

CLAYTON SWIMMING BATH AND RECREATION CENTRE GRANTS POLICY

1. INTRODUCTION

The Trust was established to build and secure operation of the building and facility now known as Scissett Swimming Baths, although it can assist in other forms of recreation and leisure time activities that will improve the conditions of life to benefit of the inhabitants of the Parishes of Scissett and Clayton West with High Hoyland.

The Trust now has funds available to assist other forms of recreation and leisure within these two Parishes.

2. SCHEME

Any application for a grant must satisfy the following criteria before consideration will be given by the Corporate Trustee as to whether or not to award a grant, be that the whole or a part of the sum applied for.

Applicable Area

The Parishes of Scissett and Clayton West with High Hoyland as identified on the Plan attached.

Any application must be able to show that more than two thirds of the potential benefactors are currently resident within the applicable area.

The assisted project must take place within the applicable area and be open to all inhabitants should they choose or wish to participate.

Recreation & Leisure

Recreation is an activity of leisure, leisure being discretionary time, an activity chosen for pleasure, relaxation, or other emotional satisfaction, typically after work and other responsibilities are done. The "need to do something for recreation" such activities are often done for enjoyment, amusement, or pleasure and are considered to be "fun".

Whilst this has a potentially very wide applicability, the Corporate Trustee has determined that the emphasis of any assistance will be towards projects that support: -

- (a) organised amateur sport (being an activity involving physical exertion and skill in which an individual or team competes against another or others for entertainment).
- (b) open air facilities for wider public use for physically based activities such as walking, occasional games or other outdoor activities.

Exclusions

The following are not permitted to apply for assistance under this scheme: -

- (a) any organisation trading for profit.
- (b) any public body.
- (c) individuals in their sole capacity, other than where they are promoting a project on behalf of a collective of others and not falling within (a) or (b) above.

Project Support

No project will be supported where: -

- (a) its objective is to contribute to the ongoing costs of an existing institution or operation, including routine repairs.
- (b) the organisation has adequate funding already available to them to meet the costs of the project.

All proposals will require a demonstration of the ongoing benefits for residents from the two Parishes from the project. Where the support is by way of an investment, the applicant must demonstrate the ongoing benefit from the investment and that the project objectives can sustain without further support from the Trust. (i.e. there is an achievable "Business Plan")

Funding

It is envisaged that the arrangements will provide for a grant of a fixed sum for the purposes described in the application which will pay for specific items of goods or equipment, agreed works (including consultancy fees), or make an agreed stated fixed, capped and or proportion of support to the same, or provide support by way of occasional subsidy to participants, or to the organisation of an event, by way of payment for a specific items for the purchase or hire of goods or equipment or make an agreed stated fixed, capped and or proportion of support.

Applicants will be required to demonstrate the funds that they have generated, and or anticipate generating and what funds have been secured from other parties. The grant assistance will not duplicate any of these sources.

All grants will be exclusive of VAT, except where the applicant party is unable to obtain recovery from HMRC.

Payment and Post Project

Payment will usually be made on demonstration that the project has been completed, though in some cases, where this can be justified (such as contractual stage payments on a construction scheme), some funding may be released in advance.

All grant recipients are required to provide details of completion of the project and an assessment of the achievement of the stated objectives.

Sometimes this may be before release of the final funds.

3. AUTHORISATION

All applications will be assessed by officers on behalf of the Trust and, subject to the compliance with the scheme rules, will be presented to the Corporate Trustee with reasons supporting a recommendation, be that to award the whole or a part of the amount of grant being applied for, or to reject the application.

The Corporate Trustee will formally consider each application.

Each year the Corporate Trustee will receive a report on the operation of the scheme, including the number of applicants, the number of valid applications, the number approved, the total values paid and committed, and the achievement of outcomes.

4. OFFICERS ROLE

Officers will arrange administration of the scheme, including production of reports, and the monitoring and making of payments and ensuring funds have been expended in respect of the purpose of the application.

5. THE AVAILABILITY OF GRANTS AND ADVERTISING

Each year the Corporate Trustee will determine if it is likely to have funds available for grant support, taking account of existing commitments, and arrange for suitable notification of the availability of funds.

This will be by way of a notice to be prominently displayed at the Scissett Swimming Baths facility, and in such other ways as the Corporate Trustee may, from time to time, determine. The notice may indicate any preferences as to the types of support that the Corporate Trustee would particularly like to consider giving its support to although, notwithstanding any preferences that might have been indicated, any award of support will be at the absolute discretion of the Corporate Trustee. The notice will indicate a closing date for applications not less than 28 days after the notice is first displayed.