

CABINET

AWARD OF MISCELLANEOUS AND WELFARE GRANTS

INDIVIDUAL CABINET MEMBER DECISION Councillor David Kerr

Report of Chief Executive

PURPOSE OF REPORT			
This report considers the allocation of Miscellaneous and Welfare Grants.			
Key Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>	Non-Key Decision	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Date Included in Forward Plan		N/A	
This report is public			

RECOMMENDATION

That consideration be given to the grant applications as set out in paragraph 1.1

1.0 Introduction

1.1 Applications were invited from voluntary organisations seeking Welfare and Miscellaneous grants. The following applications totalling £2,656.25 were received.

	Name of Organisation	£ Amount requested	Purpose of Grant
Welfare			
1	Caton Leisure Club	400	To pay for speakers.
Miscellaneous			
1	Lancaster Priory Church	500	Replacement of worn out music books and provision of additional copies
2	Lancaster Free Methodist Church	500	To build new website
3	Lancaster 50 Forward	500	To organise social events, to provide a mobile phone, to produce marketing materials.
4	Preston and Western Lancashire Racial Equality Council	500	To celebrate the achievements of the Preston and Lancashire Racial Equality Council and associated District Councils
5	Torrisholme Cricket Club	256.25	To buy a security camera system

2.0 Proposal Details

A copy of the application forms have been supplied to the Cabinet Member and an informal meeting has been held with the Head of Democratic Services and Senior Democratic Support Officer on 7th November 2008 to offer advice and consider each of the applications in detail.

3.0 Details of Consultation

3.1 No consultation has taken place.

4.0 Options and Options Analysis (including risk assessment)

4.1 Alternative options open to the Cabinet Member range from making an allocation or no allocation to those organisations requesting funding.

5.0 Officer Preferred Option (and comments)

5.1 There is no officer preferred option other than ensuring that the total amount allocated does not exceed the budget available.

RELATIONSHIP TO POLICY FRAMEWORK

The grants schemes recognise the Council's corporate priorities to support local initiatives.

CONCLUSION OF IMPACT ASSESSMENT

(including Diversity, Human Rights, Community Safety, Sustainability and Rural Proofing)

Resources are available to be used to enable local initiatives to be developed.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The 2008/09 budget included £8,100 for Welfare grants and £7,300 for Miscellaneous Grants. Any allocations agreed need to be contained within these budgets.

(50% of the awards under the Welfare Grant criteria are reimbursed by Lancashire County Council.)

Following the initial allocation of grants in September 2008 (including the virement of £1,400 to the Miscellaneous grant budget from the remaining City Council contribution to the Welfare budget), there remains a total of £1,700 in the Welfare grant budget. This is subject to a contribution of 50% from the County Council so should the Cabinet Member wish to vire any Welfare grant funding to the Miscellaneous grant budget to meet the cost of any miscellaneous applications a maximum of £950 would be available for that purpose.

SECTION 151 OFFICER'S COMMENTS

The Section 151 Officer has been consulted and has no further comments.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Legal have been consulted and have no further comments to make.

MONITORING OFFICER'S COMMENTS

The Deputy Monitoring Officer has been consulted and has no further comments.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Grant application Guidance Notes
Grant applications forms contain exempt
information

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