

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

LEISURE GRANT AID

1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT

- 1.1 To consider an application for financial assistance from CHAMP.
- 1.2 This report is for consideration by the Leader of the Council, as the Cabinet Member for Leisure, Arts and Culture had declared a personal and Prejudicial interest relating to the application

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2.1 There are four separate grant aid schemes.

- Aid to Communities Capital Scheme
This is for community based capital projects.
- Sport/Recreation Grant Aid.
For grants to organisations, the scheme helps small sport and recreation projects. Normally the maximum award is 50% of project costs, up to a maximum of £1,000. For sport/recreation grant aid to individuals, the scheme helps athletes with travel and training costs. Normally the maximum award is 50% of costs, up to a maximum of £450.
- Arts Grant Aid
This is for grants to organisations or individuals. The scheme helps small arts events, exhibitions or development projects in North Lincolnshire. Normally the maximum award is £1,000.
- Community Centre Grant Aid
For grants to community centres in Scunthorpe. The Scunthorpe Special Levy funds the scheme. The scheme helps programme development or enhance the quality of services offered. Up to 100% is available depending on financial circumstances.

2.2 The Cabinet Member for Leisure, Arts and Culture usually considers and approves all applications for financial assistance from the various grant aid schemes. In the case of the application set out below, the Cabinet Member declared a personal and prejudicial interest. The Leader of the Council is therefore asked to consider the application.

2.3 The Community Heritage, Arts and Media project (CHAMP) have applied for financial support from the Aid to Communities programme to undertake access and facilities improvements at the Barton Assembly Rooms. The application meets the Aid to Communities scheme criteria and is for £30,000 towards the £120,000 expected total cost of this work. The main function room at the assembly rooms is on an upper floor. Champ aim to provide disabled access and improve the toilet provision. They are working with the council to deliver community facilities in line with strategic priorities for Barton and wider communities.

3. OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

3.1 Our options are limited to:

- approve the request; or
- refuse grant support.

4. ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS

4.1 The application meets the criteria in our grant aid scheme for assistance. There are sufficient funds in our grant budget to provide the amount recommended.

4.2 Refusing support to this request would potentially inhibit the ability of the applicants to take their project forward.

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

5.1 Financial

5.1.1 The request can be met from existing budgets

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 One of the benefits of increasing participation in recreation is the opportunity to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour. This is by using opportunities offered in community buildings as a diversionary activity. Our grant aid schemes help facilitate increased participation.

6.2 There are no other related implications.

7. **OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION**

7.1 A lot of work is done to support the groups applying for grant aid. They have worked hard to develop projects for their communities. They often need a grant to help lever in enough funds from other sources to make their project happen.

8. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

8.1 That we approve a grant of £30,000 to CHAMP towards the cost of improvement works at the Barton Assembly Rooms

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Background Papers used in the preparation of this report None