

TEESDALE DISTRICT COUNCIL

**Report To: GRANTS SUB-COMMITTEE
17 March 2008**

From: Lead Member for Resources: Councillor GK Robinson

Ward Member: All

Subject: GRANTS 2008/09

1.0 SUMMARY

1.1 This report provides details of the level of budget available in respect of grants for the next financial year, as agreed by Executive Committee on 11 February and Council on 27 February. Members are requested to confirm which applications should be supported with reference to the scores previously allocated and at what level.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION(S)

2.1 It is recommended that

2.1.1 The allocation of the grants budget for 2008/09 is confirmed.

3.0 LINK TO CORPORATE KEY PRIORITIES/AMBITIONS

3.1 Priority: All

3.2 Ambition: All

3.3 Outcome: Community groups, not for profit organisations and individuals receive financial assistance in contributing towards the Council's priorities.

4.0 BACKGROUND

4.1 Grants, contributions and donations are reviewed annually as a part of the budget setting process. It was determined during the budget setting process for 2007/08 that this review should be undertaken by a Grants Sub-Committee, which was then established.

4.2 The purpose of the Grants Sub-Committee in respect of the budget setting process is to determine the level of budget required for the distribution of grants. Depending on the level of budget then allocated by the Council, the Grants Sub-Committee will confirm what assistance will actually be granted in March.

4.3 Members have received details of the applications received at earlier meetings on 5 November and 20 December where each of the applications was scored in relation to the following criteria:

- Links to the corporate priorities – are there any, does the project partially meet a priority, does it clearly deliver one
- Evidence of need – is there any, how strong is it
- Other funding – what percentage of the project costs are requested, have other organisations been approached
- Sustainability – will funding be required in future years, will it reduce, will self financing be achieved
- Value for money – what evidence is there that value for money is being achieved, how strong is this evidence
- Quality of life impact – will the project improve the quality of life for a single ward or group or more than one, how many
- Risk – what is the impact on the project if the grant requested is not approved or is reduced
- Equality and diversity – is the project/activity available to all irrespective of race, sex, marital status, disability, religion, age, sexual orientation or political belief.

4.4 A scoring mechanism was used to ensure that each of the applications was considered objectively, that the most important criteria were given the most weighting, and to provide an audit trail.

5.0 BUDGET REQUIREMENT

5.1 At its meeting on 8 January, the Grants Sub Committee agreed which applications should be supported, and to what value, in order to identify how much budget was required for 2008/09. A summary is attached at Appendix A of the supported applications.

5.2 The proposals of the Grants Sub-Committee were submitted to the Executive as a part of the budget setting process, and were supported and approved through the budget. Members are now requested to confirm the allocation of the budget in accordance with the proposals.

6.0 STATUTORY CONSIDERATIONS

6.1 Financial Implications:

The full amount of budget requested has been included in the budget for 2008/09 and there are therefore no financial implications.

6.2 Risk:

Risk	Category	Implications
Grants are allocated to projects that are not consistent	Reputational, Financial	Priorities may not be achieved, value for money is not

with the Councils priorities		achieved, projects that are consistent with priorities may not proceed due to lack of funding
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- 6.3 Equality and Diversity: Considered as part of the approval criteria.
- 6.4 Human Resources: None
- 6.5 Community Safety: None
- 6.6 Legal Issues: None

Background papers:

1. None

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