

BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCIL

FROM: Head of Community
Development

REPORT NUMBER: **J48**

TO: **OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY
(COMMUNITY SERVICES)**

DATE OF MEETING: 30 June 2009

REVIEW OF DISCRETIONARY GRANTS 2008/2009

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To report on activity funded under the Council's Discretionary Grant Policy in 2008/2009; the first completed year of operation using the new grants policy. The new policy underpins the link between the Babergh Strategic Plan and the allocation of discretionary funding. A number of grant recipients will be attending Committee, each speaking briefly about projects which have been supported by Babergh's grant policy.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 That the content of the report be noted.
The Committee is able to resolve this matter.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 There are no immediate financial implications arising from this report which is a description of activity that was funded within the Council's budgeted expenditure for 2008/2009.

4. RISK MANAGEMENT

- 4.1 This report is most closely linked with the Council's Significant Business Risk No. 9, Management of Major Programmes and Projects. Key risks are set out below:

Risk Description	Likelihood	Seriousness or Impact	Mitigation Measures
Risks are associated with not having adequate monitoring in place to link funding to strategic planning	LOW	MEDIUM – poor targeting of scarce resources of the Council	Adoption of an adequate policy, keeping tight budget control, monitoring and reporting of activity and outcomes

5. **KEY INFORMATION**

5.1 **Revenue Funding Introduction**

A total of £397,196 revenue funding was allocated and spent in 2008/2009. Details of all the recipient organisations and the activity for which funding was granted are shown on Appendix 1. This expenditure, matched with other finance raised by the organisations concerned, funded a further £21,690,181 of activity.

All our funding went towards activity within the Babergh area, provided for the benefit of Babergh residents, though some projects are rolled out over a wider area and also serve residents from other Districts. Much of the revenue funding was for long standing commitments to local agencies and partnerships that continue to deliver activities that support the Council's Strategic Themes.

However, there were also a few new agencies funded for the first time by Babergh as a result of the introduction of the new policy, newly identified needs or increased awareness of the Babergh Grants scheme. These included the Bridge Project, The Kernos Centre, The Eden Project, and Cruse Bereavement Care.

5.2 **Capital Funding Introduction**

A total of £109,345 capital funding was allocated during 2008/09, of this just over £41,000 remains to be spent in 2009/10 on three projects, Sudbury AFC, The Bridge Project and work at the Flatford National Trust site. Details of all these organisations and projects are shown on Appendix 1. This expenditure put together with the £2,035,327 of monies raised by the organisations themselves funded a total of £2,143,922 of capital projects in the Babergh area.

5.3 **Revenue Funding and Strategic Themes**

Appendix 2 shows how the projects funded relate to four of the Council's Strategic Themes. The fifth theme, "Quality homes that people can afford", is not shown separately as activities towards this theme are largely covered by a statutory responsibility of the Council, and therefore outside the scope of discretionary grant funding. Whilst several projects addressed more than one theme, and allocating their activities to the different areas is not an exact science, the pie chart does demonstrate that the four areas are all addressed to a substantial degree. The allocation of organisations to themes, which is also not an exact science, can be seen on Appendix 1.

5.3.1 **Allocation of Capital Funding and Strategic Priorities.**

For the first time, we have made significant efforts to ensure that discretionary capital funding also related to all four Strategic Themes. Appendix 3 shows how the projects funded related to these. This has been achieved by broadening the scope of applications to include projects relating to green spaces and to enable local voluntary organisations to bid, whilst retaining our core purposes of working with Parishes and local management committees on village halls and play areas and with organisations providing sport and leisure opportunities. We have also drawn attention to the economic benefit of capital expenditure where a tourism benefit could be seen. The allocation of capital projects to Strategic Themes is shown on Appendix 1.

5.3.2 A Cleaner, Greener Babergh.

A representative from Suffolk Wildlife Trust will attend Committee to speak about an example of a project that has delivered outputs under this theme.

Revenue

Under this theme we funded two partnerships that protect Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty, two organisations that work for the protection of green spaces and wildlife and several small projects to assist planting of hedges or the preservation of ditches that enhance the countryside. There is Member involvement in all the larger projects and these representatives are shown on Appendix 1. There is also representation on Greenways, an organisation with more limited funding.

Capital

Under this theme we funded two major projects that facilitated access to open and green spaces.

5.3.3 A Safer and Healthier Babergh.

A representative from Homestart Babergh will attend Committee to speak about an example of a project that has delivered outputs under this theme.

Revenue

Under this theme we funded the four major Sports Centres within Babergh and 11 different organisations that work to protect the safety of Babergh residents and/or to increase healthy, active lifestyles, or improved mental well-being, including one racial harassment initiative. There is Member representation on the dual use sports centres. In a broader sense, there are health and safety advantages from all the activities funded as all community involvement increases wellbeing and a sense of safety and belonging.

Capital

Under this theme we have funded three projects providing play equipment or facilities, ten sports clubs improving facilities for access to sport, two organisations providing access to the countryside for walking etc, and one project providing a service to the elderly that contributes towards mental health and continued independence. In the main these were relatively modest grants, with £25k towards the new facilities for AFC Sudbury being the largest, though we did pay out £40k towards the all weather surface for Sudbury Hockey Club in this year. This was money allocated in a previous year.

5.3.4 A Strong and Sustainable Babergh Economy.

A representative from Suffolk County Council will attend Committee to speak about an example of a project that has delivered outputs under this theme.

Revenue

Under this theme we have funded partnerships, one business advice service, and two county-based advice and funding services for local groups and businesses. In addition, support has been given to several facilities and activities that attract tourists to the Babergh area, including the Quay Theatre. There are economic advantages to all the revenue activity we fund such as support for employment in voluntary and sporting organisations, keeping people healthy etc. There is Member representation on both the strategic partnerships (ie Suffolk Development Agency and Haven Gateway).

Capital

Under this heading we have funded one project that provides a community café and lunch facility and two projects that attract tourists. There are, of course, economic advantages from all the capital activity we fund such as contracts for building services.

5.3.5 Vibrant places, strong communities.

The Director from the Quay Theatre, Sudbury will attend Committee to talk about how the Theatre's work supports our Strategic Themes.

Revenue

Under this heading we have funded seven arts projects, one theatre, two meeting or lunch clubs for the elderly, three umbrella organisations providing funding and development advice to local groups, two CABx, one project providing support for ethnic minorities, and one youth project. Again, all the activities funded could also be seen to support this theme as sports centres and village shops, for example, are also part of a vibrant community. The Quay Theatre and Sudbury Citizens Advice Bureau have Member representation though Babergh Communities Together, with £40k funding, does not.

Capital

Under this theme we funded thirteen different Parish and community councils to provide better meeting and activity spaces. Many of these were quite small grants to repair or improve existing facilities. We did pay out £40k towards the new community centre at Pinewood in this financial year, but this was from a previous year's allocation. Other projects included facilities for the elderly, projects to increase access for the disabled and projects that have been mentioned under previous headings.

6. APPENDICES

1. Allocation of grants for 2008/09
2. Matched Funding
3. Pie chart for revenue spread across strategic themes 2008/09
4. Pie chart for capital spread across strategic theme 2008/09

7. **BACKGROUND PAPERS REFERRED TO**

Babergh Discretionary Grants Policy agreed by Strategy Committee on 18 September 2008.

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CAPITAL GRANTS							
ORGANISATION NAME	PURPOSE OF GRANT	APPROVED GRANT AMOUNT 2008/09	Greener & Cleaner	Safer & Healthier	Stronger Sustainable Babergh Economy	Vibrant places & Strong Communities	
Sproughton Parish Council	New tables for Tithe Barn	£615					£615
Freston Village Hall Management Committee	Refit Kitchen	£600					£600
Bures Carpet Bowls Club	Purchase of short mat handling unit (carpet bowls)	£750		£750			
Long Melford & District Cricket Club	Purchase new cricket scoreboard	£750		£750			
Copdock & Washbrook Preschool	Provision of Wildlife Area	£375					£375
Hitcham Carpet Bowls Club	Purchase carpet bowls mat	£350		£350			
Brantham Parish Council	Basketball posts, nets, football goals	£750		£750			
East Bergholt Parish Council	Tourist Information Board and collection box for bellcage	£440					£440
Lawshall Village Hall Management Committee	new ramp for entrance, induction loop,	£5,000					£5,000
Polstead Village Hall Management Committee	Create enlarged storage space in village hall, for chairs and musical instruments, for use by local young peoples group.	£1,750					£1,750
Brettenham Village Hall	Replacement Floor	£3,000					£3,000
Lavenham Parish Council	Play Equipment - First Meadow, Lavenham	£1,600		£1,600			
Stoke by Nayland Recreation Ground Committee	Recreation Ground Car Park extension	£6,000					£6,000
Copdock & Old Ipswichians Cricket Club	Replacement of cricket net practice facility	£3,000		£3,000			
Copdock & Washbrook Playing Field Management Committee	Replace tables and chairs within playing field pavillion	£1,000					£1,000
Layham Road Tennis courts, Hadleigh	Re surface three tennis courts, erect new fence, mark out and supply three sets of net posts	£5,000		£5,000			
Boxford Playgroup Committee	Installation of nine piece play area	£5,000		£5,000			
Stoke By Nayland Village Hall Management Committee	Kitchen refurbishment	£3,250					£3,250
Stutton Community Hall Management Committee	Part replacement of Community Hall Roof	£4,000	£1,000				£3,000
Leavenheath Village Hall Management Committee	Replacement windows & doors	£3,000	£1,500				£1,500
Tattingstone Village Hall Committee	Replacement hall floor	£4,000					£4,000
Whatfield Village Hall Management Committee	Insulate hall floor and roof	£5,500	£2,750				£2,750
Holbrook Pre-school playgroup	Purchase exterior play equipment	£2,500		£2,500			
East Bergholt Cricket Club	Replace practice wickets	£1,350		£1,350			
Suffolk Wildlife Trust	Arger Fen, Assington - signage and accessible kissing gates for new walkway and information panels	£3,800		£1,267	£1,266		£1,267
Unity Croquet Club, Sudbury	Build new toilet, with access for disabled	£2,000		£1,000			£1,000
Holbrook Methodist Church	Boundary wall rebuild and purchase of metal storage shed	£1,400					£1,400
The Quay Theatre, Sudbury	Glass washing machine for bar	£750					£750
AFC Sudbury	New build for football club including community facilities	£25,000		£25,000			
The National Trust - Orvis Farm, Flatford	Access works, tree safety work, interpretation panel, for new pathway	£5,815	£2,907	£2,908			
The Bridge Project, Sudbury	Kitchen alterations and building work to assist accommodating elderly peoples club	£11,000		£3,000	£5,000		£3,000
TOTALS		£109,345	£8,157	£54,225	£6,266		£40,697

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ORGANISATION	ORGANISATION'S FUNCTION	SPECIFIC PROJECT DETAILS	APPROVED GRANT AMOUNT 2008/09	BABERGH MEMBER REPRESENTATIVE	Greener & Cleaner	Safer & Healthier	Stronger Sustainable Babergh Economy	Vibrant Places & Strong Communities
Gatehouse caring in West Suffolk	Manages collection and delivery of good quality second hand furniture across West Suffolk	Supporting transport costs for deliveries of furniture to qualifying Babergh residents	£200		£200			
Suffolk Digital Cinema Network	Delivers digital cinema to parishes across the county in participating districts	Support the continued development of delivery of cinema in rural Babergh	£500					£500
Board of Governors to Gainsborough's House Society	Historic house promoting Gainsborough as a tourist attraction	Outreach talks - 31 in total during 2008	£500	John Sayers			£250	£250
Eastern Angles	Delivers theatre projects with a local theme across the county	Delivers this service in Babergh	£900					£900
Hadleigh High School Leisure Centre	Provides sport and leisure facilities	Project funding	£16,500	Brian Riley		£16,500		
East Bergholt Sports Centre	Provides sport and leisure facilities	Project funding	£16,500	Michael Miller		£16,500		
Great Cornard Sports Centre	Provides sport and leisure facilities	Funding innovative programmes and giving access to new and existing facilities	£16,500	Humphrey Todd		£16,500		
Great Cornard Sports Centre	Open air swimming pool	Continued support for joint use outdoor heated swimming pool	£2,500			£2,500		
DanceEast	Delivers dance based theatre across the county	Babergh District Plan of entertainment	£5,500				£2,750	£2,750
Association for Suffolk Museums	Provides support to the county's museums	Support for Lavenham & Shotley museums	£1,000	John Sayers			£500	£500
Victim Support in Suffolk	Provides countryside support for victims of crime across the county	Core funding supports Babergh area	£200			£200		
Relate Norfolk & Suffolk	Provides relationship counselling across the county	Core funding for Babergh area	£750			£750		
Sudbury Sports Centre	Provides sport and leisure facilities	Project funding	£16,500	John Sayers		£16,500		
Suffolk Chamber of Commerce	Provides advice to businesses across the county	Business support to Babergh	£900				£900	
Cruse Bereavement Care	Delivers bereavement counselling in West Suffolk	Running Costs	£1,000			£1,000		
Stour Valley Older Peoples Centre	Luncheon Club at Belle Vue	Running Costs	£1,000			£500		£500
IPSENTA (now NWES)	Offers training and other advice to new business	Core Funding	£4,000				£4,000	
Ipswich Women's Aid Ltd	Offers refuge and other assistance to female victims of abuse	Core Funding	£1,050			£1,050		
Home Start Babergh	Offers parenting help and advice to parents of younger children	Core Funding	£5,000			£5,000		
Suffolk ACRE	Provides advice and information for parishes across the county	Service to Village halls	£4,500					£4,500
Rural Development Managers, Suffolk County Council	Provides funding development advice to projects in Babergh	Running Costs	£6,000				£3,000	£3,000
Ipswich & Suffolk Council for Racial Equality	Enhance support to individuals and organisations in respect of race and equality issues	Core funding	£1,500					£1,500
Suffolk Biological Records Centre	To maintain a "one stop shop" for wildlife information in Suffolk. Partnership project funded by all Suffolk Local Authorities, Natural England and supported by Suffolk Wildlife Trust and Suffolk Naturalists Society	Core funding	£7,426		£7,426			

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Ipswich & District CAB	Provides free advice to individuals for a whole range of topics	Core running costs	£7,640	Gerald White				£7,640
Hadleigh Elderly Peoples Welfare Committee	Provides a meeting place for elderly Hadleigh residents	Helping Hire Fees	£653					£653
Suffolk Development Agency T/A Choose Suffolk	Aims to "sell" Suffolk as an area to attract business opportunities.	Core Funding	£25,060	Richard Cave			£25,060	
Suffolk Farming & Wildlife Advisory Group	Advises the farming community on best practice in various technical areas	Core Funding	£1,300				£1,300	
Hadleigh High School Leisure Centre	Provides sport and leisure facilities	Core funding	£11,000	Brian Riley		£11,000		
East Bergholt Sports Centre	Provides sport and leisure facilities	Core funding	£11,000	Michael Miller		£11,000		
Suffolk Accident Rescue Service	Provides countrywide accident rescue service	Core Funding	£150			£150		
Suffolk Wildlife Trust	Provides access to wildlife and green spaces and advises groups individuals on various aspects of wildlife diversity	Running Costs	£1,300		£1,300			
Dedham Vale AONB & Stour Valley Project	Manages and develops this AONB	Running Costs	£22,769	Peter Holbrook Philip Gibson	£22,769			
Babergh Communities Together	Delivers third sector funding advice within Babergh	Running Costs	£40,000					£40,000
Sudbury & District CAB	Provides advice and information to individuals in the Sudbury area	Running Costs	£50,388	John Sayers				£50,388
Quay Theatre, Sudbury	Local venue for live theatre and cinema	Running Costs	£50,000	Bryn Hurren David Rose Tony Roberts			£10,000	£40,000
Suffolk Coast & Heaths Unit	Manages and develops this AONB	Running Costs	£17,720		£17,720			
Suffolk Safeguarding Children Board	Statutory organisation	Support statutory obligation - Childrens Act 2004.	£10,000			£10,000		
Greenways Countryside Project	Develops green areas on Ipswich borders	Core Funding	£6,110	Peter Jones	£6,110			
Haven Gateway Partnership	Developing business opportunities within the whole Haven Gateway area	Core Funding	£6,000	John Hinton			£6,000	
Orchestras Live	National organisation delivering varied music programmes	Developing music programmes within Babergh	£2,820					£2,820
Solo Housing Lodging	Access to housing for homeless people	Core funding	£3,660			£3,660		
SCC - Suffolk Rural Economy Development Scheme	Local Authority	Assistance to rural community shops	£5,000				£5,000	
Racial Harrassment Initiative , SCC	Aims to improve relationships between different race groups	Babergh support RHI by funding case officer post	£4,460			£4,460		
Suffolk County Council, Hadleigh Library	Local Authority	Running Costs Hadleigh TIC	£2,240					£2,240
The Bridge Project, Sudbury	Provides activities for young adults with learning disabilities	Core Costs	£2,500					£2,500
The Kernos Centre	Provides counselling service particularly aimed at younger people	Core costs	£2,500			£2,500		
Edens Project	Provides a range of activities for younger people in the Sudbury area	Core costs	£2,500					£2,500
TOTALS			£397,196		£55,525	£119,770	£58,760	£163,141

Organisation	LOCAL FUNDING RECEIVED	NATIONAL FUNDING RECEIVED	VARIATIONS
Gatehouse caring in West Suffolk	£51,840	£23,280	£0
<i>Suffolk Digital Cinema Network*</i>	£2,250	£0	
Gainsborough's House Society	£1,268	£0	
Eastern Angles	£37,834	£205,724	
Hadleigh High School Leisure Centre	£10,000	£0	
East Bergholt Sports Centre	£10,000	£0	
<i>Great Cornard Sports Centre Swimming Pool*</i>	£5,000	£0	
DanceEast	£2,500	£0	
Suffolk Museums Partnership	£19,500	£31,131	
<i>Victim Support in Suffolk*</i>	£0	£0	
Relate Norfolk & Suffolk	£2,750	£0	£5,250
<i>Sudbury Sports Centre*</i>	£45,000	£20,000	
<i>Suffolk Chamber of Commerce*</i>	£0	£0	
Cruse Bereavement Care	£7,650	£200	
<i>Stour Valley Older Peoples Centre*</i>	£16,500	£0	
IPSENTA (now NWES)	£30,000	£0	
Ipswich Women's Aid Ltd	£343,065	£0	£250
Home Start Babergh	£50,000	£19,600	£7,700
Suffolk ACRE	£13,900	£0	
Rural Development ManagerS, SCC	£24,000	£0	
<i>Ipswich & Suffolk Council for Racial Equality*</i>	£0	£0	
Suffolk Biological Records Centre	£63,115	£30,000	
Ipswich & District CAB	£173,194	£110,000	
<i>Hadleigh Elderly Peoples Welfare Committee*</i>	£3,800	£0	
Suffolk Development Agency	£291,500	£160,000	
Suffolk Farming & Wildlife Advisory Group	£6,400	£0	
Hadleigh High School Leisure Centre	£10,000	£0	
East Bergholt Sports Centre	£10,000	£0	
<i>Suffolk Accident Rescue Service*</i>	£34,000	£0	
Suffolk Wildlife Trust	£10,300	£0	
Dedham Vale AONB & Stour Valley Project	£51,530	£168,675	
Babergh Communities Together	£19,850	£6,694	£7,632
Sudbury & District CAB	£91,317	£1,700	
Quay Theatre, Sudbury	£25,550	£19,390	
Suffolk Coast & Heaths Unit	£126,090	£155,825	
Suffolk Safeguarding Children Board	£239,751	£0	
Greenways Countryside Project	£50,860	£0	
Haven Gateway Partnership	£0	£18,508,653	
Orchestras Live	£1,359	£750	
Solo Housing Lodging	£3,660	£14,862	
SCC - Suffolk Rural Development Scheme	£243,715	£0	£7,000
<i>Racial Harrassment Initiative , SCC*</i>	£42,842	£0	
Suffolk County Council, Hadleigh Library TIC	£0	£0	
<i>The Bridge Project, Sudbury*</i>	£9,500	£0	
The Kernos Centre	£4,475	£0	
Edens Project	£0	£0	
	£2,185,865	£19,476,484	£27,832

* Figures taken from application form - actual monitoring figures not yet available

TOTAL £21,690,181



