



## **PORTFOLIO HOLDER DECISION NOTICE**

### **INDIVIDUAL DECISION BY THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR CULTURE, HERITAGE AND SPORT**

#### **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.

#### **Contact Officers:**

##### **Case Officer:**

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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 his agreement.

#### **DECISION**

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

1. *Denmead Neighbourhood Watch Committee* £450

Funding recommended towards costs of production and circulation of Community Safety Handbook.

Due to the Portfolio Holder for Culture, Heritage and Sport declaring an interest in this item, this was passed to the Director of Communities to make the decision under delegated powers.

2. *Friends of St. Peter's* £461

Funding recommended towards the cost of producing an illustrated guide detailing history and development of the church and its community links.

3. *Knowle Community Building Association* £250

Funding recommended towards the cost of an event to consult with the children of Knowle to find out what activities they would like to be available for them. The aim is to start up a weekly Children's Club.

4. *Soberton Village Hall* £300

Funding recommended towards the cost of providing a non slip floor covering to the toilet facilities.

Due to the Portfolio Holder for Housing and Communities declaring an interest in this item, this was passed to the Director of Communities to make the decision under delegated powers.

5. *Stanmore Combined* £89

Funding recommended towards the cost of providing administration support for this group thus enabling it to become more self- supporting.

6. *Stanmore Community Association* £432

Funding recommended towards the cost of providing safer and more comfortable seating for the elderly persons who regularly use Stanmore Community Centre.

7. *Winchester Area Tourist Guide Association* £435

Funding recommended towards the cost of purchasing a portable PA system for use on smaller coaches and minibuses which do not usually have their own systems. Funding will also help towards the assessment/examination of tourist guides following training.

8. *Winchester Gymnastics Club* £500

Funding recommended towards the cost of providing gymnastic equipment suitable for children at this newly created club.

**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:

1. Hampshire County Youth Band Association requested £500 towards the cost of purchasing two musical instruments. Grant application was refused as it was

considered that this group did not specifically target residents of Winchester and that the number of beneficiaries would be low.

2. Life Education Centres requested £500 towards the cost of delivering healthy lifestyle messages to school children. The application was deferred in order to determine which schools in the Winchester District would benefit.
3. Winchester Christmas Festival requested £500 towards the cost of providing Children's "Christmas Make and Take" workshops on 1<sup>st</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> December. Grant application was refused as group had not supplied all the supporting evidence required, and the first workshop is scheduled to take place prior to the formal decision date for this round.

**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**

As a ward member of Denmead, Councillor Stallard declared an interest in the application from the Denmead Neighbourhood Watch Committee and left the room whilst this application was considered.

As a ward member of Soberton, Councillor Coates declared an interest in the application from Soberton Village Hall and left the room whilst this application was considered.

**DISPENSATION GRANTED BY THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

N/A

**Approved by: (signature)**

**Date of Decision**

**Councillor Patricia Stallard – Portfolio Holder for Culture, Heritage and Sport**