

**CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL**

**GRANT APPLICATIONS AND RATE RELIEF COMMITTEE**

**13 MARCH 2007**

**REPORT OF DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

**APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

**PORTFOLIO LEADER: POLICY AND RESOURCES**

**1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to advise members of applications for financial assistance.
- 1.2 This report also includes a breakdown of the budget for 2006-07 and the amount available for general distribution.

**2. Recommendations**

- 2.1 That each application be considered on its own merits.

**3. Key Issues**

- 3.1 An approved budget of £30,960 is available for 2006-07 for general financial aid. Within this sum, £21,640 has previously been granted. This leaves a budget available for 2006-07 of £9,320.
- 3.2 There are two powers under which the Council may award grants, the first being Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972, the second being Section 2 of the Local Government Act 2000, under the power of well-being. The details of these are set out in Section 1 below.
- 3.3 The award to Longford Primary was collected at the last presentation along with the December awards.
- 3.4 The Deferred Application A209 from Cannock Royal British Legion Club Limited has been withdrawn.

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**Section 1**

**Background**

- 1.1 Members are reminded that Section 137 of the Local Government Act, 1972, limits the amount of grant aid to, in general terms, contributions to:
- (a) the funds of any charitable body in furtherance of its work in the United Kingdom:  
or
  - (b) the funds of any body which provides any public service (whether to the public at large or to any section of it) in the United Kingdom otherwise than for the purposes of gain: or
  - (c) any fund which is raised in connection with a particular event directly affecting persons resident in the United Kingdom on behalf of whom a public appeal for contributions has been made by the Lord Mayor of London or the chairman of a principal council or by a committee of which the Lord Mayor of London or the chairman of a principal council is a member.
- 1.2 Any body, to which aid in excess of £2,000 is made available, must notify to the authority, the use to which the aid has been put. In most cases, for the few organisations to which this applies, the requirement is covered by supplying to the authority copies of annual reports and accounts.
- 1.3 S.2 of the Local Government Act 2000 (2000 Act) has provided the Council with a power (the well being powers) to do anything which it considers likely to achieve:
- a) the promotion or improvement of the economic well-being of their area,
  - b) the promotion or improvement of the social well-being of their area, and
  - c) the promotion or improvement of the environmental well-being of their area.
- 1.4 This power enables the Council to give financial assistance to any organisation or individual providing a benefit for the whole or any part of the Council's area provided the Council considers it is likely to achieve any of the aims set out in paragraph 1.3
- 1.5 The 2000 Act requires the Council to have regard to its Community Strategy when exercising the well-being powers in that the aims and objectives of any organisation or individual requesting assistance must be compatible with the Council's Community Strategy.
- 1.6 Annex 1 shows new applications and Annex 2 deferred applications. There are no deferred applications on this occasion

**Section 2**

**Details of Matters to be Considered**

There are no matters to be considered.

**Section 3**

**Contribution to CHASE**

This service contributes to CHASE by supporting local voluntary organisations and support groups. These can encompass all the objectives in CHASE either in whole or in part.

**Section 4**

**Section 17 Implications**

The Council is obliged to consider activities which may lead to a reduction in crime in the district. It is considered that the grant funding given to Cannock Chase Sports Council and other groups that provide facilities and activities within the district meets this obligation.

**Section 5**

**Human Rights Act Implications**

There are no identified implications in respect of the Human Rights Act 1998 arising from this report.

**Section 6**

**Data Protection Act Implications**

When individuals are completing their application they are advised that the form will be in the public arena and their signature is authorisation that they are in agreement with this.

**Section 7**

**Risk Management Implications**

Risks associated with the process to grant financial assistance have been assessed and adequate controls found to be in place. Risks can be managed to an acceptable level.

**Section 8**

**Legal Implications**

- 8.1 There are no applications from individuals to which the following paragraphs apply.
- 8.2 Where an application is received from an individual, only the well-being powers set out in Section 2 of the Local Government Act 2000 are available.
- 8.3 In order to make such a grant, Members must consider whether the purpose for which the grant is requested is likely to achieve any or all of the following:
- (a) The promotion or improvement of the economic well-being of their area,
  - (b) the promotion or improvement of the social well-being of their area, or
  - (c) the promotion or improvement of the environmental well-being of their area.
- 8.4 In addition, Members must consider who will benefit from the grant i.e. is it in relation to or for the benefit of:
- (a) the whole or any part of the District, or
  - (b) all or any persons resident or present in the District.

**Section 9**

**Financial Implications**

- 9.1 A budget of £30,960 is available for 2006-07 for general financial aid. Within this sum, £21,640 has previously been granted. This leaves a budget available for 2006-07 of £9,320.
- 9.2 Members should note that the amounts specified within the new applications for consideration as per Annex 1 total £11,650 plus two applications where amounts have not been specified.
- 9.3 There are no deferred applications at Annex 2.

**Section 10**

**Resource Implications**

None.

**Section 11**

**Conclusions**

That the recommendation at paragraph 2 be approved.

**Section 12**

**Background Papers**

There are no background papers.

**Annexes**

Annex 1 – New Applications

Annex 2 – There are no Deferred Applications

ANNEX 1

APPLICATIONS FOR GRANT AID 2006-07

"A" LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

		<u>Application Amount</u>	<u>Previous Grant</u>	<u>External funding officer involvement</u>
A301	Hednesford Pentecostal Church	Not specified	None	No
A302	3 <sup>rd</sup> Heath Hayes Rainbows	£150	None	No
A303	Mid Staffordshire Mencap	£3,000	1997/8 £200	No
A304	Rugeley Open Spaces Association	£600	2005/6 £750	Extensive
A305	The Sea Cadets (Stafford & Rugeley Unit)	£1,500	2005/6 £1,000	No
A306	Trips for Kids	£500	None	No
A307	Busydays Nursery	Not specified	None	Extensive
A308	Cannock Chase District Scouts	£1,000	2001/2 £800	Extensive
A309	Cannock Bowling Green Club	£1,000/£2,000	None	Limited
A310	Longford Social Club	£2,000	None	Extensive
A311	Florence Street Methodist Church Youth Club	£400	None	No
A312	Royal British Legion Hednesford	£500	None	No

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DEFERRED APPLICATIONS

**There are no Deferred Applications**