

## **STOCKPORT COUNCIL COMMUNITY RENT GRANTS**

### **Eligibility and Awarding Criteria**

#### **Eligibility**

1. Groups must be using a building, which is available for hire by all members of the public, within the boundaries of Stockport Borough.
2. Only groups where at least 75% of the membership comes from within Stockport Borough boundaries will be considered for an award.
3. Groups whose purpose and/or activities are religious or party political will not be considered for an award.
4. Groups who make a profit from running their activities and/or have sufficient funds to cover their meeting room costs for a year will not be considered for an award.
5. Groups who have already received a grant in respect of their activities for the year of application will not be considered for a further award.
6. Groups who have qualified for an award in one year period will not automatically qualify for an award in subsequent years.

#### **Awarding Criteria**

1. All applications will be judged solely by the information provided in the form and information obtained to clarify the content of the form.
2. Priority funding will be awarded to:
  - Groups who can demonstrate a clear financial need for funding
  - Groups whose activities meet Stockport Council priorities by helping individuals gain new skills, meet new people, improve health and wellbeing or improve the local environment.
  - Groups whose members come from areas that have been identified as a Council priority for community development (Adswold & Bridgehall, Brinnington, Offerton and Central)
  - Groups whose members are most likely to be vulnerable to poverty and isolation (eg the unemployed, lone parents, minority ethnic groups, older people and disabled groups)
  - Groups who can show that they want to increase their membership and become self-funding in future
3. The following groups will not normally be considered eligible for a rent grant:
  - Groups with a membership of fewer than 10 members