

LEADER'S PORTFOLIO MEETING

THURSDAY, 27 NOVEMBER 2014

DECISIONS

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the Leader's Portfolio Meeting held on Thursday, 27 November 2014. Decisions made by the Portfolio Holder will be subject to call-in. Recommendations made to the Cabinet or to the Council are not subject to call-in. The wording used does not necessarily reflect the actual wording that will appear in the minutes.

If you have any queries about any matters referred to in this decision sheet please contact Patrick Adams.

1. GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY SECTOR: 6-MONTHLY UPDATE REPORT

The Leader

AGREED

- A) The continued provision of grant assistance to the current grant recipients issued through the Service Support Grant fund (subject to three year funding agreements) as agreed (Joint Portfolio Holders Meeting September 23 2013).
- B) The opening of a further round of grant applications under the Community Transport theme of the Service Support Grant fund, providing a further £8,461 of additional support to the Community Transport sector this financial year.

Other Options Considered: The Leader could have approved, varied or discontinued with the current grant funding arrangements for the Service Support Fund (subject to three year funding arrangements).

Reason For Decision: The closed Capital Grants programme (Appendix 1) retained financial commitment to 23 projects at the beginning of the 2014/15 financial year. A further 6 projects have completed since 1 April 2014. For some applicants the search for match funding is still on-going, however, most are on a strong footing.

Regarding the open programmes (Appendix 2), the majority of organisations receiving grant support have delivered the agreed outputs to time and to budget, achieving the objectives of the individual grant programmes. All recipients are being actively monitored.

The three year programme of Service Support Grants (approved at the joint portfolio holder meeting 23 May 2013), saw the Community Transport strand of this grant fund undersubscribed by £3,626 in year 1 (13/14) and £4,835 in year 2 (14/15). It was agreed that these unallocated funds be held in reserve, in the light of reducing levels of subsidised bus services resulting from the on-going Cambridgeshire Future Transport review, with a view to offering further bidding rounds to Community Transport operators later in the three year program.

2. COMMUNITY CHEST: FUNDING APPLICATIONS

The Leader

AGREED to receive the proposed virement of £10,000 from the Community Development budget into the Community Chest for allocation in 2014/15.

The Leader **AGREED** the following grants

Name of applicant	Project description	Type of project	Total cost of project (£)	Total applied for (£)	Total grant awarded (£)
Grantchester Parish Council	Supply and planting of hedgerow along bridleway to Barton	Tree and hedge planting scheme	5,717	1,500	1,500
Sawston Scene	Late night shopping events	Other	700	600	600
TOTAL				2,100	

Other Options Considered: The Leader could have refused the proposed virement of £10,000 from the Community Development budget and keep the grant scheme closed for the remainder of the financial year.

The Leader examined all applications for funding set out in Appendix A of this report and considered

- awarding an alternative amount of funding, including zero funding
- deferring a decision if further information is required from grant applicants.

Reason For Decision: The Leader makes all decisions regarding Community Chest grant funding applications unless there is a conflict of interest. On 17 July 2014 the Leader agreed to make decision on future Community Chest applications at his Portfolio Holder meetings.

The virement of £10,000 from the Community Development budget into the Community Chest for allocation in 2014/15 would enable consideration of applications that were already in development prior to the closure of the Community Chest.

