facilities encourages more involvement, greater community spirit and to contribute to the health of our district.
 2. Prosperous communities
Breckland aims to try and maintain and improve small village facilities, including those that promote a healthier lifestyle.

2) Swanton Morley Cricket Club

3.2.3 Swanton Morley Cricket Club is requesting £19,000 of capital match funding to develop a new cricket pavilion. The club operates three adult teams and three junior male teams. The current facilities do not include on site showers or toilets, there is no access for wheelchairs and there is only one space for teams to change in. Due to this, women's cricket matches have been unable to be staged at the venue much to the dissatisfaction of the 84 female cricketers the club have engaged with at afterschool clubs and training sessions over the past two years from the Breckland area.

The club is ready to create two female sides in 2011 and has £10,000 funding secured to be the Norfolk cricket boards beacon focus club for female cricket once the new development is in place. The new development will provide two changing rooms, each with en-suite showering facilities, toilet facilities and disabled toilet access all built to specification by the English Cricket Board to allow both male and female sport to be played at the highest level.

It is recommended to support this application for the following reasons:

- Swanton Morley Cricket Club is one of the best providers of youth sport in the Breckland district. The club's junior membership for both male and female members has increased by 350% since 2008, but is at maximum capacity due to its current facility.
- This development is fully endorsed by the commitment of the National Cricket Board to make it its leading focus club for female cricket in the county.
- The project meets two of the council priorities:
 1. Building safer and stronger communities
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2. Prosperous communities

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3) West Norfolk Community Transport

3.2.4 West Norfolk Community Transport have requested £4925 or 3.5% of the total project costs (whichever is the lesser) of revenue match funding towards the Swaffham transport project which provides urban and rural demand responsive services and have done for 12 years. With previous support from Breckland Council and Norfolk County Council, the project has grown and increased access to transport therefore reducing social isolation in our rural district.

The grant would enable their dial-a-bus service to run for another financial year, with which would support the project to be financially sustainable for the future. Due to the popularity of the scheme, and the growth, the charity believes they will no longer have to rely on funding from external parties in the future. The dial a bus scheme operates in parishes including Holme Hale, Sprole, Necton, Little and Great Dunham, Beachemwell, Foulden, Narborough and Dereham.

It is recommended to support this application for the following reasons:

- The service is valuable to the community and has been successfully operating for the last 12 years
- Vital service for many isolated members of the Breckland community
- Almost at the stage of being independently sustainable with income generated funding
- The project meets two of the council priorities:
 1. Building safer and stronger communities
 2. Prosperous Communities

4) Arts Award – JDT Music

3.2.5 JDT Music applied for £3000 of revenue match funding towards an Arts Award scheme that will run over a period of two years. Arts Award is an nationally recognised scheme run by Arts Council England and Trinity Guidhall. Young people aged 11-25 can take part and work towards a bronze (equivalent to GCSE D-G), silver (equivalent to GCSE A*-C) or gold (equivalent to A level standard).

JDT will have a trained Arts Assessor in December, who will be able to deliver and assess the personal learning development for each young person. The programme includes arts related and transferable skills, such as creativity, communication, planning and teamwork. It is expected that 80 young people will participate in the scheme over the 2 year period.

Due to this application being for £3000 it has been successfully granted through a delegated decision.

Pride in Breckland Grant:

The Dereham Celebration Quilt

A grant of £250 has been awarded to The Gallery to produce a piece of textile art as a celebration of Dereham. This will be produced by the whole community for permanent display in the refurbished Dereham Memorial hall. Community groups will be offered a section of the quilt to decorate before it is pieced together.

Access Arts Grant:

Welbourne Arts Festival

Welbourne Festival has been successful with a grant of £500 towards the visual arts element

of the Welbourne festival, specifically for an exhibition and workshops which are being delivered by Breckland Artists. This is an ambitious programme attracting high quality artists and has a specially curated exhibition. It is a great opportunity for Breckland artists to showcase and sell their work due to there being very limited gallery spaces in Breckland. This event usually attracts over 1500 visitors.

Happy Mondays

A Piece of Mind in Swaffham have been successful with a grant of £321.16 to try different art activities, which provide positive activities for clients experiencing mental illness. A local artist will work with the group, providing sessions in printmaking, drawing, clay modelling and casting. The taster sessions which have been held proved to be popular and increased a sense of well being amongst the clients.

Gifted and Talented:

Danny Nobbs

Danny has been awarded with £500 Gifted and Talented grant funding to support his training regime as part of Team GB's Paralympics Shot Putt squad for the World Games in New Zealand in January 2011. Danny is currently rated No1 in the World in his discipline, and is current British record holder

Mollie O'Callaghan

Mollie has been granted £500 Gifted and Talented funding towards transport and equipment costs since being selected to attend Norwich City Football Club's Academy and end of season training camp.

3.3 Options

- To approve individual match funding applications for the full amount requested.
- To award individual match funding applications a lesser amount
- To reject individual match funding applications it is then

3.4 Reasons

- To support Diss Rugby Club match funding application for the reasons stated in paragraph 3.2.2 above.
- To support Swanton Morley Cricket Club match funding application for the reasons stated in 3.2.3 above.
- To support West Norfolk Community Transport match funding application for the reasons stated in 3.2.4 above.

4. Risk and Financial Implications

4.1 Risk

4.1.2 No risk identified.

4.2 Financial

4.2.1 Please see the following Proforma B's for the match funding projects:

Appendix 1 – Proforma B Diss Rugby Club

Appendix 2 – Proforma B Swanton Morley Cricket Club

Appendix 3 – Proforma B West Norfolk Community Transport

Appendix 4 – Summary of match funding financial status

6. Other Implications

- a) Equalities: Assessments have been completed for the following projects:
Diss Rugby Club, Swanton Morley Cricket Club, and West Norfolk Community Transport
- 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

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

8. Ward/Community Affected

- 8.1.1 Swanton Morley, Swaffham, Nar Valley, Mid Forest, Dereham and Launditch wards are affected by the Match Funding projects.

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

Appendices attached to this report:

- 1. Proforma B Diss Rugby Club
- 2. Proforma B Swanton Morley Cricket Club
- 3. Proforma B West Norfolk Community Transport
- 4. Summary of match funding financial status