



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.

Five or more of these consulted Members can require that the matter be referred to Cabinet for determination.

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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 Healthy and Inclusive Communities Portfolio have been discussed with the Portfolio holder and the proposed decisions met with his agreement.

DECISION

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

1. *Art and Sacred Places* £300
Funding recommended towards this project to commission art in two sacred sites in the Winchester District including local residents in the design process.
2. *Ballyhoo* £300
Funding recommended towards facilitating a puppet making workshop for the annual Girl Guides Thinking Day celebrations.
3. *Denmead Brass* £130
Funding recommended towards publicity postcards to encourage new recruits to both the junior and senior bands to be distributed across the community.

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| 4. <i>Denmead Festival 2006</i> | £500 |
| Funding recommended to assist with the annual 9 day summer community based festival. | |
| 5. <i>Highcliffe Community Action Group</i> | £105 |
| Funding recommended towards the cost of committee and community meetings for this group. | |
| 6. <i>Hyde Baby and Toddler Group</i> | £500 |
| Funding recommended towards basic play equipment to help this group re-establish. | |
| 7. <i>Hyde900 Association</i> | £450 |
| Funding recommended towards the start-up of this group which will focus on the Hyde Festival 2010 to commemorate the founding of Hyde Abbey and the official burial of King Alfred the Great. | |
| 8. <i>Wickham Music Week</i> | £375 |
| Funding recommended towards publicity material targeted at encouraging the residents of Knowle to get involved with this annual event. | |

This application falls within the ward of the Portfolio Holder for Culture, Heritage & Sport (Councillor Evans). For the avoidance of doubt, Councillor Evans declared a personal (but not prejudicial) interest in this item, as she had no personal involvement with the organisation) and the Chair of the Social Issues Scrutiny Panel (Councillor Hammerton) has been consulted on this application and raised no objection.

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 other relevant officers as appropriate. The following applications were not approved:

1. Chrysalis (£500: Set up equipment costs for this new organisation based along the south coast)
2. Books on Prescription (£500 – deferred for further information: Provision of self-help book loan for people with minor / moderate mental health problems)
3. Club Hampshire / Weeke Community Centre (£500: To undertake an access audit at the centre)
4. Kala Chethena Kathikali Troupe (£500 – deferred for further information: To provide support packs for ex-offenders as they are released in to local communities)
5. Schools Taekwondo Partnership (£500: Awareness raising event for 17 December)
6. Swanmore Village Hall (£500: Replacement stainless steel kitchen worktops)

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

None.

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

See above.

DISPENSATION GRANTED BY THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

N/A

Approved by: (signature)

Date of Decision

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