

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

**LEISURE, ARTS AND CULTURE
CABINET MEMBER**

ARTS DEVELOPMENT GRANT AID APPLICATION

1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT

- 1.1 To consider an application for funding from Humbersound.
- 1.2 Arts Development has received an application for funding from the Humbersound to assist in an application to Arts Council England, Yorkshire, for organisational development.
- 1.3 This application needs consideration against the Arts Development Grant criteria and available funds.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 Humbersound is an unincorporated voluntary organisation run by community musicians. It was founded in 2006 by a group of students who successfully qualified as community musicians from the Music4U - Youth Music Action Zone Community Music for Practitioners Course, which ran in 2004 and 2005. The main aims of Humbersound are as follows.
 - To devise, develop and deliver music projects
 - To provide networking opportunities for community musicians in the Humber region
 - To provide continual professional development for community musicians in the region.
- 2.2 A meeting took place recently between representatives from Humbersound, the Arts Council and the council's Arts Manager to discuss how best to assist Humbersound to develop and become sustainable.
- 2.3 It was agreed that Humbersound should apply to the Arts Council England, Yorkshire for organisational development, which would include the appointment of a consultant who would work with them to develop a three-year Business Plan.

- 2.4 Humbersound would like to apply to North Lincolnshire Council for match funding to support their application to the Arts Council.
- 2.5 Humbersound are also asking for £2,000 from Hull City Council as match funding. East Riding and North East Lincolnshire Council have offered officer time to support the organisation.

3. **OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

- 3.1 Option 1 – To approve the grant of £2,000 for Humbersound
- 3.2 Option 2 – To approve a lesser grant for Humbersound.
- 3.3 Option 3 – Reject the application

4. **ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS**

- 4.1 The application received meets all the revised criteria in our grant aid scheme for assistance. There are sufficient funds in the Arts Development Grant Scheme to provide the amount recommended.
- 4.2 To approve the grant of £2,000 would result in Humbersound having a better chance of gaining support from ACE – Yorkshire. It would also mean that, if successful, we could work closely with them in their development and steer their activities in line with our shared ambitions for the area.
- 4.3 Support of this application will make a positive contribution towards delivering on the shared ambitions in the Community Strategy and the Local Area Agreement by contributing to the Shared Ambition SI 3/4 *Improve well being by promoting participation in leisure and cultural activities*, and National Indicators NI 110 (*Young Peoples engagement in positive activities*) and NI 11 (*Engagement in the Arts*).
- 4.3 Offering grant support at a reduced level could jeopardise the chances of Humbersound securing funding from the Arts Council.

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

5.1 Financial

- 5.1.1 The Arts Development budget has £12,000 allocated to Arts Development Grants for 2008/9. There is £3,010 remaining for 2008/9 to support voluntary sector art groups.

5.2 Staffing, Property and IT

- 5.2.1 There are no implications for staffing, property or IT.

6. OTHER IMPLICATIONS (STATUTORY, ENVIRONMENTAL, DIVERSITY, SECTION 17 - CRIME AND DISORDER, RISK AND OTHER)

6.1 Humbersound have successfully delivered music workshops on behalf of Arts Development as part of our Music4U programme to young people across North Lincolnshire in partnership with Youth Services and the Youth Offending Team.

6.2 These workshops have taken place in some of the most deprived areas of North Lincolnshire e.g. one recent project in Westcliff and Riddings Youth Centres. They are seen as providing a positive activity and in contributing to the reduction of crime and disorder.

7. OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION

7.1 The Arts Council England, Yorkshire has agreed to accept an application from Humbersound in support of this application.

7.2 The aim of the Arts Development Grant Scheme is to allow a closer working relationship to develop between North Lincolnshire Council's Arts Development service and the voluntary arts sector. It is a condition of funding that the Arts Manager attends quarterly meetings with the Humbersound and works with them in their development.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

8.2 To approve an Arts Development grant of £2,000 in support to Humbersound.

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Background Papers used in the preparation of this report :

- Arts Development Grant Aid Criteria 2008/09