

REPORT TO MEMBERS		
1.	Meeting:	Cabinet Member for Communities & Cohesion issues Delegated Powers
2.	Date:	25th March 2013
3.	Title:	Rotherham One Town One Community Small Grants (All Wards)
4.	Directorate:	Resources

5. Summary

The report seeks approval for the award of a small grant to Swinton Sports Arts Project and the Bharat Integration Group (BIG).

6. Recommendations

6.1 To agree to award £250 to Swinton Sports Arts Project.

6.2 To agree to award £250 to Bharat Integration Group (BIG)

7. Proposals and Details

7.1 Swinton Sports Arts Project

The Swinton Sports and Health Group is a partnership group made up of residents, local senior and junior football teams and Ward Councillors with support from RMBC Green Spaces and Wentworth North Area Assembly Team.

The group are seeking external funding to allow the revitalisation of the newly relocated sports changing rooms on the Swinton Recreation Ground by undertaking a community art project. The changing rooms have been relocated from the Barbers Avenue Recreation Ground at Rawmarsh.

The group would like Swinton to take ownership of the new assets by getting local young people involved in designing the community art and actually undertaking the artwork on the changing rooms to revitalise them and improve them visually to the whole community.

The artwork will be led by Swinton Lock Activity Centre a local expert in this field of work and will involve at least 65 local young people.

Community artwork has proven effective in other areas of Swinton at preventing graffiti in previously targeted areas and as sports changing rooms are usually a target for such activity the group would like to work to prevent such incidents occurring.

A contribution towards the overall costs of the project is being sought.

7.2 Bharat Integration Group (BIG)

BIG is seeking support for funding for its Holi Event which contributes to promoting the principles of inclusion of people from all backgrounds to explore, share and enjoy culture and arts from another country, and celebrate our commonality. The funding will support a celebration event which is proven to draw audiences from all cultures including volunteers from all of Rotherham's communities.

8. Finance

As per report.

9. Risks and Uncertainties

Applicants were required to complete application and monitoring forms and the standard contract conditions for grants applied.

Due diligence enquiries were made on applicants and audit trail of spend was a condition of grant. This minimized any risk to the authority.

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

Rotherham's One Town One Community initiative demonstrates that people from diverse backgrounds and of all ages in Rotherham get on well together and share the same values and aspirations.

It promotes and celebrates the values that unite people in Rotherham: the values of fairness, understanding, mutual respect and a desire to achieve the best for Rotherham and the local communities in which we live.

A number of strands and themes were developed to support the OTOC programme including a small grants initiative which was looking to promote local grass roots community activity that would support the Rotherham OTOC principles: cohesion, integration, shared values, challenging discrimination, and bringing people from different backgrounds together.

The small grants programme aims to support small, independent community groups who do not have any major source of income or employ any paid workers. Thus groups managed by statutory bodies or other large organisations were not be funded. Similarly there were a range of exclusions such funding was not made available for: party political purposes; purely religious purposes; individual applicants; a party, equipment or related costs; staffing costs.

11. Background Papers

Rotherham One Town One Community Progress Report to Cabinet Member for Communities & Cohesion issues Delegated Powers, 2 July 2010.

Rotherham One Town One Community Small Grants Report to Cabinet Member for Communities & Cohesion issues Delegated Powers, 28th January 2013.

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