

ANGUS COUNCIL

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

24 July 1996

REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

Report No 568/96

REVENUE GRANTS TO ADULT EDUCATION ASSOCIATIONS

ABSTRACT

This report recommends grant aid to Adult Education Associations for 1996/97.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee is asked to:

- (i) note the contents of this report;
- (ii) approve grant aid to Adult Education Associations for 1996/97 as detailed.

INTRODUCTION

Adult Education Associations are managed locally by members of the Community on a voluntary basis, with the following additional support being provided by the Council:

- (i) Grant Aid from the Adult Education Fund;
- (ii) Ongoing professional and administrative support from the Community Education Service;
- (iii) Access to the Council's payroll facilities for payment of class tutors' fees.

Classes are wide ranging and are influenced by local demand.

The 1995/96 programmes included:

- a study of Scottish traditional music;
- sign language and lip reading;
- Italian, French and German for beginners;
- computing; wordprocessing
- assertiveness for women;
- floral art;
- keep fit for the unfit.

Although the programmes are intended mainly for adults, there are examples of children's participation within foreign language classes. These numbers are **not** included for the purposes of grant aid from the Adult Education Fund.

Senior citizens, students, unemployed and those in receipt of income support are deemed to be eligible for a concessionary rate set by each local Adult Education Association.

GRANT AID CRITERIA 1995/96

In the year 1995/96 the Associations in Angus provided classes for 1185 adults. Grant criteria was based on the number of students involved and classes offered, with grant aid allocated across four cost categories:

- A School Letting;
- B Organising Secretary's honorarium;
- C Administration and publicity;
- D New development work (eg outreach in rural areas).

SCHOOL LETTING 1996/97

At its meeting on 4 June 1996, the Education Committee approved amended letting charges and procedures, including free use of facilities to Adult Education Associations for classes of an **educational** nature, and concessionary rates for leisure and recreational classes with regular bookings of 35 meetings per year. All Adult Education Associations will benefit from the Council's new letting policy.

Grant aid to the Association has taken account of the new letting policy and no allocation for school letting is therefore proposed.

PROPOSED GRANT AID

From the sum allocated to the Revenue Budget for the purposes of Adult Education it is recommended that £3,050 be granted to Adult Education Associations, as noted below.

Arbroath	no application
Brechin	£300
Carnoustie	£750
Forfar	£700
Kirriemuir	£600
Monifieth	no application
Montrose	£700
Total	£3050

Provision for these payments has been made within the Education Department's Revenue Budget for 1996/97.

CONSULTATION

The Chief Executive, the Director of Finance and the Director of Law and Administration have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

No background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to any material extent in preparing the above report.

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