

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services

Corporate Cultural Sub Committee: 4 August 2008

Subject: Cultural Grants to Voluntary Organisations

1. Purpose

- 1.1** The purpose of this report is to provide the Sub Committee with an update on the budget position of cultural grants to voluntary organisations.
- 1.2** The report also provides details of grant applications put forward for Sub Committee approval.

2. Background

- 2.1** The Council meeting on 19 December 2007 agreed to the formation of a Culture Sub-Committee.
- 2.2** The Council meeting on 30 January 2008 approved the membership, remit, delegated powers and arrangements for meetings of the Corporate Cultural Sub-Committee.
- 2.3** The Corporate and Efficient Governance Committee on the 26 March 2008 agreed that applications received from organisations promoting cultural would be referred to the Corporate Cultural Sub-Committee for consideration and an amount of £25,000 was allocated to be distributed in grant funding.

3. Main Issues

- 3.1** The current budgetary position is set out in Appendix A and highlights a budget of £25,000 for cultural grants to voluntary organisations available in 2008/2009.
- 3.2** Officers have made recommendations of grant totalling £17,675.80 which are detailed in Appendix B. If these recommendations are agreed, the balance of the cultural grants to voluntary organisations budget for 2008/2009 would be £7,324.20
- 3.3** It should be noted that implications arising from grant recommendations made falling below the level of grant requested have been discussed with the relevant organisations, where possible.

4. Personnel Issues

- 4.1** There are no personnel issues.

5. Financial Implications

- 5.1** The budget position is noted within point 3.1 of this report. If recommendations in 3.2 are agreed, this would leave an annual budget of £7,324.20.

6. Risk Analysis

- 6.1** The Council must consider financial and reputational risks when considering grant applications. The financial risk is not only that the Council remains within budget, but also that the voluntary organisation is in a long term viable position. Organisations funded by the Council must also comply with Conditions of Grant which cover issues such as discrimination, health and safety, insurance, etc.

7. Conclusions

- 7.1** A number of grants as detailed in Appendix B are being recommended following officers' assessment of financial need and favourable impact to residents within the Council area.

8. Recommendations

- 8.1** The Committee is invited to agree the recommendations for:

(a) Cultural Grants to Voluntary Organisations 2008/2009 - £17,675.80

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Wards Affected: All wards affected

Appendix A: Budget Update
Appendix B: Detail of grants

Background Papers: Grant applications

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