

REPORT TO: LEISURE, ARTS & COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE - 10 SEPTEMBER 2007

REPORT ON: GRANTS TO ADULT EDUCATION ASSOCIATIONS 2007–2008

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF LEISURE AND COMMUNITIES

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1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 This report seeks approval for the payment of an Adult Education Support Fund grant for the financial year April 2007 to March 2008, to Broughty Ferry Educational and Recreation Association.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

2.1 an Adult Education Support Fund grant of £2,400 is awarded to Broughty Ferry Educational and Recreational Association to support the maintenance of and development of Adult Education Associations

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 Costs will be contained within the Department's Adult Education Support Fund Budget for 2007–2008.

4.0 SUSTAINABILITY POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Sustainability

By working in partnership with Adult Education Associations, Dundee City Council will strive to develop Adult Learning in ways which will safeguard the future of the environment, our economy and communities.

4.2 Strategic Environmental Assessment

None required.

4.3 Anti-Poverty

Adult Education Associations provide low cost learning opportunities with concessions operating for disadvantaged groups.

5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

5.1 Adult Education Associations encourage Dundee citizens to participate in lifelong learning regardless of their race, colour, gender, sexuality, age, class, ethnic or religious beliefs, basic skills, disability, trade union activity or employment status.

6.0 MAIN TEXT

6.1 This is a locally run voluntary organisation providing low cost learning opportunities.

6.2 Support from the Adult Education Fund contributes to the costs the association incurs for lets, administration, marketing and offering concessions.

6.3 The organisation provides 59 classes per academic year, offering 1,073 learning places.

6.4 In order to ensure the organisation promotes equal opportunities as a condition of grant for 2007-2008, it is being required to collect more relevant learner information. This requires the setting up of an IT based system and the increase in the award from £1,600 in the last financial year, is reflective of the costs of setting the database up and of increased lets/charges.

7.0 CONSULTATION

7.1 The Chief Executive and Depute Chief Executives (Finance) and (Support Services) have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

8.1 None.

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