

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

**CUSTOMER SERVICES, SPORT AND LEISURE
ASSET MANAGEMENT, CULTURE AND HOUSING,
and
PEOPLE
CABINET MEMBERS**

SOUTH AXHOLME COMMUNITY SWIMMING POOL ASSOCIATION

1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT

- 1.1 To consider an application received by the council for financial assistance via the Community Grant Fund.
- 1.2 The key point of the report is as follows.
 - We have received an application for community grant aid. This needs considering against the scheme criteria and available funds.
- 1.3 An urgent decision is needed on this occasion in order to comply with project timescales.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 The Community Grant Fund supports:
 - Community Capital Grant Programme
This scheme helps community sport, arts or heritage capital projects.

3. OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 3.1 The application is for funding towards the £165,000 cost of refitting the plant room and installation of a ground source heat pump at Epworth Swimming Pool. Support from the Council will facilitate £100,000 external funding towards the cost of this project. The applicant group have successfully raised £25,000 towards the scheme but there is a £39,707.06 shortfall in funding.

3.2 The options available to the Cabinet Members are as follows.

- approving the application as submitted;
- refuse support; or
- offer grant support at a reduced level.

4. **ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS**

4.1 Rejecting the application or offering grant support at a reduced level could mean that the project will not progress.

5. **RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCIAL, STAFFING, PROPERTY, IT)**

5.1 Financial

5.1.1 The council has approved a capital budget of £696,000 for the Community Grant Fund in 2015/16. To date, a total of £544,990 has been committed. This leaves £151,010 to allocate. The total amount required to support the applications covered by this report to the levels requested is £39,707.06.

5.2 Staffing, Property and IT

5.2.1 There are no staffing, property or IT related implications to consider.

6. **OUTCOMES OF INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT (IF APPLICABLE)**

6.1 Enabling individuals and communities across North Lincolnshire to become involved in sports, art, culture and heritage projects is an excellent way to encourage participation from a wide and diverse range of social, ethnic and cultural backgrounds in support of our diversity aims.

6.2 Getting more people to take part in active recreation can have a positive impact towards reducing crime and anti-social behaviour.

6.3 There are no other implications to consider.

7. **OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION AND CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS DECLARED**

7.1 Funding community projects can often be difficult for community groups. Community organisations have told us that they need the Council's support to help get other grants for their projects.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8.1 That the Cabinet Members approve grant support to the sum of £39,707.06.

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Background Papers used in the preparation of this report

Community Grant Aid – Application form