



NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

AREA COMMITTEE DEVELOPMENT GRANT APPROVAL FORM

1. Committee: Royston Area Committee	2. Date: 22 Jun 2011
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3. Summary of application: **2011 event**

Name of organisation: **Royston's Open Secrets** Sum requested: **£3,460**

Total project cost: **£0**

Brief details:

Royston's Open Secrets is an organisation formed to promote local groups, charities and businesses within the SG8 postcode. This year it will be holding an event on Royston Heath in a group of 4 marquees on June 12th.

Matched / linked funding: **£0** Funder:

Discretionary rate relief: **£0** Funder:

Comments from Development Officer:

There are several issues of concern. The first is that assistance is sought for an event primarily of benefit to businesses. The Agreed Criteria indicate that support will not be given to business groups/organisations nor groups who operate at or for a profit.

The BID Group was not able to support last year's Royston Hidden Secrets as the vast majority of the beneficiaries of that event worked from home and were not therefore business Rate Payers. At the time of writing the BID Group has not yet resolved whether to support this year's Open Secrets application.

CDO notes that outline budgets for this year's event submitted to the BID group and NHDC differ in some instances markedly for the same item. This may represent snapshots of the situation at two different times.

Last year's event made a profit of £942, which went to a charity.

Amount recommended: **£500**

4. Comments from Ward Members:

I support / do not support this application

Name: Signed: Date:

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5. For officer use:

Amount awarded from Area Budget: **£0**

Amount awarded from Dev't Budget: **£0**

Signed off by Head of Service Signed: Date: