

BRECKLAND COUNCIL

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR COMMUNITIES AND BENEFITS to the CABINET: 8 DECEMBER 2009

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BRECKLAND COUNCIL GRANT FUNDING: FUNDING ROUND 2

1. Purpose of Report

This report summarises the funding recommendations that were made by the Grant Panel for funding round 2 which was held on Monday 26th October. 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 application from Hardingham Cricket Club.
- 2.2 Note for information the grants awarded under the Pride in Breckland, Activity and Gifted & Talented Grant schemes.
- 2.3 Match funding applications taken through for Attleborough Junior Football Club and Old Buckenham Cricket Club have been approved through a blue form delegated decision.

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 second Grant Funding Panel has now been held to discuss all funding applications received by the authority prior to that date.

3.2 Issues

Match Funding

3.2.1 3 Applications for Match Funding have been submitted to Breckland Council prior to the Grant Funding Panel meeting on the 26th October 2009.

1) Old Buckenham Cricket Club

3.2.2 Old Buckenham Cricket club are requesting £3,000 from Capital Match Funding towards the building of a two-bay synthetic cricket net facility. Funding is required to replace existing grass surface net area with a stone based, galvanised steel Kee-Klamp net-cage system. (awarded through delegated powers)

2) Attleborough Junior Football Club

3.2.5 Attleborough youth FC are requesting £2,970 from Capital Match Funding towards the renovation of a recently purchased mobile unit, in order to bring it up to standard by developing the changing, showering, and kitchen facilities of the unit, situated at Gaymers Meadow, Attleborough. Funding is required to renovate the interior of the existing portable unit "shell", develop 5 changing room areas, develop a specific changing and showering facility for referees and install a fully functioning kitchen area. (awarded through delegated powers)

3.2.6 3) Hardingham Cricket Club

Hardingham Cricket Club and Sports Alliance are requesting £9,564,99 from Capital Match Funding towards the renovation and installation of new changing, showering and storage facilities situated at Hardingham Memorial playing fields owned by Hardingham Cricket Club. Funding is required to replace the existing and decaying separate changing, showering and storage facilities with a modern purpose built all-in-one structure.

Grants Awarded

East Harling Youth Club, Wildlife Garden - £229.26

The local scout group would like to create a wildlife garden within the grounds of their building. This would be part of a wider project of renovating the building a creating a lovely atmosphere for young people to take ownership of the garden and to learn about the environment.

Saham Toney Allotments Improvement project - £250.00

The allotments association would like to landscape the area surrounding the allotments space with hedging and fruit trees and provide a seating area to encourage a social settings for those tending to their allotments.

Dereham Access Group - £250.00

To produce 2500 leaflets promoting the Dereham Access group facilities and services. The group requires further membership and are the main voice for people with disabilities in the area.

Weeting Castle - £100.00

To provide new directional signage for visitors to Weeting Castle.

Weeting Village Green - £250.00

Refurbishment of the village green areas i.e new tree planting and spring bulbs planting to improve the visual appearance.

Quidenham Village Bench project - £250.00

To place a bench on the village green to create a social setting for the local residents.

St Peters Billingford Churchyard Restoration £250.00

To restore a neglected churchyard resulting in a peaceful communal space which will enhance the appearance of the village and become a focal spot for the local community.

Thompson Hearts - £155.00

The activity grant awarded to Thompson Parish Council for Thompson Hearts will help fund training and promotional material for volunteers who will use the Automated External Defibrillator in Thompson. The AED is a community driven initiative that will support the health and well being of those living in the village as well as enabling the community to be proactive in improving the local emergency facilities.

CY Fridays - £500

The activity grant awarded to CY Fridays for the Youth Christmas Pantomime will enable up to 50 young people between the age of 11-16 to work with a drama instructor who will assist them to plan and perform a Christmas Pantomime for the local community. The project will enable young people to develop their confidence and self esteem while learning new skills. The project will help to promote awareness of the group and young people in general and it is hoped that links with the local community will be strengthened as a result.

Karylnn Edgeller - £250.00

An up and coming National Under 15 Basketball Player. Karen is requesting financial assistance towards the costs incurred in her travelling to training camps and accommodation needed when attending these National Level residentials

Ahmahd Thomas - £500.00

Ahmahd is currently competing for a place in next years GB Commonwealth Games Athletics squad. Having represented his Great Britain at the world student games Ahmahd subsequently had to withdraw from the National Squad due to financial reasons. It is on this basis that he is making his application as he is looking to compete in the British championships in Nov which are the trials from which the Commonwealth Games squad shall be selected. The money will go towards Fees, Equipment, and Training.

Pippa Horn - £250.00

Pippa is ranked No 2 in Great Britain by the Lawn Tennis Association for her age and regularly competes on the European circuit. The costs she incurs in entering such elite competition amounts to some £20,000 per annum and thus her application is made in support of these costs. She receives a £2000 per annum bursary towards her costs.

Johnnie Carmichael-Plester - £250.00

Johnnie is ranked No8 in Great Britain by the Lawn Tennis Association for his age and he has recently started to compete on the European circuit. The costs he incurs in entering such elite competition amounts to some £20,000 per annum and thus his application is made in support of these costs. She receives a £2000 per annum bursary towards her costs.

3.2 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

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 Attleborough Junior Football Club

Appendix 2 – Proforma B Hardingham Cricket Club

Appendix 3 – Proforma B Old Buckenham Cricket Club

5.1 None

6. Other Implications

a) Equalities: Assessments have been completed for the following projects:

Old Buckenham Cricket Club
Attleborough Junior Football Club
Hardingham Cricket Club

- 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. 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 Hardingham and surrounding wards 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 Hardingham Cricket Club