



PORTFOLIO HOLDER DECISION NOTICE

INDIVIDUAL DECISION BY THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR COMMUNITIES AND SAFETY

TOPIC – COMMUNITY CHEST GRANTS JULY 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.

Contact Officers:

Bernice Heller, Tel: 01962 848 582, Email: bheller@winchester.gov.uk

Committee Administrator:

Ellie Hogston, Tel: 01962 848 155, Email: ehogston@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 for Community Planning Grants or Twinning Grants.

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.

DECISION

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

West Meon Parish Council

Amount Requested: £500

Amount Awarded: £400

Further consideration has been given to this application and funding has been awarded towards the purchase of trees for this project. It is hoped that this will help trigger further biodiversity activity in this area.

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

Badger Farm Pre-School Playgroup

Amount Requested: £143.27

Amount Awarded: £144

Funding recommended towards the regeneration of the playgroup's garden in order to engage the children in gardening activities.

Colden Common and Twyford Tenants Leaseholders Association

Amount Requested: £500

Amount Awarded: £400

Funding recommended towards an event to bring tenants together and rekindle community spirit within the two villages.

Filipino Association in Central Hampshire

Amount Requested: £500

Amount Awarded: £450

Funding recommended towards an event to promote social inclusion through a Filipino Sports day.

HYDE 900

Amount Requested: £500

Amount Awarded: £500

Funding recommended towards the cost of the "Treasures of Hyde Abbey Exhibition" which is taking place in the Discovery Centre. Grant will enable funding from other sources to be triggered.

Key Changes Music Therapy
Amount Requested: £457.80
Amount Awarded: £450

Funding is recommended towards the cost of a 7 week programme of music therapy at Priory Gardens which will enhance health and wellbeing in the district.

Prime Theatre Group
Amount Requested: £500
Amount Awarded: £500

Funding recommended towards the cost of discounted tickets and transport for the elderly (from Highcliffe, Stanmore, Weeke and Winnall, also Wickham and Knowle) in order to attend the production of "Quartet" at the Chesil Theatre. This theatre group targets mature audiences with productions of relevance and interest to them.

Weeke Tenants & Residents Association
Amount Requested: £500
Amount Awarded: £250

Funding recommended towards the cost of hosting public and committee meetings, the cost of flyers and newsletters, and refreshments.

3. It is recommended that the following grants be awarded from the **Community Planning Scheme**

Greening Colden Common
Amount Requested: £500
Amount Awarded: £500

Funding recommended towards the cost of publicity and publicity materials in order to promote this new group. This group applied under the Carbon Reduction scheme but it was considered more appropriate that funding should be awarded from the Community Planning scheme which incorporates community greening campaigns.

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

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

The decision on the following application for a **Biodiversity Grant** was refused:

Bishops Lane Trust – this application had been previously deferred to make further investigations as to the nature of the organisation. After discussion with the group it has become evident that this group does not have a charitable objective and therefore is not eligible for a grant.

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

Signed 3.08.09

Councillor John Cooper – Portfolio Holder for Communities and Safety