

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Cabinet Member for Performance and Capacity

Date of Meeting: 27 August 2009
Report of: Head of Policy & Performance
Subject/Title: Policy for the Allocation of Community Grants

1.0 Report Summary

- 1.1 Cheshire East Council wishes to continue with the grants service for communities in Cheshire East. The policy addresses the governance arrangements, procedures and monitoring process to facilitate this process.
- 1.2 The intention is for the policy (Appendix) to cover the Council's financial year during 2009/10 only, to enable the authority to continue with existing arrangements from the previous local authorities.
- 1.3 The grants system will be reviewed during 2009/10 to ensure that the Council offers a balanced portfolio of grants in the future.
- 1.4 The aim of the grants is to support small scale community projects that will improve the quality of life for local communities. Grants will be awarded to organisations/project/events which meet the priorities in the Cheshire East Sustainable Community Strategy, the Local Area Agreement and the Council's Corporate Strategy.
- 1.5 The definition of Grants refers to transfers of Council funds to organisation or bodies by way of an application process within the existing budget provisions.

2.0 Recommendation

- 2.1 That the policy for the allocation of community grants, as attached as an Appendix to the report, be approved.

3.0 Reasons for Recommendation

- 3.1 The Policy is required to enable to allocation of community grants, for which the Council has received applications.

4.0 Wards Affected

- 4.1 N/A

5.0 Local Ward Members

5.1 N/A

6.0 Policy Implications including - Climate change - Health

6.1 Positive impact.

7.0 Financial Implications for Transition Costs (Authorised by the Borough Treasurer)

7.1 None.

8.0 Financial Implications 2009/10 and beyond (Authorised by the Borough Treasurer)

8.1 All of the proposed grants can be funded from within existing budgets approved as part of the Council's Budget for 2009-10.

9.0 Legal Implications (Authorised by the Borough Solicitor)

9.1 In awarding grants, the Council must ensure that in each case it has the legal power to fund the proposed scheme. In certain cases above £100 it will be necessary to impose a condition requiring a report back to the Council on the expenditure of the grant. Consideration should also be given in each case to the imposition of other appropriate conditions.

10.0 Risk Management

10.1 N/A.

11.0 Background and Options

11.1 The Policy is required to enable to allocation of community grants, for which the Council has received applications.

12.0 Overview of Year One and Term One Issues

12.1 To enable the allocation of grants for 2009/10 only.

13.0 Access to Information

The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting the report writer:

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