

# **GRANTS COMMITTEE**

## **MINUTES AND DECISION RECORD**

21 April 2008

The meeting commenced at 2pm in the Civic Centre, Hartlepool

**Present:**

Councillor Robbie Payne (In the Chair)

Councillors: The Mayor and Victor Tumilty

Officers: Tracy Liveras, Young People and Play Co-ordinator  
Mark Smith, Connexions Locality Manager  
Maureen Mounter, Senior Youth Worker  
Steve Hilton, Public Relations Officer  
Jo Wilson, Democratic Services Officer

### **30. Apologies for Absence**

None

### **31. Declarations of interest by members**

None

### **32. Confirmation of the minutes of the meeting held on 6 March 2008**

Agreed

### **33. Youth Service – Proposed Service Level Agreements with Abbey Street (Headland Future) and Barnardos, B76, Voluntary Youth Projects for 2008/11** *(Director of Children's Services)*

**Type of decision**

Non-key

**Purpose of report**

To consider details and seek members' approval of service level agreements, and associated funding allocations, for the support of youth work at the Abbey Street and B76 Voluntary Youth Projects.

### **Issue(s) for consideration by the Committee**

The Youth Service provides support to voluntary youth groups. Service level agreements are assessed against criteria involving need and potential of the voluntary organisations to contribute to the Youth Service's outcomes and targets. Abbey Street and B76 Voluntary Youth Projects had both delivered consistently good programmes of work in this area over recent years. Any monies issued were on the basis of delivering a specification detailing the quantity/quality of youth work expected. The service level agreements for both organisations were appended to the report for members' attention.

This year was a transitional year as the Children's Trust was currently developing a commissioning framework which would, in future years, oversee the approval of service level agreements with the providers of services. However until this development it was felt appropriate to seek approval from the Grants Committee for this year's arrangements so as not to disrupt voluntary services funding.

Details were given within the report of the services provided by the Abbey Street Voluntary Youth Project and the B76 Voluntary Youth Project. The support proposed for 2008/9 would be £28,638 for Abbey Street and £65,565 for B76. These amounts would increase by inflation annually and the Youth Service Budget for 2008/9 had funding in place to cover these costs.

The Chair queried how officers were able to confirm inflation increases. The Connexions Locality Manager advised that the Youth Service had made a long-term commitment to these projects and whatever funding was deemed necessary would be made available.

### **Decision**

That the support funding to Abbey Street Project (Headland Future Ltd) of £28,638 and to B76 (Barbados) of £65,565 as payment for the work detailed in their respective Service Level Agreements be approved.

## **34. Play Opportunities Pool Award 2008/2009** *(Director of Children's Services)*

### **Type of decision**

Non-key

### **Purpose of report**

To advise Members of applications to the Play Opportunities Pool and seek approval for recommended grant awards

### **Issue(s) for consideration by the Committee**

Grant aid totalling £18,000 annually is available to community groups and

voluntary organisations to enable them to provide play opportunities throughout the year, thereby complimenting the Authority's play provision. The provision of play grants also enables groups to provide play to meet local needs, especially in areas of disadvantage to assist local people on limited incomes.

Grant Awards are used as a contribution towards the cost of a play opportunity, with the Authority's funding often attracting match funding. In total, 6 applications have been assessed with requests from the Grants Pool for staff costs, equipment, venue hire, and transport.

Details of the groups requesting funding were set out in the report together with an outline of what schemes the groups were proposing that the grant would be utilised for.

The Chair referred to the applications for Manor West Youth Project and Manor Residents Association, querying whether these would benefit the same children. The Young People and Play Co-ordinator advised that these organisations were very different – Manor West Youth Project was for children aged 7-16 while Manor Residents Association benefited children aged 5-11.

### **Decision**

That the grant awards below totalling £13,893.80 be approved: -

Manor West Youth Project - A contribution of £2,021 to cover the delivery of 26 weeks of swimming sessions, including staff, volunteers expenses, venue hire, insurance, administration and management costs.

Hartlepool Special Needs Support Group - A contribution of £2,600 toward the costs of volunteers, staff costs, transport, children's entertainers and craft workshops.

Manor Residents Association – A contribution of £1,957 towards transport and insurance costs.

Child Deaf Youth Project – A contribution of £1,735.80 to support the delivery of the summer playscheme and the Under 11's Youth Project.

West View Project – A contribution of £3,000 towards staff costs and transport

Hartlepool Families First – A contribution of £2,580 towards staff costs, transport and management costs to deliver 4 hours of support per week.

### 35. Civic Lottery Grant Applications *(Assistant Chief Executive)*

**Type of decision**

Non-Key

**Purpose of report**

To consider Civic Lottery Grant Applications

**Issue(s) for consideration by the Committee**

The report sought the Committee's consideration of the following:-

- applications where no previous grants had been awarded.
- applications where grants had previously been awarded
- an application for a change of use of money already approved.

Members were advised that the amount of grant applications made came to a total of £17,235.50. However the balance available for this tranche was only £6,119.98. Members requested that, with one exception, all applications be approved in their entirety. The funding for this to be achieved by utilising the Civic Lottery budget for 2008/09. Members requested that an application from the Hartlepool Gymnastics Club be deferred pending clarification as to exactly what the funding would be used for. In addition Members approved a change of use for a Civic Lottery Grant previously awarded to the Princess Royal (ex Hartlepool Lifeboat) Trust Community Interest Company.

**Decision**

That the following allocation of grants be approved:-

|      |                                      |         |
|------|--------------------------------------|---------|
| 3294 | Hartlepool Blind Welfare Association | 400     |
| 3297 | Orcel Sea Training                   | 2,000   |
| 3315 | Hartlepool Young Stroke Club         | 600     |
| 3314 | New Life Music                       | 2,000   |
| 3311 | The Wharton Trust                    | 2,000   |
| 3310 | Tramshed Potters                     | 500     |
| 3303 | Heugh Battery Trust                  | 475*    |
| 3307 | Hartlepool Stage Society             | 2,000*  |
| 3317 | Hartlepool Swimming Club             | 2,000*  |
| 3316 | Walking Tall                         | 367.50* |
| 3313 | Hartlepool and District Hospice      | 2,000*  |
| 3309 | Hartlepool Town FC                   | 793*    |

(\* Organisations that have previously received Civic Lottery Grants)

That the change of use for a grant of £372.62 previously awarded to the

Princess Royal (ex Hartlepool Lifeboat) Trust Community Interest Group be approved

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**ACTING CHIEF SOLICITOR**

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