



PORTFOLIO HOLDER DECISION NOTICE

INDIVIDUAL DECISION BY THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR COMMUNITIES AND SAFETY

TOPIC – COMMUNITY CHEST GRANTS JANUARY 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.

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SUMMARY

The allocation of grants from the Small Grants Funding scheme which includes Biodiversity, Carbon Reduction, Community Chest, Community Planning, and Twinning, from the approved budget.

No applications have been received for Biodiversity, Carbon Reduction or Twinning projects in this round.

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 by applicants.

DECISION

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

Basics Hampshire

Amount Requested: £500

Amount Awarded: £400

Funding recommended towards helmets and overalls for volunteers based in the Winchester District.

Community History Partnership of Winchester

Amount Requested: £500
Amount Awarded: £400

Funding recommended towards the promotion of the activities of this new group.

Curdrige Rainbows

Amount Requested: £500
Amount Awarded: £370

Funding recommended towards the purchase of equipment for this newly formed group.

North Winchester Youth & Community Action Group

Amount Requested: £495
Amount Awarded: £400

Funding recommended towards the set-up costs of this newly formed group.

Rainbow Playgroup

Amount Requested: £500
Amount Awarded: £370

Funding recommended towards the purchase of new play equipment to encourage physical activity.

Winchester Live at Home Scheme

Amount Requested: £464
Amount Awarded: £400

Funding recommended towards the purchase of a laptop computer in order to offer computer training to elderly people in the District. This application was deferred from the previous round in order to consider whether this group could make use of the Council laptop loan scheme. However difficulties have arisen regarding licences and virus protection and therefore a grant is clearly needed to allow this activity to start up.

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

Greening Fulflood

Amount Requested: £494
Amount Awarded: £494

Funding recommended towards the cost of holding meetings to launch the Greening Fulflood campaign and the production of 10 actions to reduce the carbon footprint of Fulflood.

North Winchester Youth & Community Action Group

Amount Requested: £450
Amount Awarded: £450

Funding recommended towards the cost of a public open day to enable a survey of local residents and families and to develop a community plan.

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 **Community Chest Grant** was deferred:

Alresford Town Partnership – this application has been deferred in order that clarification can be sought as to which element of the project this group is seeking funding for and what other funding is already in place.

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

National Childbirth Trust (Winchester) – an application for funding towards the BABIES project has been refused as there is no evidence that they are targeting those areas that are most in need of this service and the organisation has insufficient funding in place to ensure the service will continue. The group will be contacted in order that discussions can take place with the Portfolio Holder for Communities and Safety, as well as appropriate WCC officers, as to the viability of the project and to assist them in identifying alternative funding sources for the BABIES project.

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

N/A

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:

Date of Decision:

19 February 2009

Councillor John Cooper – Portfolio Holder for Communities and Safety