

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services

Corporate Cultural Sub Committee: 18 August 2009

Subject: Cultural Grants to Voluntary Organisations

1. Purpose

- 1.1** The purpose of this report is to provide the Sub Committee with details of grant applications put forward for delegated approval during the summer recess.

2. Background

- 2.1** The Council meeting on 19 December 2007 agreed to the formation of a Culture Sub-Committee.
- 2.2** The Corporate & Efficient Governance Committee on 26 March 2008 agreed that applications received from organisations promoting cultural would be referred to the Corporate Cultural Sub-Committee for consideration. An amount of £15,000 was allocated to be distributed in grant funding during 2009/10.

3. Main Issues

- 3.1** Officers sought delegated approval for grant funding totalling £15,000 for three applications, detailed in Appendix A. Delegated approval was required due to funding being requested for summer events.
- 3.2** It should be noted that implications arising from grant recommendations made falling below the level of grant requested were discussed with the relevant organisations prior to approval.
- 3.3** Depending upon a number of variable factors at the Lomond Folk Festival events, there is a risk of an in-year deficit. The group holds a considerable contingency/insurance account which can be used to fund the possible deficit in the short term. However, in recommending and agreeing the 2009/10 grant, consideration was given to the impact on this contingency account of any deficit and the need for restoration of any such deficit in future years.

4. Personnel Issues

- 4.1** There are no personnel issues.

5. Financial Implications

- 5.1** After payment of the three grant applications there remains no balance to be allocated for cultural grants in 2009/10.

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. Officers' Conclusions and Recommendations

- 7.1** Grants detailed in Appendix A were approved through delegated authority following officers' assessment of financial need and favourable impact to residents within the Council area.
- 7.2** The Sub-Committee is invited to note the approval of these grants under delegated authority, totalling £15,000.
- 7.3** The Sub-Committee is invited to note the possible risk of in-year deficit and the need to consider restoration of any such deficit in any future year funding.

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Appendix A: Detail of grants awarded

Background Papers: Grant applications

Wards Affected: All wards affected

Detail of grants awarded

Appendix A

Organisation	Amount requested	Reason	Grant awarded 2008/2009	Comments
Lomond Folk Festival c/o Mr Stewart Davidson Tighnairn Redfox Drive Balloch	£12,750	Funding towards Lomond Folk Festival to be held 24-27 July 2009.	£6,000	Approved: £2,500
West Dunbartonshire Festival Association c/o Mr Stephen McCafferty Internal Audit Garshake Road Dumbarton	£9,000	Funding towards gala days within West Dunbartonshire.	£9,000	Approved: £8,500
Lomond & Clyde Pipe Band c/o Mr Fraser Sergeant 45 Manor Road Glasgow	£4,500	Funding towards purchase of 9 new drums.	Nil	Approved: £4,000