

AGENDA MANAGEMENT SHEET

Name of Committee Cabinet

Date of Committee 23 November 2006

Report Title Funding of Black and Minority Ethnic Projects

Summary This report sets out the proposed funding from the Race Equality Budget for Black and Minority Ethnic projects in Warwickshire.

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Would the recommended decision be contrary to the Budget and Policy Framework? No.

Background papers None

CONSULTATION ALREADY UNDERTAKEN:-

Details to be specified

- Other Committees
- Local Member(s) Cllr Boad, Cllr Longden, Cllr Verekar, Cllr Atkinson, Cllr Sweet (Chairs of Area Committees)
- Other Elected Members
- Cabinet Member Cllr Fowler
- Chief Executive
- Legal David Carter
- Finance
- Other Chief Officers
- District Councils
- Health Authority
- Police

Other Bodies/Individuals

FINAL DECISION YES

SUGGESTED NEXT STEPS:

Details to be specified

Further consideration by this Committee

To Council

To Cabinet

To an O & S Committee

To an Area Committee

Further Consultation

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Funding of Black and Minority Ethnic Projects

Report of the Strategic Director of Performance and Development

Recommendation

Cabinet to endorse the proposed funding to Black and Minority Ethnic projects in Warwickshire.

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Race Equality Budget supports the capacity building of Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) organisations by funding projects that focus on the needs of BME Communities living in urban and rural areas across Warwickshire.
- 1.2 The budget also assists the County Council to meet its duty under the Race Relations (Amendment) Act 2000 to promote race equality

2 Black and Minority Ethnic Communities in Warwickshire

- 2.1 The 2001 census data showed that the BME population increased by 1% to 4.4% (22,352 people) between 1991 and 2001.
- 2.2 Warwick District BME population is 8,916 (40% of the county BME total). Nuneaton and Bedworth has increased to 5,864 (26% of county total) and Rugby to 5,268 (24% of county total). North Warwickshire has 839 (4% of county total) and Stratford on Avon 1,462 (6.5% of county total) people from BME communities.
- 2.3 In Warwickshire, the majority of people are of Indian origin mainly, Sikh and Hindu. These groups are originating from the north Indian state of Punjab. Their numerical dominance is particularly significant in Warwick district.
- 2.4 Rugby has a significant number of people of African Caribbean and Chinese origin and in Nuneaton and Bedworth borough there is a large Indian Muslim community. Warwick district now has a sizeable Portuguese community.
- 2.5 Since 2001 the indicators are that there has been a considerable increase in the BME population particularly in relation to immigration from the EU including non-visible minority groups such as Portuguese in Rugby and

Leamington Spa and Polish groups across Warwickshire. These minority ethnic groups have recently begun to develop informal groups in order to support each other and also to gain support from public agencies in meeting their needs.

- 2.6 It is important to note that some of these communities may share some commonalities but their needs and aspirations differ considerably due to their locality, ethnic, religious or cultural background.

3. Funding Arrangements

- 3.1 The Race Equality Budget is intended to assist BME communities in simple one-off projects, providing an opportunity for groups to develop the infrastructure of their communities and to recognise the specific needs.
- 3.2 The criteria for funding has been refined to reflect changing circumstances and applicants were asked to focus on projects, in particular, around promoting good race relations and community cohesion. Consideration was also given to projects that provided research into the changing needs of the communities.
- 3.3 These changes will assist support the work of the Local Area Agreement in building stronger communities by assisting in developing projects around community cohesion.
- 3.4 The upper limit on applications is £5000. The budget is intended to support as many initiatives as possible.

4. Funding Analysis

- 4.1 Bids were received from 26 organisations - 1 countywide; 8 from Rugby, 10 from Warwick district, 1 from Stratford on Avon and 6 from Nuneaton and Bedworth.
- 4.2 The applications were assessed by the Corporate Policy Advisor (Race Equality) and the Community Development Officer (Voluntary and Community sector) using the criteria for funding sent to BME groups applying for funding.
- 4.3 Applications are recommended for approval as set out in Appendix 1. The proposed projects for funding will benefit the diverse BME groups within the five districts of Warwickshire.

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Appendix 1

ASSESSMENT OF BME APPLICATIONS 2006/07 – RACE EQUALITY BUDGET			
	Organisation	Project Title	Funding Agreed
1.	African Caribbean Project - Warwick District	Black History	£2000
2.	Benn Partnership Centre - Rugby	Prep for Employment	£3000
3.	Brunswick Elderly Asian Men - Warwick District	Improving health	£1500
4.	Crescent Youth Association - Nuneaton	Cricket Initiative	£3000
5.	Depot - Stratford	EU Depot	£2000
6.	Guru Nanak Centre - Nuneaton	Disabled facilities	£2000
7.	Indian Workers Association - Warwick District	Celebrate BME	£2500
8.	Khalifa Sports - Nuneaton	Khalifa Activities	£1000
9.	Khalsa Junior Football - Warwick District	Indoor Football	£2000
10.	Milan - Warwick District	Asian Dressmaking	£1000
11.	Nuneaton Khalifa Sports Academy - Nuneaton	KMCT	£1000
12.	Roots & Culture club - Rugby	Musical Youths	£2500
13.	Rugby Centre for Classical Music - Rugby	Music Performance	£1500
14.	Satkaar - Warwick District	Vulnerable Asian Women	£1500
15.	Hindu Samaj - Nuneaton	Health & Fitness	£2000
16.	Shree Krishna Community Centre - Warwick District	BME exercise programme	£2000
17.	Shree Prajapati	Young and Old Venture	£500
18.	Shree Sorathia - Rugby	Sports tournament	£2000
19.	Sikh Community Centre - Warwick District	Equality & Diversity	£2000
20.	Sikh Mission Centre - Nuneaton	Community Inclusion Activities	£3000
21.	Warwickshire Carers Forum	Carer's Multi Cultural Fun Day	£1000
22.	WIA – Women's Group - Rugby	Black History	£2000
	Total		£41000