

**TEESDALE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

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

**From:** Lead Member for Resources: Councillor GK Robinson

**Ward Member:** All

**Subject: GRANTS APPLICATIONS 2008/09**

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**1.0 SUMMARY**

1.1 This report provides details of grant applications received for the next financial year. Members are requested to consider each application in relation to the suggested criteria.

**2.0 RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**2.1 It is recommended that**

**2.1.1 The applications for grants contained in Appendix A are considered.**

**3.0 LINK TO CORPORATE KEY PRIORITIES/AMBITIONS**

3.1 Priority: To improve the health and wellbeing of our residents and develop safer communities

3.2 Ambition: To develop our leisure provision to meet the changing needs of our community

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 A total budget of £8,000 was allocated in respect of arts grants for the financial years 2007/08 and 2008/09. To date, £6,537 of applications have been supported by the Grant Sub-Committee for 2007/08 and approved by Council, leaving a balance of £1,463 for allocation. No applications have been considered to date for 2008/09.

4.3 Although non-arts grants are considered and agreed annually, a contingency of £1,294 was approved through the budget for 2008/09 which remains available for allocation.

## **5.0 APPLICATIONS**

5.1 Three new applications received in respect of 2008/09 are attached at Appendix A. The total value of these applications is £995.68 (£795.68 general grants and £200.00 arts).

5.2 Members are requested to consider each of the applications 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.

The scoring methodology developed during the budget process is attached at Appendix B.

## **6.0 STATUTORY CONSIDERATIONS**

6.1 Financial Implications:

The budget detailed in paragraph 4 has been approved and any grants supported within the balance available will not therefore have financial implications.

6.2 Risk:

<b>Risk</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>Implications</b>
Grants are allocated to projects that are not consistent with the Councils priorities	Reputational, Financial	Priorities may not be achieved, value for money is not achieved, projects that are consistent with priorities may not proceed due to lack of funding

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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