



PORTFOLIO HOLDER DECISION NOTICE

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

TOPIC - SMALL GRANTS November 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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SUMMARY

The allocation of grants within this Decision Notice is from the Small Grants (Community Chest) 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.

The Scheme is open to applications from all charitable community and voluntary groups, but priority is generally 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:

- Promoting the wellbeing of older people
- Improving access to services
- reducing the District's carbon footprint
- improving the quality of life in the Stanmore neighbourhood, Winchester

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

DECISION

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

Bishops Waltham Thursday Lunch Club

Amount Requested: £405

Amount Awarded: £200

Funding recommended towards the free Christmas lunch for pensioners, for hall hire and refreshments.

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

Stroke Support Group (Winchester & District)

Amount Requested: £199

Amount Awarded: £199

Funding recommended for the purchase of the REACT programme for Propeller Rehabilitation software to enable members who suffer from aphasia to practise and improve their reading/speaking skills.

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

Speaking Out Self-Advocacy Group, part of Winchester Advocacy Project

Amount Requested: £500

Amount Awarded: £400

Funding recommended towards the running of the self-advocacy group (adults with learning disabilities) meetings for the next 6 months, for hall hire, refreshments and photocopying.

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

Winchester Art History Group

Amount Requested: £500

Amount Awarded: £300

Funding recommended towards the transport costs for planned trips to art galleries for the elderly members.

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

Winchester & District Mencap Society

Amount Requested: £400
Amount Awarded: £400

Funding recommended for a touch screen monitor for the office computer that will enable people with learning disabilities to have greater access to information/services.

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

Twyford Care Group
Amount Requested: £267
Amount Awarded: £250

Funding recommended towards the printing of publicity material in order for the group to raise awareness and recruit new volunteers to support the elderly.

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

Brendoncare Club Hampshire – Badger Farm Friendly Club
Amount Requested: £180
Amount Awarded: £180

Funding recommended for a trip to the Theatre Royal, for 20 members to watch a Christmas production. The members are elderly and many have mobility/physical issues and are unable to attend on their own.

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

Winchester Bereavement Support
Amount Requested: £451
Amount Awarded: £300

Funding recommended towards producing and printing publicity materials. This will enable the group to extend the reach of their service to the elderly by expanding the locations where the materials are accessed.

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

Homestart Winchester & District
Amount Requested: £500
Amount Awarded: £350

Funding recommended towards the funding for 2 free two year olds with additional needs on the Little Friends scheme running at Lanterns Children's Centre.

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

Meon Valley Daycare Centre (Age Concern Hampshire)

Amount Requested: £500

Amount Awarded: £350

Funding recommended towards equipment for exercises to music and stimulating activities for the elderly members.

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

Life Education Wessex

Amount Requested: £335

Amount Awarded: £250

Funding recommended towards age appropriate health and drug prevention programmes for 3-11 year olds at Stanmore Primary.

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

Sparsholt Lunch club (application from Sparsholt Parish Council)

Amount Requested: £250

Amount Awarded: £200

Funding recommended towards the elderly Wednesday lunch club meeting for hall hire, refreshments magazines, puzzles, books and publicity.

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

Youth Options

Amount Requested: £500

Amount Awarded: £500

Funding recommended for 3 free places over 9 sessions to attend the holiday play scheme in December and February to be offered to the neediest families in Winnall (being identified in conjunction with Winnall Primary School).

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

Winchester Live at Home Scheme

Amount Requested: £500

Amount Awarded: £400

Funding recommended towards equipment for the exercise and activity clubs whose membership includes residents from Winnall/Stanmore including supporting physical/mental health and mobility impaired members.

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

Age Concern Hampshire

Amount Requested: £500

Amount Awarded: £300

Funding recommended towards hall hire and the running of computer classes at the Carroll Centre in Stanmore. This will facilitate the elderly to improve access to services.

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

Winnall Rock School

Amount Requested: £500

Amount Awarded: £400

Funding recommended towards equipment and for providing additional holiday workshops for the Winnall/Stanmore area.

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

Alzheimer's Society (Winchester & Test Valley North)

Amount Requested: £420

Amount Awarded: £300

Funding recommended towards specialist dementia jigsaws and equipment for activity/music clubs.

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

Meon Valley Carers Together

Amount Requested: £420

Amount Awarded: £300

Funding recommended towards books/music material and stationery for the drop in centre library for members and carers of people suffering with dementia.

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

TLS Alacrity Junior Cadet Corps

Amount Requested: £500

Amount Awarded: £250

Funding recommended towards a gala tent which will be used for camping, events and shelter from inclement weather.

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

Sparsholt Memorial Hall

Amount Requested: £500

Amount Awarded: £400

Funding recommended towards war memorial restoration to enable cleaning, and re-cutting the lettering.

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

Grants from the small grants scheme are made twice per year. All applications for grants were considered by the relevant Portfolio Holder who received advice from the case officer and other relevant officers as appropriate.

The decision on the following applications for a small grant was refused:

Key Changes Music Therapy (music therapy pre-school pilot): project to be undertaken in Summer 2012, therefore out of 2011/2012 budget year. Group to be invited to request the group reapply in 2012/2013 financial year.

Owslebury & Morestead Community Association (Diamond Jubilee Celebrations, June 2012): project to be undertaken in June 2012, therefore out of 2011/2012 budget year. Will request the group reapply for Active Communities Project Grant in 2012/2013

British Red Cross Society (Educate 4 x people to be Everyday First Aid Educators in Winnall/Stanmore): unclear evidence of need Winnall/Stanmore and potential duplication of effort. Suggest contacting and possibly working in partnership with the VISA (Village Information and Service Adviser) programme, Older People's Partnership and Over 55s' Forum.

Cheriton Diamond Jubilee Fund (Diamond Jubilee Celebrations June 2012): project to be undertaken in June 2012, therefore out of 2011/2012 budget year. Will request the group reapply for Active Communities Project Grant in 2012/2013

Mayfest 2012 (Diamond Jubilee Celebrations June 2012): project to be undertaken in June 2012, therefore out of 2011/2012 budget year. Will request the group reapply for Active Communities Project Grant in 2012/2013

St John's Church New Alresford (Restoration/repair of bells/fittings): will request the group reapply to the 2011/2012 Active Communities Project Grant fund. However, they will be required to evidence substantial community use, in addition to any church activities, to conform with Scheme Criteria.

Citizen Choice (Winter Wellbeing Event Feb/March 2012 in Stanmore): potential duplication of effort. Suggest contacting and possibly working in partnership with the VISA (Village Information and Service Adviser) programme, Older People's Partnership and Over 55s' Forum.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

The budget for small grants in 2011/12 is £9,500 over two tranches, this being the second. The first round granted was £4220 however, the final resource implication was: £3286 (as two groups declined the grant, one group requested the funds for a brand new item and has been asked to apply to Active Communities).

The resource implications of this report are £6,230.

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN ON THE DECISION

Consultees have been WCC Officers, Portfolio Holder for Communities, Safety and Public Health and Winchester Area Community Action (WACA).

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

Winchester Access for All is currently being run by WACA as it is a newly formed group needing support to get off the ground.

DISPENSATION GRANTED BY THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

n/a

Approved by: (signature)

Date of Decision: 29.11.11

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