

## **CULTURE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES**

A record of decisions made by the Executive Member with responsibility for Culture and Community Services on:-

**MONDAY, 19TH JUNE, 2006**

following consideration of the matters detailed below in the presence of:-

Councillor Ibrahim	Executive Member for Culture and Community Services
Councillor Clare	Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Health
Councillor Shaw (as deputy for Councillor Greenhalgh)	Major Opposition Spokesperson
Councillor Hamilton	Minor Opposition Spokesperson
Mr. J. Rutherford	Director of Adult Services
Mrs. S. Crossley	Assistant Director of Adult Services (Culture)
Mrs. E. Barton	Voluntary Sector Support Officer
Ms. C. James	Head of Strategic Projects
Ms. K. Warriner	Principal Policy Officer
Mr. M. Connor	Policy Accountant
Ms. N. Woodford	Principal Sports Development Officer
Mr. A. Scott	Policy Accountant
Ms. A. Stevens	Resources and E-Services Manager
Mrs. C. Street	Office Manager
Mrs. S. Bailey	Principal Democratic Services Officer

### **1. MONITORING OF EXECUTIVE MEMBER DECISIONS**

The Director of Legal and Democratic Services submitted a report which monitored the progress of decisions within the portfolio of the Executive Member for Culture and Community Services.

**The Executive Member NOTED the progress on the decisions taken at the previous Executive Member meetings.**

## **2. APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMME - SPORT, HEALTH AND INCLUSION TEAM**

A report of the Director of Adult Services was submitted which outlined proposals for the implementation of an apprenticeship programme for 16-19 year olds and sought approval to establish six posts of Apprentice Sport and Physical Activity Workers to work within the Adult Services Sport, Health and Inclusion Service and deliver the new scheme.

The report outlined the main aims and objectives of the scheme which were to encourage more young people to become active with a view to improving health, well-being, quality of life and employability. The initiative would be carried out in conjunction with the Training Solutions Agency.

The scheme would aim to focus on and support young people who were not in education, employment and training at age 16.

The report outlined the terms and conditions of the new posts of Apprentice Sport and Physical Adults Worker and relevant job descriptions and person specifications were appended to the report. The posts would be on fixed term contracts for twelve months.

The report would also be considered by the Executive Member for Human Resources and Diversity at his meeting on 28th June, 2006.

**The Executive Member APPROVED -**  
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**subject to the approval of the Executive Member for Human Resources and Diversity, the establishment of six posts of Apprentice Sport and Physical Activity Workers to work within the Adult Services Sport, Health and Inclusion Service as part of a twelve month training pathway, as detailed in the report now submitted.**

### **3. THE EMPLOYMENT OF A SPORTS DEVELOPMENT BOLTON CYCLING COMMUNITY COACH**

The Director of Adult Services submitted a report which sought approval for the appointment of a post of Community Sports Coach - Cycling for a three year period as part of the national Community Sports Coach scheme.

The report reminded the Executive Member that a national Community Sports Coach scheme had been launched which aimed to employ 3,000 Community Sports Coaches to work at a local level to increase the number and range of coaching opportunities according to strategic and local need by 2006 and onwards. As part of the scheme, Bolton had been awarded over £30,000 towards the provision of two community coaches in athletics and swimming.

The report advised that a further sum of £9,880 had been made available to Bolton as part of the National Scheme. The Authority had identified cycling as one of its priority sports for development and the report proposed the establishment of a post of Community Sports Coach – Cycling. The aims of the post would be to:-

- increase participation;
- develop coaches and volunteers within sports;
- raise awareness of the sport across all key partners;

- develop young cyclists to move onto world class programmes within British Cycling;
- more cycling opportunities for schools to link to clubs; and
- provide lifelong participation.

The report would also be considered by the Executive Member for Human Resources and Diversity at his meeting on 28th June, 2006.

**The Executive Member APPROVED -**

**subject to the approval of the Executive Member for Human Resources and Diversity, the development of Bolton Cycling Community Coach Scheme and appointment of two posts of Community Sports Coach.**

**4. VOLUNTARY SECTOR GRANTS SCHEME 2005/2006 - FINANCIAL POSITION.**

The Chief Executive submitted a report which:-

- (a) outlined the financial position of the Voluntary Sector Grants Scheme and the Miscellaneous Grants as at 31st March, 2006; and
- (b) gave details of 122 grants approved in 2005/2006, together with information on underspends and consequent carry forward of grant monies to 2006/2007 in the sum of £31,485.12.

**The Executive Member NOTED the report.**

**5. VOLUNTARY SECTOR GRANTS SCHEME 2006/2007**

The Chief Executive submitted a report which:-

- (a) outlined the financial position of the Voluntary Sector Grants Scheme; and
- (b) detailed 28 new applications submitted under the Voluntary Sector Grants Scheme.

with regard to (b) above, it was explained that the total amount requested equated to £46,909.37, with applications amounting to £43,957.37 from the Main Grants Pot and £2,950.00 from the Small Grants Pot. If all the applications were approved, this would leave a balance of £6,983.67 remaining to be allocated from the total budget.

**The Executive Member NOTED -**

- (i) **The financial position of the Voluntary Grants Scheme; and APPROVED -**
- (ii) **The awarding of the following grants:-**

**Main Grants Pot**

-	<b>Tottington Road Methodist Community Hall</b>	-	<b>£2,173.75</b>
-	<b>St Vincent de Paul Society (Bolton District)</b>	-	<b>£2,000</b>
-	<b>Farnworth Ex-Services Association</b>	-	<b>£2,000</b>
-	<b>Ladybridge Sport and Leisure Limited</b>	-	<b>£2,500</b>
-	<b>Harmony Youth Project</b>	-	<b>£1,137.50</b>
-	<b>Bolton Tornadoes Life Saving Club</b>	-	<b>£1,659</b>

-	<b>Autistic Society Greater Manchester Area</b>	-	<b>£2,431.90</b>
-	<b>Friday Contact</b>	-	<b>£1,461.47</b>
-	<b>Johnson Fold Youth Support Group</b>	-	<b>£1,057.25</b>
-	<b>C.O.L.L.E.N. (Children of Little Lever Entertainment Needs)</b>	-	<b>£910</b>
-	<b>The Haulgh Community Partnership</b>	-	<b>£1,000</b>
-	<b>Bolton Churches Football Outreach</b>	-	<b>£2,150</b>
-	<b>Irish Culture and Heritage Society</b>	-	<b>£1,250</b>

#### **Small Grants Pot**

-	<b>Bolton Taxi Drivers' Association</b>	-	<b>£500 (subject to further discussions with the police)</b>
-	<b>Creative Youth</b>	-	<b>£500</b>
-	<b>National Association of Widows</b>	-	<b>£500</b>
-	<b>The Compassionate Friends</b>	-	<b>£450</b>
-	<b>Bolton Over Fifties Friendship and Activities (BOFFA)</b>	-	<b>£300</b>

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| - Bolton Prostate Support Association (PSA) | - £500 |
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(iii) That the following applications be deferred for further investigation:-

**Main Grants Pot**

- Watan Volleyball Club;
- New Bolton Somali Community Association;
- Bolton Arts Community;
- Kearsley Park Veterans Bowling Club;
- Respect Counselling and Mentoring;
- Diversity Focus Training Group;
- Going Back to my Roots; and
- Black and Asian Achievement Awards.

(iv) The Executive Member NOTED that the application from the Bolton and District Speakers' Club had been withdrawn.

**6. BOLTON COMMUNITY LEISURE - PERFORMANCE FOR THE QUARTER TO 31ST MARCH, 2006**

The Director of Adult Services submitted a report which provided the Executive Member with an overview and update of the partnership activities and developments in relation to Bolton Community Leisure during the first quarter of 2006.

Particular reference was made to:-

- (a) the Brand Standards - Appendix 1 to the report showed the results for the first Quarter of 2006 in comparison to the results of earlier performance monitoring. Although an

improvement had been observed, there were still a number of areas in which both the process and the standards could be improved. Various measures had been put in place to try to address these, details of which were provided in the report;

- (b) communications with schools;
- (c) Trust Charity Commission Application - the application had been submitted;
- (d) Trustee advert;
- (e) capital expenditure;
- (f) Audited Accounts - a copy of the 2005 audited accounts were attached to the report at Appendix 2;
- (g) review of fees and charges from 1st July, 2006. All fees and charges were increased in line with the Council guideline increases of 2.95% from April, 2006. However, due to the impact of increased utility charges of almost £100,000 per annum on the contract, the trust had agreed, subject to the approval of the Council, to a number of further increases from July 2006. This would enable Serco, as the Managing Agent, to recover some of the increased utility costs whilst reviewing energy efficiency and closely monitoring consumption levels.

The suggested fees were as follows:-

Activity	April 2005	April 2006	Proposed Price	% increase on April 2006	Throughput 2005	Additional Income (Adjusted for 9 months)



<b>Adults swimming</b>	£2.50	£2.60	£2.70	3.85%	61,212	£4,590
<b>Junior swimming</b>	£1.30	£1.35	£1.45	7.41%	64,319	£4,823
<b>Swim lesson</b>	£3.50	£3.70	£3.90	5.41%	106,194	£15,929
<b>Total</b>						£25,342

### **The Executive Member APPROVED –**

**The increased fees and charges, as detailed in the report now submitted.**

## **7. ADULT SERVICES STRATEGIC BUDGET 2006/2007**

The Director of Adult Services submitted a report which set out the 2006/2007 Strategic Budget for Adult Services.

The report outlined the total revenue budget available for 2006/2007 of £72.877m which was analysed into the main service areas and highlighted the main expenditure and income categories. It also set out the 2006/2007 Capital Programme and 2006/2007 Gershon Savings.

With regard to the 2006/2007 Capital Programme, including slippage of funds from 2005/2006, the report advised that the figure for Adult Services (Social Care) was £1.2m and was £0.9m for Adult Services (non-Social Care). In addition, there was programmed spend of £0.8m on Department wide projects which covered both Children's and Adult Services, which would need to be reallocated across the two Departments.

The Department had identified savings to meet its Gershon Targets of £2.358m for 2006/2007. These would comprise the cashable savings of £2.06m identified in the 2006/2007 Resource Allocation reports, together with a further £0.3m of non-cashable savings.

**The Executive Member NOTED the report.**