

ANGUS COUNCIL

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

20 NOVEMBER 2001

COMMUNITY EDUCATION SERVICE
ADULT EDUCATION SUPPORT FUND GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATION 2001/2002

REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

ABSTRACT

This report recommends grant aid from the Adult Education Support Fund to Adult Education Associations for 2001/2002.

1 RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee is asked to

- (i) Note the contents of this report
- (ii) Approve grant aid to the Adult Education Associations as set out in the Appendix to this report.

2 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:

- 2.1) Grant Aid from the Adult Education Support Fund
- 2.2) Ongoing professional and administrative support from the Community Education Service
- 2.3) Access to the Council's payroll facilities for payment of class tutors' fees

The Associations provide evening classes, which are largely of a hobbyist and leisure nature.

Classes are wide ranging and are influenced by local demand. The 2000/2001 programmes included:

- Badminton, golf and yoga;
- Spanish, French, German and Gaelic;
- Computing; word-processing;
- Parenting skills;
- Aromatherapy and reflexology

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 Support 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.

3 GRANT AID

In the Education Committee Report No 396/96 on the Review of Letting Charges and Procedures, Angus Council approved free use of facilities to the Associations for classes of an

educational nature; and concessionary rates for leisure and recreational classes with regular bookings of 35 meetings per year.

Grant aid is allocated across the following cost categories:

- A Organising Secretary's honorarium;
- B Administration and publicity;
- C New development work (e.g. outreach in rural areas)

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

From the sum allocated to the Revenue Budget for the purposes of the Adult Education Fund it is recommended that £2,750.00 in total be granted to Adult Education Associations. Appendix 1 provides details of the proposed allocations.

5 CONSULTATION

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

6 HUMAN RIGHTS

There are no Human Rights issues raised as a result of approving the recommendations contained in this report.

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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 this report.

APPENDIX