



REPORT OF THE DEPUTY LEADER

REPORT TITLE - OLYMPIC TORCH RELAY COMMUNITY FUND

Purpose of the Report

1. To inform members of the initiatives being undertaken to provide a lasting legacy of the passage of the Olympic Torch through Nottinghamshire on the 28th June 2012.

Information and Advice

2. A community fund entitled Knots in Notts has been established to encourage schools and communities to pledge to take positive action for the benefit of their neighbourhood. The initiative is so called because it asks individuals and groups to tie a knot in a piece of sherrwood green ribbon thereby demonstrating their commitment to their community. A budget of £10,000 has been allocated with the intention that applicants should make bids for up to £200 to facilitate initiatives. Pledges to make a difference might take a number of different forms, e.g.

Volunteering

Organising a community pledging event

Setting up a community environmental project

Leading on a youth project

Leading on a regeneration project

Setting up a new community or activity group.

Some examples of the kinds of projects that have been funded include;

All Hallows Church of England Primary School in Carlton, who will give out green ribbon to all key stage two children with the aim of them all carrying out a pledge to be helpful in their local community as part of their Citizenship Awards.

Additionally year six pupils are pledging to organise a tea dance for seniors in the area and to get involved in the seniors local club.

Takeover Radio in Ashfield who will work with volunteer broadcasters to raise awareness of the Olympic Torch Relay and community and sports groups in the district, in which people can get involved. They will broadcast from a number of venues locally where they will encourage groups and individuals to make their pledges "on air".

The Grove School in Newark, who have taken the Olympic and Paralympic values and created a whole week of activities for their family of schools and community, culminating in a balloon lift in which every pupil will pledge to do a kind deed within their community.

The Dukeries F.C in Worksop who aim to run a family football event encouraging families to play sport together and in which local people will pledge to volunteer to run sporting activities for the youngsters in their community.

A Rushcliffe-wide schools maypole dancing relay in which; the knowledge of the traditional activity of maypole dancing is passed on by children and teachers from school to school throughout the borough. This skill can then be utilised at school and community events.

The county council are receiving a steady flow of applications from across the county each week but are keen to receive still more. The availability of the fund has been advertised through a web page and through emails and presentations to district, town and parish councils, schools and community groups. The closing date for the fund is the 29th June 2012. Members will be given an update at the meeting as to the number of applications received, those approved and the total sum so far allocated.

Other Options Considered

3. None.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

4. To raise awareness of the Knots in Notts community fund.

Statutory and Policy Implications

5. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, equal opportunities, human resources, crime and disorder, human rights, the safeguarding of children, sustainability and the environment and those using the service and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

RECOMMENDATION/S

To note the progress to date of the Knots in Notts community fund.

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Deputy Leader

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Constitutional Comments

6. Because this report is for noting only no Constitutional Comments are required.

Financial Comments (DJK 15.05.12)

7. The contents of this report are duly noted; especially the allocation of £10k funding for the project from Policy revenue budget.

Background Papers

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

None

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All