



DRAFT PORTFOLIO HOLDER DECISION NOTICE

PROPOSED INDIVIDUAL DECISION BY THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR CULTURE, HERITAGE AND SPORT & HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES

TOPIC – COMMUNITY CHEST GRANTS APRIL 2008

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 Wednesday 23 April 2008.

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

Committee Administrator:

Frances Maloney, Tel: 01962 848 155, Email: fmaloney@winchester.gov.uk

SUMMARY

The allocation of grants from the Community Chest funding scheme from the approved budget. Grants to organisations which are active in areas covered by the Housing and Communities Portfolio have been discussed with the Portfolio Holder and the proposed decisions met with her agreement.

Cllr Stallard declared a Personal (and Prejudicial) interest in the Denmead Village Association application and left the room whilst this application was discussed. She took no part in the decision on this application. The Portfolio Holder for Housing and Communities has, therefore, been authorised by the Leader to determine the application.

PROPOSED DECISION

It is recommended that the following grants be awarded from the Community Chest scheme (please note that, due to the number of applications received and the total amount of grant requested, not all groups have been awarded the full amount requested):

- 1. Denmead Village Association**
Amount Requested: £500
Amount Awarded: £250

Funding recommended towards the cost of producing community history book "Unveiling Denmead's Past" which will add to Hampshire's archive of recorded history and will be a useful teaching aid in local schools. A full grant was not awarded as although the project was strongly supported it was considered that this group had sufficient funds to meet the remaining costs themselves.

2. Friends of Guiding – Sandy Acres

Amount Requested: £458

Amount Awarded: £458

Funding recommended towards the cost of purchasing five new folding tables. Although the reserves of this group appear to be high they have been set aside towards a replacement building at this site.

3. Friends of the Family

Amount Requested: £500

Amount Awarded: £250

Funding recommended towards the cost of purchasing a laptop for a professional development worker who will recruit and manage a team of volunteers for a new project working with families which children over 5 years of age. A full grant was not awarded as although the project was strongly supported it was considered that this group had sufficient funds to meet the remaining costs themselves.

4. Harestock Playgroup

Amount Requested: £500

Amount Awarded: £250

Funding recommended towards the cost of secure storage and outdoor play equipment. Although this project was supported a full grant was not awarded to this group as it was not considered that the activity was a strong fit with the Sports Criteria, under which the application was submitted.

5. Lower Stanmore Residents Association

Amount Requested: £500

Amount Awarded: £500

Funding recommended towards the cost of supporting this new group which is working with the community in Lower Stanmore. Grant will pay for the set up costs of this organisation and includes the cost of producing and printing newsletters.

6. Lowland Search Dogs Southern

Amount Requested: £500

Amount Awarded: £280

Funding recommended towards the cost of providing fire retardant, high visibility coveralls for two volunteer dog handlers from the Winchester District. These volunteers are on call to the emergency services for searches in this geographical area. Group had requested grant for additional handlers outside of the Winchester District and therefore the grant awarded is lower than that requested.

7. South Wonston Village Hall**Amount Requested: £500****Amount Awarded: £500**

Funding recommended towards the cost of installing an amplifier and induction loop hearing system in the hall in order to assist deaf people to enjoy the talks and entertainments that take place in the building.

8. Wickham Summer Playscheme**Amount Requested: £222****Amount Awarded: £222**

Funding recommended towards the cost of purchasing new toys and play equipment for this group.

9. Wickham Twinning Association**Amount Requested: £104****Amount Awarded: £104**

Funding recommended towards the cost of enabling two new families to take part in this exchange.

10. Winchester Laon Twinning Association**Amount Requested: £500****Amount Awarded: £500**

Funding recommended towards the cost of coach hire to support this exchange visit. This will lower the cost of the visit for families, help to reduce the number of cars being used, lower the carbon footprint of this event and enable even more elderly and disabled members to be involved.

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

Grants from the Community Chest scheme are made three 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 following applications were not approved:

The Dever Society**Amount Requested: £500****Amount Awarded: Deferred**

Group had requested grant towards the cost of designing and developing a new section for their web site which is specifically aimed at young people. Although the project was considered extremely worthwhile the application from the group indicates a high level of reserves and does not demonstrate any evidence of need for the grant. The decision has been deferred to allow the group to identify whether any of their funds are ringfenced and the current level of their unrestricted reserves.

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

N/A

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

Cllr Stallard declared a Personal (and Prejudicial) interest in the Denmead Village Association application and did not participate in the decision making discussion on this application.

DISPENSATION GRANTED BY THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

N/A

Approved by: (signature)

Date of Decision

Councillor Patricia Stallard – Portfolio Holder for Culture, Heritage and Sport

Councillor Tony Coates – Portfolio Holder for Housing and Communities