COMMUNITY LEISURE CHEST

Responsible Cabinet Member(s) - Councillor Lee Vasey, Leisure Services Portfolio

Responsible Director(s) - Cliff Brown, Director of Community Services

Purpose of Report

1. To consider a request for grant aid from the Community Leisure Chest.

Summary

2. The Community Leisure Chest budget has an annual budget of £4,500,with an outstanding balance of £4,300.

Information and Analysis

3. The following applications have been received:

(a) Darlington Tear Fund Support Group

Darlington Tear Fund Support Group is a local section of the national charity, which exists to raise funds to educate on Third World poverty and relief issues. The group are requesting assistance with the costs associated with a local fund raising concert to be held later this year, in the Arts Centre.

| Community Leisure Chest Grant 2003-2004 | Nil |
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| Request for Grant Aid 2004-2005 | £200 |

(b) Darlington Chrysanthemum and Dahlia Society

To promote interest in both societies by holding three annual shows each year in the area. This application is to assist with hire charges for the show in the Dolphin Centre later in the year.

| Community Leisure Chest Grant 2003-2004 | £100 |
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| Request for Grant Aid 2004-2005 | £200 |

(c) Darlington Choral Society

The Choral Society's aims and objectives are to promote appreciation and education in choral and orchestral music, by the presentation of public concerts. They are seeking funding towards the hire costs of the Dolphin Centre, for a forthcoming concert.

| Community Leisure Chest Grant 2003-2004 | £100 |
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| Request for Grant Aid 2004-2005 | £200 |

Outcome of Consultation

4. No consultation has taken place.

Legal Implications

5. This report has been considered by the Borough Solicitor for legal implications in accordance with the Council's approved procedures. There are no issues which the Borough Solicitor considers need to be brought to the specific attention of Members, other than those highlighted in the report.

Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998

6. The contents of this report have been considered in the context of the requirements placed on the Council by Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, namely the duty on the Council to exercise its functions with due regard to the likely effect of the exercise of those functions on and the need to do all that it reasonably can to prevent crime and disorder in its area. It is not considered that the contents of this report have any such effect.

Council Policy Framework

7. The issues contained within this report do not represent change to Council policy or the Council's policy framework.

Decision Deadline

8. For the purpose of 'call-in' procedure this does not represent an urgent matter.

Recommendation

9. It is recommended that Members consider the application for grant aid.

Reasons

10. To enable officers to inform the organisation of their success or failure following their application for Community Leisure Chest Grant Aid.

Cliff Brown Director of Community Services

Background Papers

(i) Community Leisure Chest Application Forms.

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