



DRAFT PORTFOLIO HOLDER DECISION NOTICE

PROPOSED INDIVIDUAL DECISION BY THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR COMMUNITIES AND SAFETY

TOPIC – COMMUNITY CHEST GRANTS APRIL 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 29 April 2009

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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 Carbon Reduction 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 to all Community Chest applicants.

PROPOSED DECISION

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

Alresford Community Centre

Amount Requested: £500

Amount Awarded: £300

Funding recommended towards the cost of installing black out blinds at the community centre in order that films can be shown.

Alresford Town Partnership

Amount Requested: £500

Amount Awarded: £300

This application was deferred from the previous round in order that clarification could be sought as to which element of the project the group was seeking funding.

The application has been updated and the group have been awarded a grant towards an inter village cricket event in June. This group will be expected to consult with the WCC Sports Development officer in the delivery of the cricket activities at this event.

Bighton Village Hall Committee

Amount Requested: £500

Amount Awarded: £400

Funding recommended towards the cost of replacement stage curtains and tracks.

Colour Factory (The)

Amount Requested: £500

Amount Awarded: £500

Funding recommended towards the cost of providing art workshops for children attending primary schools in Winnall, Weeke, Stanmore, and Highcliffe.

Egbert Road Residents Association

Amount Requested: £500

Amount Awarded: £300

Funding is recommended towards the cost of an event for this new group which is actively encouraging community participation and carbon reduction initiatives.

Rookesbury Hall
Amount Requested: £500
Amount Awarded: £400

Funding recommended towards the cost of installation of hardwood block flooring.

Soberton Village Hall
Amount Requested: £449
Amount Awarded: £300

Funding recommended towards the purchase of a fridge/freezer.

Trinity Winchester
Amount Requested: £500
Amount Awarded: £300

Funding recommended towards the cost of organising the "Big Sleep Out" event.

West Meon Allotment Association
Amount Requested: £500
Amount Awarded: £500

Funding recommended towards the cost of preparations for this new allotment site.

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2. It is recommended that the following **Twinning** grants be awarded:

Cyclists Touring Club (Winchester)
Amount Requested: £500
Amount Awarded: £500

Funding recommended towards the cost of a twinning event to Giessen which will enable more people to be involved in this event.

Wickham Twinning Association
Amount Requested: £425
Amount Awarded: £425

Funding towards an event celebrating 30 years of twinning with Villers-sur-Mer.

REASON FOR THE PROPOSED 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 applications for a **Biodiversity Grant** was deferred:

Bishops Lane Trust – this application was deferred because it is not completely clear that this group is a not for profit community group or that the project is primarily focused on biodiversity.

West Meon Parish Council – this application was deferred because it is not clear that the main aim of the project is to improve biodiversity.

The following applications were not approved:

Hampshire Partnerships NHS Trust – this application was not supported as this organization is a statutory body, has a high level of reserves and the project does not specifically benefit Winchester District residents.

Stoke Charity & Hunton Playing Fields – this application was not supported as the group does not currently have any formal constitution, there is no evidence that the children and young people who will be using this facility have been consulted, they have not made any links with the District Play Strategy, and there is no evidence of any other funding in place.

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