

DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Leisure, Arts and Communities Committee - 24 August 2009

REPORT ON: Adult Education Fund (Adult Education Associations)

REPORT BY: Director of Leisure and Communities

REPORT NO: 369-2009

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report details an application received from Broughty Ferry Education and Recreation Association (BERA), to assist in the administrative and running costs of presenting a programme of evening classes for the adult community in and around Broughty Ferry.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Committee approves the recommended grant of £3,150 to allow the organisation to continue to provide very valuable and wide ranging evening learning opportunities for the residents of Broughty Ferry and Dundee.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The grant will be met from the department's 2009/2010 Revenue Grants budget (Adult Education Support Fund).

4.0 MAIN TEXT

4.1 Background

The Broughty Ferry Education and Recreation Association is a voluntary organisation which provided 932 learning places for the period September 2008 to June 2009, which were filled by 735 individuals. The purpose of the organisation is to provide education, recreation and leisure time occupations for the residents of Broughty Ferry and Dundee. BERA offers an extensive evening class programme based at Grove Academy and receives support from local businesses in the Broughty Ferry area.

- 4.2 BERA are working closely with staff from Leisure and Communities to look at increasing membership, improving marketing and generally increasing the effectiveness of the association. The group will benefit from the refurbishment work of Grove Academy and are working closely with the Education Department to ensure that their accommodation needs are met.
- 4.3 Through grant aid in 2008/2009 the organisation developed a new web site which has had 8,500 hits since going live in October 2008. They have also developed a learner database and provide regular returns to Dundee City Council.

5.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

This report has been screened for any policy implications in respect of Sustainability, Strategic Environmental Assessment, Anti-Poverty, Equality Impact Assessment and Risk Management

There are no major issues

6.0 CONSULTATION

- 6.1 The Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Support Services), Depute Chief Executive (Finance) and Head of Finance have been consulted on this report and are in agreement with its contents.

7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 8.1 None.

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