



DRAFT PORTFOLIO HOLDER DECISION NOTICE

PROPOSED INDIVIDUAL DECISION BY THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR COMMUNITIES AND SAFETY

TOPIC – SMALL GRANTS November 2009

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 26 November 2009

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Committee Administrator:

Nancy Graham, Tel: 01962 848 235, Email: ngraham@winchester.gov.uk

SUMMARY

The allocation of grants contained within this Decision Notice are from the Small Grants Funding scheme (which includes Biodiversity, Carbon Reduction, Community Chest, Community Planning, and Twinning) and are within the approved overall budget.

No applications have been received towards Biodiversity or Twinning schemes.

Please note that in order to support all eligible applications in this round it has not been possible to award the full amount of grant requested to all Community Chest applicants.

PROPOSED DECISION

1. It is recommended that the following grant be awarded from the **Carbon Reduction Grant Scheme**:

Alresford & District Community Association

Amount Requested: £500

Amount Awarded: £500

Funding recommended towards the cost of roof insulation which will help reduce the CO₂ emissions from the energy used in heating the building.

Future Proof Bishops Waltham

Amount Requested: £500

Amount Awarded: £500

Funding recommended towards a project which will provide the opportunity to involve the community in CO₂ reduction through three avenues that can attract different audiences.

Winchester Action on Climate Change

Amount Requested: £500

Amount Awarded: £500

Funding recommended towards a two day event for local people which will provide information and explore the contribution that individuals can make to carbon reduction initiatives.

2. It is recommended that the following grants be awarded from the **Community Chest scheme**.

12th Winchester (Greenjackets) Scout Group

Amount Requested: £500

Amount Awarded: £400

Funding recommended towards improvements to the community building which will improve access for people with disability problems as well as addressing health and safety issues.

Bishops Waltham Gardening Club

Amount Requested: £500

Amount Awarded: £400

Funding recommended towards the provision of raised bed for disabled and wheelchair bound people, as well as a number of small raised allotment beds for children.

Club Hampshire

Amount Requested: £270

Amount Awarded: £200

Funding recommended towards activities for the elderly.

Colden Common Community Association

Amount Requested: £500

Amount Awarded: £400

Funding recommended towards the purchase of a film projector in order to host film nights for local residents and which will be shared with other local community associations.

North Winchester Youth and Community Action

Amount Requested: £498.96

Amount Awarded: £400

Funding recommended towards activities for young people in the North Winchester area.

The Handless Maiden Project

Amount Requested: £500

Amount Awarded: £400

Funding recommended towards an art project with homeless people.

Triangle Pre-School

Amount Requested: £434.93

Amount Awarded: £300

Funding recommended towards the purchase of outdoor play equipment.

Wickham Youth Club

Amount Requested: £500

Amount Awarded: £400

Funding recommended towards the purchase of materials and equipment for art and handicraft sessions as well as storage facilities for them.

Winchester & District Over 55's Forum

Amount Requested: £500

Amount Awarded: £500

Funding recommended towards two events, one focusing on older people's health issues, and another focusing on increasing the self esteem of older people within the district.

Winchester Chamber Music Festival

Amount Requested: £500

Amount Awarded: £400

Funding is recommended towards outreach work with local schools prior to this festival in order to provide an opportunity for children and young people to access this style of music.

Winchester City Flyers Football Club

Amount Requested £498.75

Amount Awarded: £400

Funding recommended towards the cost of first aid training and equipment to enable the creation of an Under 10 girls football team.

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

Grants from the Small Grants Scheme are made three times per year. All applications for grants were considered by the relevant Portfolio Holder who received advice from the Community Grants Officer and other relevant officers as appropriate.

The decision on the following application for a **Community Chest Grant** was deferred:

Wickham Allotment Association – this group does not currently have any formal management processes in place but are working towards addressing this. The application will be reconsidered in the next round which will give the group the opportunity to consider how they wish to develop their organisation.

The decision on the following application for a Community Planning Grant was refused:

St. Giles Hill Residents Association – it was considered more appropriate for this organisation to be considered for funding through the Village Design Statement Budget held by Strategic Planning.

**FURTHER ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED 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