

14. St. Andrews Scout Group (Executive Decision)

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Purpose of the Report

To consider funding towards a new heating and hot water system for the scout headquarters.

Recommendation

That members agree an award of £3,000 from the revenue grants budget.

Background

St Andrews Scout Group is a popular organisation that was established in 1930. The group opened a new section in the last year to accommodate the high number of young people that were on their waiting list.

The group has approximately one hundred young members and these members actively raise funds for both the organisation and for local charities.

Project

The heating and hot water system installed at the scout headquarters is no longer adequate and there is no hot water in the toilets. The lack of adequate heating during particularly cold weather means there is a risk that the scout sections would not be able to meet. This would be a great shame for the young members who enjoy taking part in the activities.

In addition, the scout group has equipment that would deteriorate if the building were left cold and damp.

The hut is also used by district scouts for training and the church also hire it for their youth group. It would be a shame if these important activities were not able to take place due to the lack of sufficient heating.

The group has been actively fundraising for the project and it is recommended that financial support be given to enable the popular activities to continue within a warmer more comfortable environment. Fundraising has included summer fairs, bag packing at supermarkets, raffles and bingo.

Ward Members Comments

A ward member is very supportive of the application. The group are a very busy and inclusive scout group and have a very good track record for fundraising.

Assessment Scoring

Below is the summary table from the grant assessment form. It is recommended that funding is only awarded to projects scoring 22 points or more.

Category	Score	Maximum score
A Eligibility	Y	
B Target Groups	1	7
C Project	4	5
D Capacity of Organisation	15	15
E Financial need	3	7
F Innovation	1	3
Grand Total	24	37

Funding Breakdown

Funding Sources	% Funding of the Total Project Cost	Amount of Funding (£)	Status
Other grants	23	1413.5	Requested
Own funds	27	1,586.5	Secured
SDDC Area South Grants	50	3,000	This application
Total Project Cost	100%	6,000	

Financial Implications

The uncommitted 2009/10 budget stands at £4,776. If members agree this award of £3,000, it will leave a balance of £1,776.

Corporate Priority Implications

The project contributes to the following Key Target Area:

4.1 Develop specific programmes of positive activities for children, young people (especially those already at risk of exclusion or offending) and families designed to reduce anti-social behaviour by October 2010.

Carbon Emissions & Adapting to Climate Change Implications (NI188)

None

Equality and Diversity Implications

None

Background Papers: St Andrews Scout grant application file.
