

## **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