



## 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 Performance Improvement Committee (in this case the Community, Arts and Social Performance Improvement Committee).

Five or more of these consulted Members can require that the matter be referred to Cabinet for determination. One representation was received (details as set out in the Section headed "Further Alternative Options Considered and Rejected Following Publication of the Draft Portfolio Holder Decision Notice" below, so the matter can be determined by the Portfolio Holder.

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#### SUMMARY

This report recommends 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 Healthier and More Inclusive Communities Portfolio have been discussed with the Portfolio Holder and the proposed decisions meet with his agreement.

#### DECISION

That the following grants be awarded from the Community Chest scheme:

1. 12<sup>th</sup> Winchester (Greenjackets) Scout Group £500  
Towards internal renovation of Scout Hut facilities.
2. Alresford and District Neighbourhood Watch £300  
Towards a commissioned performance addressing issues on the fear of crime.

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| 3. | Friends of the Family<br>Towards a computer to enable an office to be established for the project.                           | £500 |
| 4. | Rookesbury Hall<br>Towards new light-weight tables for use / hire at the Hall.   | £500 |
| 5. | South Wonston Table Tennis Club<br>Towards adjustable table tennis equipment to assist disabled and young players.           | £380 |
| 6. | Tubbs Hall<br>Towards new chairs for the refurbished Hall  | £250 |
| 7. | Wickham Summer Playscheme<br>Towards a drumming workshop during the summer holidays  | £250 |
| 8. | Wickham Surgery Health Visiting Team<br>Towards establishing a new support group for parents and babies aged under one year. | £500 |
| 9. | Winchester Gallery<br>Towards a visual arts programme working with young people from across the City.                        | £500 |

#### **REASON FOR THE DECISION AND OTHER ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED**

Grants from the Community Chest scheme are made quarterly. All applications for grants were considered by the relevant Portfolio holder who received advice from the Partnership and External Funding Officer and the Director of Community Services. The following applications were not approved:

1. 14-25 Winchester Youth Counselling (deferred)
2. Cheriton Recipes
3. Friends of Hyde Abbey Gardens
4. Parentline Plus (deferred)
5. Platform 4
6. Summer Holiday Songtime
7. Technical Rescue Unit

Decisions on all of the applications were taken in accordance with the merits of the application and the criteria of the Community Chest scheme.

#### **FURTHER ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED FOLLOWING PUBLICATION OF THE DRAFT PORTFOLIO HOLDER DECISION NOTICE**

One representation has been received requesting that the issue be referred to Cabinet, on the basis that two of the proposed grants were for organisations within the Portfolio Holder's Ward. However, it was explained that the organisations in question, whilst based in Wickham, served many Southern parishes of the Winchester District as follows;

Wickham Playscheme takes place in Wickham but serves Swanmore, Shedfield, Waltham Chase, Southwick, Droxford, Curdridge, Bishops Waltham, Soberton & Newtown, Meonstoke & Corhampton and Boarhunt.

Wickham Surgery is one of three main doctors' surgeries in the Southern Parishes and has patients from Southwick, Droxford, Swanmore, Shedfield, Shirrell Heath and surrounds. This organisation is active in areas covered by the Healthier and More Inclusive Communities Portfolio and was agreed by the Portfolio holder.

**DECLARATION OF INTERESTS BY THE DECISION MAKER OR A MEMBER OR OFFICER CONSULTED**

None

**DISPENSATION GRANTED BY THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

None

**Approved by: (signature)**

**Date of Decision 31.08.04**

**Councillor Therese Evans – Portfolio Holder for Culture, Heritage and Sport**