

SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Leader's Portfolio Holder Meeting

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COMMUNITY CHEST GRANTS - UPDATE

Purpose

1. To provide a summary of the decisions made to allocate grants, since the last Portfolio Holder Meeting, held on 15 March 2012.
2. This is not a key decision and is for information purposes only.

Recommendation

3. That the Leader notes the information contained in the report.

Reasons for Recommendation

4. Not applicable.

Background

5. Since the last report was presented, the following decisions have been taken:
 - (a) a conservation grant of £100.00 was allocated to Hatley Parish Council
 - (b) 19 Community Chest grants have been awarded totalling £12,120.00
6. See **Appendix 1** for details of the decisions taken.

Considerations

7. A range of issues have been taken into consideration in allocating these grants, including: whether the application meets the criteria for the scheme, meeting one or more Council aims; the geographical spread of applications – funds must be distributed as evenly as possible across the district; whether or not the applicant has received grant funding from other SCDC sources in the same financial year, and what for.

Options

8. To note the decisions taken and take them into consideration when making future grant awards.

Implications

9. Financial	None. These grants fall within the budgetary allocation to each scheme. Members of the accountancy team have been involved in determining the coding and payment processes.
Legal	None.
Staffing	None.
Risk Management	If grant funds are unspent by the end of the current financial year, the appropriate decision-making process is followed to determine whether or not they can be rolled over into the following financial year. The grants contained in this report are allocated on a first come, first served basis and once the fund is spent, no further grants will be allocated until the scheme re-opens for the following year.
Equality and Diversity	Grants are available, and should be allocated to, a broad range of organisations. All groups meeting the criteria are eligible.
Equality Impact Assessment completed	An EQIA is currently being undertaken of all grants affected by the Grants Review for 2011-12.
Climate Change	None.

Consultations

10. The Leader (or where relevant, his Deputy) has made these decisions in consultation with relevant district councillors and grants officers. All decisions are subject to a five-day call-in period.

Consultation with Children and Young People

11. No further consultation necessary.

Effect on Strategic Aims

12. Each grant is allocated based on a demonstrable fit with the Council's aims.

Conclusions / Summary

13. This mechanism for awarding grants provides a quick and easy way for groups, organisations and individuals to apply for funding.

Background Papers: the following background papers were used in the preparation of this report:

See Appendix 1

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