



PORTFOLIO HOLDER DECISION NOTICE

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

TOPIC – COMMUNITY CHEST GRANTS

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 City Secretary and Solicitor, the Chief Executive and the Director 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 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.

DECISION

It is recommended that the following grants be awarded from the Community Chest scheme:

1. 12th Winchester Greenjackets Scout Group

Amount Requested: £500

Amount Awarded: £500

Funding recommended towards the cost of improvements to their building to bring it in line with new legislation regarding health and safety and fire risk. Work will include the installation of an LPG storage cage, connection and testing of emergency lighting, and upgrade of fire doors.

- 2. Denmead Belles**
Amount Requested: £500
Amount Awarded: £500

Funding recommended towards the cost of drainage work to improve the waterlogged football pitches used by this group. This will enable greater use of the pitches throughout the season.

- 3. Groopyz**
Amount Requested: £467
Amount Awarded: £467

Funding recommended towards the cost of providing an air hockey table for this youth group based in Waltham Chase.

- 4. North Stanmore Residents Association**
Amount Requested: £400
Amount Awarded: £400

Funding recommended towards the cost of establishing this new community group in Stanmore which aims to represent and promote the interests of local residents.

- 5. Wickham & District Smallbore Rifle Club Air Section**
Amount Requested: £500
Amount Awarded: £500

Funding recommended towards this Home Office approved range which uses National Smallbore Rifle Association approved Range Control Officers and Club Instructors. Grant will enable the purchase of dedicated target rifles to enable younger people to enter competitions.

- 6. Winchester Basketball League**
Amount Requested: £491.40
Amount Awarded: £480

Funding recommended towards the cost of providing courts and referees to enable local basketball teams to take part in a competitive league. The full grant was not given due to a lack of available funds.

- 7. Winchester Film Society**
Amount Requested: £500
Amount Awarded: £150

Funding recommended towards the cost of publicity in order to attract a younger and more diverse audience. The full grant was not given due to lack of available funds and the fact that this group was awarded a WCC Community Chest grant of £500 in 2006-2007 towards the cost of supporting young people to participate in the 2006/2007 film festival.

8. Winnall Community Plan Steering Group**Amount Requested: £500****Amount Awarded: £500**

Funding recommended towards the cost of supporting this new group to consult with the local community in order to identify appropriate future projects. Grant will cover the cost of printing of publicity and promotional literature, surveys and questionnaires, and other display materials in order to promote the Community plan and to attract more volunteers.

REASON FOR THE 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:

Olivers Battery Pre-School requested £500 towards the cost of repairs to the roof of their building. This application was refused as the group did not provide the necessary supporting documentation to enable a full assessment of their application.

Saturday Venture Association requested £500 towards the cost of promoting disability awareness within local schools through drama workshops. This application was refused as there was no evidence that any schools within the Winchester district had been identified for this work.

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 an interest in the Denmead Belles 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**