

FINANCE AND STAFFING PORTFOLIO HOLDER'S MEETING

TUESDAY, 19 DECEMBER 2017

DECISIONS

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the Finance and Staffing Portfolio Holder's Meeting held on Tuesday, 19 December 2017. 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 Ian Senior.

Call in expires at 5pm on Friday 29 December 2017 because of Christmas Day and Boxing Day.

1. COMMUNITY CHEST: FUNDING APPLICATIONS

The Finance and Staffing Portfolio Holder agreed the following:

Name of applicant	Type of project	Total cost of project (£)	Total award (£)
Milton Guides & Seniors	Equipment/Capital Purchase	£1,217.00	£700
Friends of Histon & Impington Recreation	Equipment/Capital Purchase	£4,200	£1,000
Duxford Parochial Church Council	Repairs to historic buildings/monuments/memorials	£15,000	£1,000
Parochial Church Council of All Saints Church Knapwell	Repairs to historic buildings	£27,000	£1,000
Cottenham United Football Club	Equipment/Capital Purchase	£2,616	£1,000
CamCare UK	Start up costs/ Equipment/Capital Purchase	£1,000	£1,000

The Finance and Staffing Portfolio Holder refused the following application:

Name of applicant	Type of project	Total cost of project (£)	Total applied for (£)	Reason for refusal
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Longstanton Limpers	Start up costs/ Equipment/Capital Purchase	£1,585.00	£1,000	Does not comply with Community Chest criteria
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Other Options Considered: The Portfolio Holder may consider all applications for funding that are set out in Appendix A of this report and

- (a) award the amount of funding requested
- (b) award an alternative amount of funding, including zero funding, or
- (c) defer a decision if further information is required from grant applicants.

Reason For Decision: The Portfolio Holder has responsibility to approve policies and criteria for the approval of grant schemes under which no award exceeds level one (£5,000). The Portfolio Holder makes all decisions unless there is a conflict of interest. On 17 July 2014 the Leader agreed to make decisions on future Community Chest applications at Portfolio Holder meetings. The responsibility for grants was transferred to the Finance and Staffing Portfolio Holder in May 2016.

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

The Finance and Staffing Portfolio Holder

- (a) noted the current delivery of all grant programmes within the scope of the report from the Director of Health and Environmental Services, highlighting concerns for further investigation or action;
- (b) requested the return of funding from the Cambourne Church / Children's Centre for 2017-18 only, and agreed to reallocate that sum (for 2017-18 only) to the Community Chest; and
- (c) agreed to include the Community Housing Fund and the Community Energy Fund in future grant reports.

Other Options Considered: The Portfolio Holder could:

- (d) note the delivery of all grant programmes within the scope of this report, as currently delivered; and/or
- (e) highlight any concerns for further investigation or action; and/or
- (f) agree to request the return of funding from the Cambourne Church / Children's Centre for 2017/18 only or for 2017/18 and withdraw the 2018/19 offer of funding; and/or
- (g) agree to reallocate the £4,000 from the Cambourne Church / Children's Centre for 2017/18 to the Community Chest, return the funding to the General Fund or vire the amount to another budget; and/or
- (h) agree to include the Community Housing Fund and the Community Energy Fund in future grant reports.

Reason For Decision: All organisations receiving grant support, except Cambourne Church / Children's Centre, are on track to deliver the agreed outputs to time and to budget, achieving the objectives of the individual grant programmes. All recipients are being actively monitored. Two additional grant schemes have launched or will launch in quarters three and four of the financial year. To ensure transparency and avoid potential duplication it is suggested that they are added to future grants reports.

