



Winchester
City Council

DRAFT PORTFOLIO HOLDER DECISION NOTICE

PROPOSED INDIVIDUAL DECISION BY THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR COMMUNITIES AND SAFETY

TOPIC – EMERGENCY COMMUNITY CAPITAL GRANT

PROCEDURAL INFORMATION

The Access to Information Procedure Rules – Part 4, Section 22 of the Council's Constitution provides for a decision to be made by an individual member of Cabinet.

In accordance with the Procedure Rules, the Corporate Director (Governance), the Chief Executive and the Head of Finance are consulted together with Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Principal Scrutiny Committee and all Members of the relevant Scrutiny Panel (individual Ward Members are consulted separately where appropriate). In addition, all Members are notified.

Five or more of these consulted Members can require that the matter be referred to Cabinet for determination.

If you wish to make representation on this proposed Decision please contact the relevant Portfolio Holder and the following Committee Administrator by 5.00pm on 12 January 2010.

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Committee Administrator:

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SUMMARY

An application has very recently been received for an emergency capital grant of £2,500 from Winchester City Council to carry out essential roof repairs to Soberton Village Hall.

During the quite severe wind and rain storms in November and early December the flat roof of Soberton Village Hall has been leaking. A professional inspection of the flat roof has been completed and it is clear that urgent repairs are required. There is concern that unless immediate action is taken, with the onset of the winter weather, there is a very significant risk of more water and frost damage to the fabric of the building. It is apparent that any delay in carrying out this work will adversely affect the current use of the hall and would undoubtedly lead to more costly repairs being required in future.

Except in exceptional circumstances under the Community Capital Grant Scheme Winchester City Council only supports parish based projects where there is a financial contribution from the Parish Council. In this case Soberton Parish Council has indicated that they will consider a contribution of £1,250 towards this project. In this case a WCC Emergency Capital Grant of £2,500 would be appropriate.

The total cost of carry out these essential emergency repairs is £5,110. In addition to the applications for funding from Winchester City Council and Soberton Parish an application has also been made to Hampshire County Council. Any shortfall can be met from the Soberton Village Hall reserves.

Winchester City Council maintains an earmarked Grant Reserve to ensure that emergency grant requests of this nature can be supported. The balance on the earmarked grant reserve currently stands at £30,887.87.

PROPOSED DECISION

It is strongly recommended that an emergency Community Capital Grant of £2,500 be awarded to Soberton Village Hall for urgent roof repairs subject to confirmation of a £1,250 contribution from Soberton Parish Council towards the total cost of the project.

REASON FOR THE PROPOSED DECISION AND OTHER ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

N/A.

**FURTHER ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED
FOLLOWING PUBLICATION OF THE DRAFT PORTFOLIO HOLDER DECISION
NOTICE**

Note – in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation to Portfolio Holders (Section 3 of the Council's Constitution), the Portfolio Holder for Heritage, Culture and Sport (Councillor Stallard) has been consulted on the grants.

**DECLARATION OF INTERESTS BY THE DECISION MAKER OR A MEMBER OR
OFFICER CONSULTED**

N/A

DISPENSATION GRANTED BY THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

N/A

Approved by: (signature)

Date of Decision

Councillor John Cooper – Portfolio Holder for Communities and Safety