



PORTFOLIO HOLDER DECISION NOTICE

PROPOSED INDIVIDUAL DECISION BY THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR COMMUNITIES, SAFETY & PUBLIC HEALTH

TOPIC - ACTIVE COMMUNITY PROJECT GRANTS December 2011

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 Corporate Director (Governance), the Chief Executive and the Head of Finance are consulted together with Chairman and Vice Chairman of The Overview and Scrutiny Committee and any other relevant overview and scrutiny committee. In addition, all Members are notified.

If five or more Members from those informed so request, the Leader may require the matter to be referred to Cabinet for determination.

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Committee Administrator: Nancy Graham, ngraham@winchester.gov.uk, Tel: 01962 848 235

SUMMARY

The allocation of grants within this Decision Notice are from the Active Community Project Grants Funding Scheme and are within the approved overall budget.

Please note that in order to support all eligible applications in this round it has not been possible to award the full amount of grant requested to all applicants.

Applications were invited from all charitable community and voluntary groups but applicants should note that priority is likely to be given to those organisations that can demonstrate that their project is linked to the delivery of one or more of the Winchester District Community Strategy priorities. The priorities are:

- Promote the wellbeing of older people
- Improve access to services
- Reduce the district's carbon footprint
- Improve quality of life in the Stanmore neighbourhood, Winchester

- Improve quality of life in the Winnall neighbourhood, Winchester.

DECISION

1. It is recommended that the following grant be awarded to:

Winchester Action on Climate Change (WinACC)

Amount Requested: £5580

Amount Awarded: £2000

Funding recommended towards upgrading the website and for the support information service that WinACC provide to local residents. The balance of the funding is being met by the High Quality Environment commissioning budget.

2. It is recommended that the following grant be awarded to:

Nepalese Community Winchester (NCW)

Amount Requested: £4939

Amount Awarded: £2000

Funding recommended towards the hall hire and training sessions provided by NCW to the elderly and young people.

3. It is recommended that the following grant be awarded to:

Winnall Rock School

Amount Requested: £4000

Amount Awarded: £500

Funding recommended towards the outreach session being run at The Carroll Centre. The balance of the funding request was for core funding to support the running of the service until the end of the financial year which is not deemed appropriate for this fund however, financial support can be given for the outreach service as per this recommendation.

4. It is recommended that the following grant be awarded to:

Mayfest 2012

Amount Requested: £1000

Amount Awarded: £300

Funding recommended towards the publicity materials.

5. It is recommended that the following grant be awarded to:

Twyford Parish Hall

Amount Requested: £4184

Amount Awarded: £4184

Funding recommended for the urgent roof repairs required to the hall.

6. It is recommended that the following grant be awarded to:

Sparsholt Memorial Hall

Amount Requested: £1627

Amount Awarded: £1627

Funding recommended for the upgrading of the oil tank to meet Health and Safety standards.

7. It is recommended that the following grant be awarded to:

Winchester Lido Sports Assoc

Amount Requested: £1500

Amount Awarded: £1500

Funding recommended for replacing part of the boundary wall which forms part of the playing area for the nursery to provide a safe environment.

8. It is recommended that the following grant be awarded to:

Cheriton Village Hall

Amount Requested: £2403

Amount Awarded: £2403

Funding recommended towards the refurbishment of the hall floor and addressing a damp problem.

9. It is recommended that the following grant be awarded to:

Stanmore Community Association

Amount Requested: £7000

Amount Awarded: £7000

Funding recommended towards replacing the windows, fire exit doors, smoke detectors, damp treatment and redecoration of the hall.

10. It is recommended that the following grant be awarded to:

St John's Church, New Alresford

Amount Requested: £500

Amount Awarded: £500

Funding recommended towards the repair of the bells and fittings, which are used for community education purposes.

REASON FOR THE DECISION AND OTHER ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

Active Community Project Grants are allocated once per year, except in exceptional circumstances.

Applications for all Active Community Project grants were considered by the Portfolio Holder who received advice from the case officer and other relevant officers as appropriate.

Two applications were refused:

Light of the World – (extend free dog walking service to blind residents in Winchester): it has been suggested that they reapply for a Small Grant in 2012 as a more appropriate funding scheme.

Beat Winchester Eating Disorder Support – (funding to run the recovery group – providing materials, activities, support): it has been suggested that they reapply for a Small Grant in 2012/2013 as they have already received a Small Grant and Revenue funding in 2011/2012.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

The budget for Active Community Project grants in 2011/12 is £25,000. The resource implications of this report are £21,000, £4,000 having been allocated earlier in the year via Portfolio Holder Decision Notices:-

www.winchester.gov.uk/Documents/Committees/Cabinet/2100_2199/CAB2171.pdf
www.winchester.gov.uk/Documents/Committees/PortfolioDecisions/201112/Final/PHD368.pdf

The fund has therefore been fully allocated for this year.

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN ON THE DECISION

Consultees have been WCC Officers, Portfolio Holder for Communities, Safety and Public Health.

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

n/a

DISPENSATION GRANTED BY THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

n/a

Approved by: (signature)

Date of Decision:19.01.12

Councillor John Cooper – Portfolio Holder for Communities, Safety & Public Health