



To: Executive Councillor for Arts & Recreation –
Cllr Rod Cantrill

Report by: Head of Community Development

Relevant scrutiny committee: Community Services Scrutiny Committee 13/1/2011

Wards affected: All

FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO VOLUNTARY AND NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANISATIONS 2011/12: LEISURE
Key Decision

1. Executive summary

This report details applications from voluntary and not for profit organisations for 2011/12 leisure funding and makes recommendations for future funding.

2. Recommendations

The Executive Councillor is recommended:

1. To agree the recommendations for Leisure grants to voluntary and not-for-profit organisations in 2011/12 as set out in Appendix 1 of this report, subject to confirmation of the Council's 2011/12 budget in February 2011 and, in some cases, to the provision of further information from applicants.

3. Background

- 3.1 2011/12 leisure funding priorities are unchanged from 2010/11 and were based on the City Council's previous Medium Term Objective to maintain a healthy, safe and enjoyable city for all, with thriving and viable neighbourhoods by:
 - supporting a flourishing and diverse voluntary and not-for-profit sector
 - ensuring Cambridge residents can access a range of sports, arts, recreational and community facilities and activities
- 3.2 The priorities are:
 - Activities which increase formal and informal access for all city residents to cultural and leisure activities. Priority is given to services which benefit children and young people, people with disabilities, and

those whose opportunities are restricted by low income or discrimination

- Area Committee Grants

3.3 Following the review of Council Objectives in May, the implementation of the Sports Strategy 2009-13 and the proposed implementation of the Arts Strategy in 2011, the leisure grants priorities will need to be reviewed for 2012/13 to ensure they contribute to the aims identified.

3.4 Since 2006 Leisure Grants have been cash limited. This has resulted in a saving of £9,660 for 2011/12. Analysis of the uptake of leisure grants funding in 2010/11 shows that a further saving of £10,340, will not reduce regular funding to any current grant recipient on the basis insufficient funds.

3.5 Of the 2011/12 budget:

- The Leisure Grants budget remains 94% of the total budget
- Area committee grants remains 6% of the total budget

3.5 The following figures are subject to approval of the City Council's full 2011/12 budget in February 2011.

2011/12 Priorities and Funds	% of total budget	Available £	Bids £	Offers £	Remain ing £
Leisure Grants	94%	273,970	367,596	269,357	4,613
Area Committee Grants*	6%	17,500	0	0	17,500
TOTAL	100%	291,470	367,596	269,357	22,113

* Area Committee Grants will be awarded by each area committee throughout the year 2011/12.

Applications and recommendations are set out in Appendix 1.

3.6 This funding programme aims to support clearly defined services and activities which:

- meet the grant priorities and funding conditions
- are costed to include all relevant overheads within a full cost recovery budget
- have measurable targets and makes a clear impact on demonstrable community needs
- are backed up by research and consultation

Groups, which are actively working towards meeting these conditions, may be considered for funding – further advice and information is available from officers.

An organisation will not be eligible if it:

- is set up and/or managed wholly or partly by a statutory organisation
- provides religious instruction or worship (religious organisations may be eligible for grants to provide social, leisure, cultural or welfare activities)
- operates for private gain
- is connected with any political party or involved in party politics

3.7 All funded groups will have service agreements for their grants and structured monitoring arrangements.

3.8 Some properties have seen a significant increase in business rates following the review of the rateable values, which in turn has increased the pressure on the grants budget from the discretionary rate relief (DRR) awards for 2011/12.

4. Implications

Financial implications - These are indicated above and in Appendix 1.

Staffing implications - None.

Equal Opportunities implications - All grant aid policies are based on the Council's Medium Term Objective to secure a healthy and thriving community, especially through the provision of services to areas and communities that are the most disadvantaged. Effective implementation of equal opportunities policy and practice by applicant groups is a condition for grant aid.

Environmental implications - All applicants are required to have green policies to detail how they will contribute to reducing carbon emissions and establish good practice.

5. Background papers

These background papers were used in the preparation of this report:

- Grant and discretionary rate relief applications

6. Appendices

Appendix 1 – Leisure grant and discretionary rate relief applications 2011/12

7. Inspection of papers

To inspect the background papers or if you have a query on the report please contact:

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