

# **Cabinet Members for Performance & Capacity and Procurement, Assets & Shared Services**

## **Agenda**

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<b>Date:</b>	<b>Monday, 14th February, 2011</b>
<b>Time:</b>	<b>10.00 am</b>
<b>Venue:</b>	<b>Committee Suite 1 &amp; 2, Westfields, Middlewich Road, Sandbach CW11 1HZ</b>

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The agenda is divided into 2 parts. Part 1 is taken in the presence of the public and press. Part 2 items will be considered in the absence of the public and press for the reasons indicated on the agenda and at the foot of each report.

### **PART 1 – MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED WITH THE PUBLIC AND PRESS PRESENT**

1. **Apologies for Absence**
2. **Declarations of Interest**

To provide an opportunity for Members and Officers to declare any personal and/or prejudicial interests in any item on the agenda

3. **Public Speaking Time/Open Session**

In accordance with Procedure Rules Nos.11 and 35 a period of 10 minutes is allocated for members of the public to address the meeting on any matter relevant to the work of the meeting. Individual members of the public may speak for up to 5 minutes but the Chairman or person presiding will decide how the period of time allocated for public speaking will be apportioned where there are a number of speakers. Members of the public are not required to give notice to use this facility. However, as a matter of courtesy, a period of 24 hours' notice is encouraged.

Members of the public wishing to ask a question at the meeting should provide at least three clear working days' notice in writing and should include the question with that notice. This will enable an informed answer to be given.

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4. **Community Grants** (Pages 1 - 8)

To determine the award of Community Grants to voluntary and community organisations which meet the criteria approved by Cheshire East Council.

5. **Exclusion of the Press and Public**

The report relating to the remaining item on the agenda has been withheld from public circulation and deposit pursuant to Section 100(B)(2) of the Local Government Act 1972 on the grounds that the matter may be determined with the press and public excluded.

The Cabinet Member may decide that the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item pursuant to Section 100(A)4 of the Local Government Act 1972 on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 and the public interest would not be served in publishing the information.

**PART 2 – MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED WITHOUT THE PUBLIC AND PRESS PRESENT**

6. **Disposal of Land at Middlewich Road, Sandbach** (Pages 9 - 14)

To consider the sale of land off Middlewich Road, Sandbach.

## CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

**Cabinet Member for Performance and Capacity**

**Date of meeting:** 14<sup>th</sup> February 2011  
**Report of:** Head of Policy & Performance  
**Title:** Community Grants  
**Portfolio Holder:** Councillor David Brown

**1.0 Report Summary**

- 1.1 To determine the award of Community Grants to voluntary and community organisations which meet the criteria approved by Cheshire East Council. The Council recognises the valuable input that the voluntary and community sector brings to the quality of life in the community. Funding is focused on those organisations that complement the aims and objectives of the Corporate Plan.
- 1.2 The Report covers the final round of grants for 2010/11, and makes recommendations totalling £16,999 in line with Cheshire East Council's Policy for the Allocation of Grants.

**2.0 Recommendations**

- 2.1 That the following Community Grants be awarded/declined/deferred as indicated:

1) Wilmslow Art Group	awarded £75
2) Knutsford Royal May Day	awarded £250
3) Shavington Village Festival Committee	awarded £250
4) The Greenscape Vision	awarded £250
5) Nomads Amateur Theatre Co.	awarded £250
6) Nantwich Civic Society	awarded £250
7) Macclesfield Barnaby Festival	awarded £250
8) Scamps Theatre Co.	awarded £250
9) Bollington Well Dressers	awarded £250
10) The Nantwich Players	awarded £250
11) Macclesfield Civic Society	awarded £150
12) The Barnby Choir	awarded £250
13) Alderley Edge Orchestra	awarded £250
14) Holmes Chapel Singers	awarded £250
15) Congleton Community Trust	awarded £250
16) Gainsborough/Ruskin Residents Association	awarded £235
17) King Edward Musical Society of Macclesfield	awarded £250
18) Holmes Chapel Basketball Club	awarded £500
19) Wingate Special Children's Trust	deferred
20) Mad Cows	deferred
21) British Military Martial Arts	deferred
22) Time Out Group	declined

23) Tytherington Links Open Space Project	awarded £500
24) Sandbach Allotment Society	awarded £500
25) Rode Park & Lawton Cricket Club	awarded £500
26) Enterprise & Education Alliance	awarded £500
27) Macclesfield Jnr. Netball Club	awarded £475
28) Alsager Netball club	awarded £500
29) Creative People Association	awarded £500
30) Central Cheshire Buddies	awarded £243
31) Congleton Carousels	deferred
32) Bromley Farm Community Dev. Trust	awarded £500
33) SHAPLA Bangladeshi Women's Association	awarded £231
34) Friends of Handforth Station	awarded £235
35) Cycle Wilmslow	awarded £500
36) Chongi Gym	awarded £425
37) Colshaw Estate Tenants & Residents Association	awarded £430
38) Humane Education Society	awarded £1500
39) New Life Church	awarded £1000
40) Odd Rode Parish Centre	awarded £1500
41) The Welcome Cafe	awarded £1000
42) Blakenhall Village Hall	awarded £1500

### 3.0 Reasons for Recommendations (Details of Grants)

#### 3.1 EVENTS (UP TO £250)

**Knutsford Royal May Day (CGA.117)**  
**Shavington Village Festival Committee (CGA.119)**  
**Nomads Amateur Theatre Co (CGA.126)**  
**Macclesfield Barnaby Festival (CGA.131)**  
**Scamps Theatre Co. (CGA.132)**  
**Bollington Well Dressers (CGA.134)**  
**The Nantwich Players (CGA.136)**  
**The Barnby Choir (CGA.143)**  
**Alderley Edge Orchestra (CGA.144)**  
**Holmes Chapel Singers (CGA.145)**  
**Congleton Community Trust (CGA.146)**  
**King Edward Musical Society (CGA.150)**

The above events are all annual productions/events, some with quite high costs and receive income from ticket sales as well as refreshments, programmes etc. These events are important to Cheshire East district as they do make a difference to local residents by way of enabling them to see local talent performing at reasonable prices. It is recommended that they all be awarded a grant of £250 and that their profit/loss for the events be monitored

#### **Wilmslow Art Group (CGA.115)**

The Art Group wish to hire exhibition space at the Annual Flower Show and it is recommended they be awarded £75 as requested

**The Greenscape Vision (CGA.123)**

The project is an environmental awareness raising event and consists of three workshops. It is recommended they be awarded £250

**Nantwich Civic Society (CGA.128)**

The project is to hold workshops to assist work being carried out along the Riverside at Nantwich. It is recommended they be awarded £250

**Macclesfield Civic Society (CGA.138)**

This is a Civic Awards event and it is recommended they be awarded the £150 requested towards the event.

**Gainsborough/Ruskin Residents Association (CGA.148)**

This is a newly formed Residents Association and as such have very little funding at the moment. The project is to hold a community Easter Event for children and adults and it is recommended they be awarded the full cost of £235 as this is their first event.

**3.2 ACTIVITIES (up to £500)**

**Holmes Chapel Basketball Club (CGA.114)**

Due to the increased membership of the Club, they are having to hire an extra venue for their games. Total project cost is £980 and it is recommended they be awarded £500

**Wingate Special Children's Trust (CGA.116)**

The Trust wishes to send 22 members of staff and volunteers on safeguarding and child protection courses. The total project cost is £585 and it is recommended the application be deferred awaiting further information on the courses.

**Mad Cows (CGA.118)**

This is a newly formed Mother and Toddler Group meeting once per month. They wish to purchase a large number of books and also baby carriers/slings for home loan. They have no funding of their own and the total grant they request is £500. As the group only meet once a month and the books could be loaned from Sure Start, also from a health and safety point of view it is not recommended they be given a grant towards baby carriers, it is recommended the grant be deferred and they be invited to reapply in April for a different project.

**British Military Martial Arts (CGA.120)**

All documents required not received and it is recommended the application be deferred until April.

**Time Out Group (CGA.121)**

The group provide evening community social and basic skills training to adults with learning difficulties. They wish to purchase a display board to display photos of work undertaken by the group Total cost of project is £204 and although they do have a healthy bank account, they are not contributing to the cost. If we do not award them the funding they will not purchase a new board but continue to borrow. It is recommended they be declined a grant.

**Tytherington Links Open Space Project (CGA.122)**

The group wish to purchase and install larger goalposts as present ones are too small and beyond repair. Total cost of project is £1,500 and it is recommended they be awarded £500

**Sandbach Allotment Society (CGA.125)**

Group wishes to purchase water butts and compost bins for a new allotment initiative although they have yet to take lease of the land in question which should be April 2011. Total cost of project is £3549 and they are contributing some funding. It is recommended they be awarded £500 subject to lease being obtained.

**Rode Park and Lawton Cricket Club (CGA.129)**

Club wishes to construct new lane training net facilities to replace old, unsafe one. Majority of funding is in place. Total cost of project is £32,312 and it is recommended that they be awarded £500

**Enterprise & Education Alliance (CGA.130)**

The project is to purchase gardening equipment for community kitchen garden. Equipment would be made available for other community groups. Total cost of project is £15,000 and they have majority of funding in place. It is recommended that they be awarded £500

**Macclesfield Junior Netball Club (CGA.133)**

The Club wishes to fund a specialist coach to deliver movement and balance training to members. Total cost of project is £675, they have some funding of their own and it is recommended that they be awarded the balance of £475

**Alsager Netball Club (CGA.135)**

The Club wishes to provide coaching and umpiring courses for parents and helpers and also to purchase additional netballs. Total cost of project is £1,160 and they are contributing towards the project and it is recommended that they be awarded £500

**Creative People Association (CGA.137)**

The Group want to purchase filming and media equipment - one of the projects if they are awarded a grant is to produce a documentary on "Good Migration" but they will also offer workshops and also to exhibit their works. Total cost of project is £921. This is a new organisation who does not have any of their own funding in place. It is recommended that they be awarded £500 to enable them commence the project.

**Central Cheshire Buddies (CGA.139)**

This is a voluntary group working with adults with learning or physical disabilities. They wish to purchase gardening equipment for a project to grow their own vegetables. They are not contributing from their own funds although they do have a healthy bank account. Total cost of project is £486 and it is recommended that they be awarded £243 match funding.

**Congleton Carousels (CGA.142)**

All documents required not received and it is recommended the application be deferred until April.

**Bromley Farm Community Development Trust (CGA.147)**

The Trust wishes to apply for MUGA equipment. Total project cost is £1,850. They have some funding in place and it is recommended that they be awarded £500.

**SHAPLA Bangladeshi Women's Association (CGA.149)**

This is a new group and they are requesting a grant to cover pool hire for six months (£462). They have no funds but the women are not contributing themselves and there are 60 members. It is recommended they be awarded match funding of £231 and that the group contribute towards the pool hire.

**Friends of Handforth Station (CGA.151)**

Group wants to fund enhancement of station (owned by Network Rail) by refurbishment of signs, replacement of flags and feasibility study for sculpture project. Total cost of project is £1,098 and it is recommended they be awarded £235 for the cost of the flags which are to be designed by local schoolchildren.

**Cycle Wilmslow (CGA.152)**

A community group promoting cycling in the Wilmslow area. They wish to produce a cycle route guide. The total cost of project is £825. They have a small amount of own funding and are contributing. It is recommended they be awarded £500

**Chongi Gym (CGA.153)**

The Gym wishes to purchase various pieces of equipment to help in the development and progression of the students which will also encourage more new members. The total project cost is £575 and it is recommended they be awarded £425 requested.

**Colshaw Estate Tenants & Residents Association (CGA.154)**

A fairly new Community Group working with LAP Manager and Comm. Engagement Officer wishes to hire premises and to provide training and development skills to enable them to be better prepared as a Residents Association. It is recommended they be awarded the full project cost of £430

**3.3 FACILITIES (up to £1,500)**

**Humane Education Society (CGA.112)**

The Society wishes to install new toilet facilities as the existing facilities are no longer adequate due to the number of public visitors and school parties for educational visits. Total project cost is £5,000. They are applying to WREN for a further project and have some of their own funding. It is recommended they be awarded £1,500

**New Life Church (CGA.113)**

An extensively used community centre who wish to replace industrial quality doors and closures as existing ones are beyond economic repair. Total cost of project is £2,220 and they have some of their own funding. It is recommended they be awarded £1,000

**Odd Rode Parish Centre (CGA.124)**

Church has built an extension for community use and wish to upgrade existing facilities including kitchen. Total project cost is £115,000. The majority of funding is in place and it is recommended that they be awarded £1,500.

**The Welcome Café (CGA.140)**

A community café established for 15 years. They wish to replace outdated and worn out kitchen appliances. The café is well used by a number of community groups. Total project cost if £7,900. They have applied to other funders including Knutsford Town Council but are not using their own funds. It is recommended they be awarded £1,000

**Blakenhall Village Hall (CGA.141)**

New hall requiring fixtures and fittings for kitchen area as old ones beyond repair. The total project cost is £3,200. All their own funds are allocated to the building costs and it is recommended they be awarded £1,500

**4.0 Wards Affected**

4.1 All wards within Cheshire East Council

**5.0 Local Ward Members**

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**6.0 Policy Implications**

6.1 Positive impact

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

7.1 None

**8.0 Financial Implications 2010/11 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 2010/11

**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 all cases there is 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.

9.2 The Council's legal powers for awarding these grants are contained in various statutes, including Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972, and Section 2 of the Local Government Act 2000. In addition, the Council should ensure that there is a transparent process and policy in respect of determining the level of grant subsidy to any community group.



**10.0 Risk Management**

10.1 None

**11.0 Background and Options**

11.1 Applications received and allocated in accordance with Cheshire East Council's Policy for the Allocation of Community Grants.

**12.0 Overview of Year One and Term One Issues**

12.1 Allocation of grants for 2010/11 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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