

**FESTIVALS AND EVENTS  
CABINET LIAISON GROUP**

**10.00 A.M.**

**3RD NOVEMBER 2008**

**PRESENT:-** Councillors Shirley Burns (Chairman), Evelyn Archer, John Barnes, Susan Bray, Abbot Bryning, Chris Coates, Roger Dennison and Janie Kirkman

Apologies for Absence

Councillor Karen Leytham

Officers in attendance:-

David Owen	Head of Cultural Services
Simon Kirby	Leisure Services General Manager
Gill Haigh	Communications Manager
Sharon Marsh	Democratic Support Officer

**1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Chris Coates declared an interest in the 2009 Festivals Innovation Events Applications and left the room prior to consideration of the item.

Councillors John Barnes and Roger Dennison declared a personal interest in the Naval Event as they had been involved in the organisation of this event.

**2 TERMS OF REFERENCE**

Members accepted the Terms of Reference for the Festivals and Events Cabinet Liaison Group.

**3 GENERAL UPDATE ON THE NAVAL EVENT**

Councillors John Barnes and Roger Dennison provided the Group with an update on the proposed Naval Event. It was reported that the event was dependant on funding and the availability and willingness of the Navy to participate in the event.

It was noted that the Sea Cadets from Barrow, who were named the Cadet band of the year, had already stated that they would be prepared to perform at the event and that Halton Army Camp would be prepared to accommodate them for the time they were here.

It was reported that the event would be billed as a naval reunion and would be a District wide event. It was hoped that a vessel could be stationed at Glasson Dock, lectures and performances held in Lancaster and a ceremony held for veterans in Morecambe.

It was noted that a date for the event had not yet been set and that no further details could be reported until hearing confirmation that the Navy were able to take part in the event.

***That the Cabinet Member with Special Responsibility be recommended to:-***

Hold a further meeting of the Cabinet Liaison Group once the Navy have been in contact to confirm that they can participate in the event.

**Items 6 and 7 on the Agenda were taken in conjunction with each other.**

**4 PROPOSED 2009 PROGRAMME OF EVENTS AND 2009 FESTIVALS INNOVATION EVENTS APPLICATIONS**

The Head of Cultural Services reported that 4 festivals were included in the budgeted provision for festivals and events in 2009/10. These were Bands in Happy Mount Park, Lancaster Jazz Festival, We do like to be beside the sea....., and Lancaster Fireworks.

It was reported that out of the 12 applications for the Festivals Innovation Fund, only 3 had met the criteria of the scheme. Members discussed the applications in detail and were given the opportunity to ask questions or make comments on each individual application.

It was noted that that Festival Innovation Fund provision for solicited events was £20,000 and that the Festivals Innovation Fund provision for applications was £10,000.

Members discussed the events included in the solicited provision and requested that more information be brought back to the Cabinet Liaison Group on the Williamson Park Christmas Event (Ice Skating).

The Group considered the location of all events and it was felt that there was an equal number in Lancaster and Morecambe, but that not enough events were to be held in the rural areas. Members felt that applications to the Festivals Innovation Fund for events to be held in rural areas should be reconsidered and that the possibility of holding a festival or event on the canal be looked at. Members also suggested that the possibility of holding a fishing event be looked at.

***That the Cabinet Member with Special Responsibility be recommended to:***

(1) Approve the Festivals Innovation Fund grant allocations as set out below:-

<b>Festival Name</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
Lancaster Eurodance	No grant
Business Rocks	No grant
Lancaster Community Festival	No grant
Morecambe Salsa	No grant
One Planet Festival	£1000
Festival Market Family Fun Weekend	No grant
The Lunesdale Studio Trail	Up to £1000
Cross Bay Challenge 2009	No grant
Tutti Frutti Festival	£3000
Nice N Sleazy Festival	No grant
Heritage Tea Party	No grant
Carnival of Culture	No grant

- (2) Approve the Festivals Innovation Fund Provision (Solicited) as set out below:-

<b>Festival Name</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
Look out to Sea	Up to £500
Williamson Park Local Music Programme	£2500
Summer Sundays (More Music)	£2000
Sandcastle	£7500
Catch the Wind	£2000
Happy Mount Park Halloween	£3000
Williamson Park Christmas Event	£5000

- (3) Allocate £2000 out of the remaining budget to advertise all events that take place within the District, if possible.
- (4) Look at an event or a series of events based on the canal to include the rural areas.
- (5) Reconsider and revisit the Festival Innovation Fund applications for events based in the rural areas to ensure District wide provision of events.
- (6) Request that more detail on the Williamson Park Christmas Ice Skating event be brought back to the next meeting of the Cabinet Liaison Group.
- (7) Request that discussions be held with Officers and Members on the possibility of holding a fishing event similar to those held in previous years.

## **5 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

It was agreed that the next meeting would take place after 4 p.m. and that Members would be informed of a specific date once news had been heard from the Navy regarding the Naval Event.

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Chairman

(The meeting ended at 11.45 a.m.)

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