

LEADER'S PORTFOLIO MEETING

WEDNESDAY, 11 MARCH 2015

DECISIONS

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the Leader's Portfolio Meeting held on Wednesday, 11 March 2015. 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. **COMMUNITY CHEST: ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR 2015/16**

The Leader

AGREED

- A) The eligibility criteria for the Community Chest 2015/16, making the following amendments to the existing scheme:
 - i. Removal of parish paths scheme, and
 - ii. Add specific mention of leaflets under "ongoing revenue costs or overheads" and defibrillators in the "what cannot be funded" section.
- B) To carry forward the additional £20,000 allocated to the Community Chest by Cabinet on 12 February.

Other Options Considered: The Leader considered agreeing alternative amendments to the eligibility criteria for the Community Chest 2015/16 and refusing to carry forward the additional £20,000 allocated to the Community Chest by Cabinet on 12 February.

Reason For Decision: Since the grants review in 2013, the Community Chest grant funding criteria has evolved into its current form. The amendments suggested to the grant criteria reflect recent decisions by the Leader.

The Community Chest grant funding scheme was closed at the end of September 2014 following commitment of all balances, but re-opened between 27 November and 14 January following the decision to allocate a further £10,000 to the scheme. The awards made by the Leader on 29 January were limited to £1,000 per applicant on that occasion as demand exceeded the available funds. Reopening the scheme in 2014/15 could disadvantage the applicants who applied by 14 January and a decision would not be possible until April 2015 at the earliest.

2. **HOME ENERGY EFFICIENCY ACT: PROGRESS REPORT**

The Leader

AGREED To approve the publication of the South Cambridgeshire District Council Home Energy Conservation Act Progress Report, March 2015 (Appendix A).

Other Options Considered: The Leader considered amending the agreed report.

Reason For Decision: The progress report outlines the progress that the Council has made on the priorities and components specified in the further report. The report does not commit the Council to anything over and above that which is agreed through other

decision making processes. The Secretary of State requires that the progress report is published by 31 March 2015.