



# Ryedale District Council

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**REPORT TO:** Community Services and Licensing

**DATE:** 31<sup>st</sup> January 2008

**REPORTING OFFICER:** Culture and Tourism Services Manager  
Joscelin Holmes

**SUBJECT:** **Community Leisure Ltd Grant Aid 2008/9**

**WARDS AFFECTED:** All

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## **1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

The report will request approval for the Community Leisure Ltd (CLL) grant aid for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2008 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009.

## **2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

To support the grant request of £293,150

## **3.0 REASONS SUPPORTING DECISION**

To ensure that the leisure facilities owned by Ryedale District Council are managed efficiently and used by members of the public.

## **4.0 BACKGROUND**

4.1 Members resolved on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2007 that

“current arrangements with CLL be extended and revised for a further two years including the lease on the buildings. That the arrangements be subject to a 12 month review and that a system of performance management be introduced.”

4.2 This resolution is implemented and monitored by the Community Leisure Working Party which first met in August 2007.

4.3 The Council adopted a policy in 2004 of awarding inflationary only increase on grant aid to CLL, in line with the Council’s budget policy and enabling both CLL and the Council to plan effectively in the medium term. However, CLL have expressed concern with this policy (outlined in section 5 of the ‘Strategic Plan 2008-9)

## **5.0 INTRODUCTION**

The report will outline the CLL Strategic Plan 2008 - 9 and grant aid request.

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## **6.0 POLICY CONTEXT**

The Culture and Tourism Services service delivery plan for swimming pools, sports and recreation centres objective; "To provide, in partnership with others, facilities to enable residents and visitors to Ryedale to learn and develop swimming, sports and recreational skills and to encourage all sections of the community to participate."

## **7.0 REPORT**

7.1 The Strategic Plan 2008-9 (replacing the traditional "Operational Strategy") was received, in draft in December. This is available for Members consideration in the Member's room. A discussion regarding the Strategic Plan contents will be rehearsed at the Community Leisure Working Party 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2008.

7.2 The grant request for the period is £ 293,150 for the twelve month period. An Additional sum of up to £10,000 is allocated to the operation of the Astro Turf Pitch at NRLC.

7.3 This represents a 7.3 % increase on the previous years allocation

## **8.0 OPTIONS**

8.1 To provide the grant for CLL at the level requested.

8.2 To not provide the grant for CLL at the level requested.

## **9.0 RESULT OF OPTION APPRAISAL**

The provision of grant aid at the level requested will enable CLL to deliver the services as outlined in the Strategic Plan.

## **10.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

10.1 There is budgetary provision for this request.

10.2 It is worth noting that Members did resolve to provide additional grant aid of up to £20,000 in November 2006 (Special CS&L minute 261 refers) subject to a proven need. This resource has not been drawn upon.

## **11.0 RISK ASSESSMENT**

11.1 The operational risks for the facilities are dealt with through CLL procedures and documentation, which are currently being reviewed with external support.

11.2 The strategic risks are discussed at the quarterly meetings of the Community Leisure Working Party.

## **12.0 CONCLUSION**

The provision of grant aid to CLL for a further two years was agreed by Council in June 2007. The level of grant aid requested is within budgetary provision and, although higher than the inflationary increase available in the budget, does incorporate the inflationary costs of energy provision.

**Background Papers:** Community Leisure Ltd Grant File & Strategic Plan 2008-9

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Policy Context	Impact Assessment	Impact +ve -ve Neutral
Community Plan Themes	Vibrant Communities, Health & Wellbeing	+
Corporate Objectives/ Priorities	To have diverse and vibrant communities.	+
Service Priorities	Cultural services delivery plan objective; to provide, in partnership with others, facilities to enable recreational skills and to encourage all sections of the community to participate.	+
Financial		
Procurement Policies		
Asset Management Policies		
LA21 & Environment Charter		
Community Safety		
Equalities		
E-Government		
Risk Assessment		
Estimated Timescale for achievement	April 2008 to March 2009	