

**NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL**

**LEISURE, ARTS AND CULTURE  
CABINET MEMBER**

**ARTS DEVELOPMENT GRANT – BRIGG FIDDLE FESTIVAL**

**1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT**

- 1.1 To consider an application for funding of £1,000 from Brigg Fiddle Festival for the 2009 programme of events.
- 1.2 This application needs considering against the Arts Development Grant criteria and available funds.
- 1.3 The application meets all the criteria for funding. There are sufficient funds within the current budgets.

**2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

- 2.1 Brigg Fiddle Festival has requested a grant of £1,000 in support of their 2009 festival programme. Their application meets the criteria of the Arts Development Grant scheme.
- 2.2 The total programme is estimated to cost £16,980 this year. They expect to make £9,250 on ticket and other sales this year.
- 2.3 Brigg Fiddle Festival has also applied for funding to Arts Council England Yorkshire. Also to Brigg Town Council and Broughton School for the remaining money needed to support this event. Decisions on these grants are expected during April.
- 2.4 This year's main festival programme will take place from Thursday 14 May to Saturday 16 May 2009 in the Angel Ballroom in Brigg. Fringe Events will take place in local hostelrys and on the High Street.
- 2.5 The music will include a varied selection of violin music, including traditional, jazz, and classical.
- 2.6 There is also an education programme planned for 2009, with students from across North Lincolnshire participating in fiddle, guitar and percussion classes, resulting in a series of performances showcased at a Ceilidh arranged for the 9th May at the Vale of Ancholme School.

- 2.7 Christina Garrick's Quartet has also agreed to take a Jazz Master Class for young people who are studying music at secondary school on the 14<sup>th</sup> May.
- 2.8 Previously, over 728 people have attended the five concerts and 98 people have attended the workshops.
- 2.9 Last year the following outcomes were achieved:
- 60% of visitors had attended the Brigg Fiddle Festival for the first time last year
  - 10% of visitors had travelled from outside of North Lincolnshire and stayed overnight locally
  - 59% had bought local food or goods while they were visiting the Brigg Fiddle Festival.
- 2.10 The estimated value of the event to the North Lincolnshire economy is around £40,000. More information on outcomes achieved by Brigg Fiddle Festival is attached at Appendix 1.

### **3. OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

- 3.1 The Cabinet Member has the following options for consideration:
- 3.1.1 Option 1 – To agree to fund the Brigg Fiddle Festival £1,000 for the festival to take place in May 2009.
- 3.1.2 Option 2 – To fund Brigg Fiddle Festival at a lesser amount than requested.
- 3.1.3 Option 2 – Not to fund the Brigg Fiddle Festival to take place in May 2009

### **4. ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS**

- 4.1 The preferred option is to fund Brigg Fiddle Festival a lesser amount for the 2009 programme (Option 2). This will ensure the event can take place while encouraging the group to work towards sustainability without relying on public funding.
- 4.2 Brigg Fiddle Festival meets the criteria for funding from the Arts Development Grant scheme.
- 4.3 North Lincolnshire Council has funded Brigg Fiddle Festival £1,000 per year for over five years.

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

### 5.1 Financial

5.1.1. It is proposed that an Arts Development Grant of £500 is made to fund Brigg Fiddle Festival. This can be met from within the existing budgets.

### 5.2 Staffing

5.2.1 The Arts Manager will work with Brigg Fiddle Festival to look at other avenues of funding and ways of maximising their ticket income.

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

6.1. The outreach programme is open to pupils throughout the authority and not just in the Brigg area.

6.2 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 People's engagement in positive activities*) and NI 11 (*Engagement in the Arts*).

## 7. OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION

7.1 Staff from the Arts Development Team consult with the organisers of the Brigg Fiddle Festival on a range of issues relating to programme development and sustainability of the event. The information set out in this paper reflects these consultations.

## 8. RECOMMENDATIONS

8.1 To fund Brigg Fiddle Festival 2009 a grant for £500.

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**Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:**

- Arts Development Grant Criteria

## APPENDIX 1

ORGANISATION	Criteria Achieved	Details
Brigg Fiddle Festival	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Offer opportunities for individuals to see and experience work by professional artists</li> <li>2. Offer opportunities for individuals to work with professional artists</li> <li>3. Attract visitors to the North Lincolnshire</li> <li>4. Offer employment for local professional artists</li> <li>5. Improve skills for local professional artists.</li> <li>6. Aim to maximise funding, specifically by using North Lincolnshire Council's contribution to attract funding from other funding bodies</li> <li>7. Aim to increase audiences for the arts/participation in the arts.</li> <li>8. Aim to maximise resources through partnership working.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Brigg Fiddle Festival offers the public opportunity to see performances by professional musicians.</li> <li>2. Brigg Fiddle Festival offers the opportunity to take part in workshops delivered by professional musicians.</li> <li>3. The annual surveys show that Brigg Fiddle Festival attracts a large percentage of visitors from outside North Lincolnshire and with between 10 - 18% staying overnight in local hotels adding to the amount of secondary spend the festival brings into the region.</li> <li>4. The education programme offers employment for local musicians.</li> <li>5. Some of the workshops on offer are master classes for musicians who already have skills in playing the violin.</li> <li>6. Brigg Fiddle Festival is practised at achieving additional funding from the Arts Council and Brigg Town Council. This year additional support has been gained from the Vale of Ancholme School for the education programme.</li> <li>7. Brigg Fiddle Festival has increased it audience numbers over the last two festival from 674 in 2007 to 728 in 2008.</li> <li>8. Brigg Fiddle Festival has built a partnership with the Vale of Ancholme School which is a specialist music college, in the development of its education programme.</li> </ol>