

Cabinet Member for Strategic Communities

Agenda

Date: Monday 21st January 2013
Time: 9.30 am
Venue: Committee Suite 1 & 2, Westfields, Middlewich Road,
Sandbach CW11 1HZ

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 disclosable pecuniary and non-pecuniary 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 relating to the work of the body in question. 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.

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4. **Policy for the Allocation of Grants** (Pages 1 - 10)

To consider a report requesting an amendment to the appendix to the existing Policy for the allocation of Community Grants.

5. **Community Grants** (Pages 11 - 22)

To determine the award of Community Grants to Voluntary and Community Organisations which meet the criteria approved by Cheshire East Council

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Cabinet Member for Strategic Communities

Date of Meeting:	21 st January 2013
Report of:	Partnerships Manager
Subject/Title:	Policy for the Allocation of Grants
Portfolio Holder:	Councillor D Brown

1.0 Report Summary

- 1.1 To amend the appendix to the existing policy for the allocation of Community Grants. This will allow applications to be accepted for community transport schemes and will take into account the different requirements within these applications.

2.0 Recommendation(s)

- 2.1 That the Appendix to the policy for the allocation of Community Grants be approved.

3.0 Reasons for Recommendation(s)

- 3.1 To allow one off funding from the Department for Transport's 'Supporting Community Transport Funding' to be administered through the Council's Community Grant Scheme and to take into account the different requirements within these applications.

4.0 Wards Affected

- 4.1 The recommendations relate to all wards within Cheshire East

5.0 Local Ward Members

- 5.1 All Ward members

6.0 Policy Implications (including carbon reduction and health)

- 6.1 Positive impact

7.0 Financial Implications (authorised by Director of Finance and Business Services)

- 7.1 The recommendations will enable additional grant funding of £60,000 to be administered within this current financial year.

8.0 Legal Implications (authorised by Borough Solicitor)

- 8.1 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.
- 8.2 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.

9.0 Risk Management Implications

- 9.1 The risk of not agreeing an approach to funding the community and voluntary sector is that some organisations may be unable to continue their activities, resulting in a loss of community benefit. This is a particular issue during an economic downturn when other funding sources may not be available.

10.0 Background and Options

- 10.1 A decision is required to administer additional grant funding.

11.0 Access to Information

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

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POLICY FOR THE
ALLOCATION OF
COMMUNITY GRANTS

2012/13

Revised January 2013

1.0 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Cheshire East Council operates a Community Grants Scheme within the boundaries of Cheshire East. This Policy addresses the governance arrangements, procedures and monitoring process to facilitate the scheme.
- 1.2 The aim of the Grants Scheme is to support small scale community projects that will improve the quality of life for local communities. Grants will be awarded to organisations projects or events which meet the priorities in the Sustainable Community Strategy – Ambition for All.
- 1.3 When using the term grants in this Policy it refers to the giving of a set amount of Council funds to organisations through an application and assessment process 4 times each financial year.
- 1.4 Administration of the Community Grants Scheme is through the Performance and Partnerships Team within the Places and Organisational Capacity Directorate.

2.0 LEGAL AND BUDGETARY FRAMEWORK

- 2.1 The Cheshire East Borough Council Constitution states that each Cabinet Member is responsible for:
 - 2.1.1 Ensuring that budget control and financial monitoring is within the scope of their Portfolio;
 - 2.1.2 Approving the use of specific grants/and or funding for non-government sources and any annual delivery plans and agreements in relation to such funding.
- 2.2 The Strategic Communities Portfolio Holder will be responsible for the Community Grants Scheme and has delegated authority to approve applications for grants from local organisations to assist in developing community based activities and projects, subject to the maximum amounts set out in paragraph 3.2 of this Policy.
- 2.3 In order to assist the Portfolio Holder with the decision making process, The Partnerships Team Officers will offer administrative and professional support to ensure that all grants are made in accordance with the criteria set for grant applications.
- 2.4 All grant decisions will be made based on affordability criteria and within the agreed budget approved by Council each year.
- 2.5 The Portfolio Holder will be responsible for setting aside a proportion of the budget for promotion and publicity purposes, as required.

3.0 APPLICATION PROCESS

- 3.1 The Cheshire East Community Grants Scheme operates within set criteria, agreed by the Portfolio Holder and relevant Council Officers in line with the Council's Corporate Priorities.

3.2 What can be funded

Grants up to the following amounts are available to support community, environmental, sports, arts, heritage and play projects, activities or events. See examples below:

Facilities – up to a maximum award of £3,000

- a) Renovations or improvements to buildings, play areas, conservation areas (not sports grounds or single use sports clubs);
- b) Grant towards third party funding e.g. WREN;
- c) Equipment for (a) above i.e. kitchen furniture, tables, chairs etc.
- d) Feasibility studies or architects fees up to a maximum of 5% of the costs.

Activities – up to a maximum award of £500

- a) Equipment/materials to help the organisation develop;
- b) Training courses;
- c) Specialist coaching or teaching sessions;
- d) Contributions towards facility hire (new groups only).

Events – up to a maximum award of £250

- a) Hire of facilities for rehearsals, workshops or events;
- b) Hire of equipment;
- c) Performers;
- d) Publicity.

Community Led Planning – can apply for both of the grants below but not at the same time

1. **Community-led Plan Starter Grant, up to a maximum of £250** for initial start up costs of developing a Community-led planning group.
2. **Community-led Plan Development Grant, up to a maximum of £500** for costs involved in the development of the Community-led Plan and Action Plan. The Development Grant can be used for :
 - a) Equipment/materials to help the group develop;
 - b) Training;
 - c) Specialist advice and support;
 - d) Contributions towards facility hire.

An appendix is attached to this Policy relating to one off funding for the Department for Transport's Supporting Community Transport funding applications.

3.3 What cannot be funded

- Organisations which hold substantial free reserves, including local branches of national or regional organisation which hold free reserves which could be utilised;
- Applications from Town and Parish Councils (see note overleaf);
- Work which has already taken place before receipt of offer letter;
- Individuals;
- General appeals, sponsorship or fundraising for national or local charities (including local branches) or other local organisations;
- Activities of a mainly political or religious nature;
- Assistance with providing transport;
- Refreshments and/or accommodation;
- Outings or day trips;
- Travel expenses;
- Projects, activities or events organised for the sole benefit of pupils of a school or college;
- Events which do not involve members of the local community participating;
- Repair costs where deterioration is due to neglect;
- Churches, where the project is related only to religious services or activity;

- Loan against loss or debt;
- Administration expenses e.g. postage, telephone, utilities etc.
- **Running Costs e.g. gas, electricity, water, salaries, insurance.**
- Land purchase;
- **Vehicle purchase;**
- Disabled facilities where there is no proven need for the work to be carried out or where upgrading is required for an existing facility to meet the statutory requirements of the DDA.

Note – Where applications are made under the community led planning, starter grant category applications can be accepted from Parish or Town Councils to hold funds for the community led planning group whilst they establish if the community is interested in undertaking a community led plan.

3.4 Who can apply

To qualify for a grant organisations must meet the criteria listed below:

- Operate within the Cheshire East area;
- Provide value for money
- Be a voluntary or community organisation or registered charity;
- Have a set of accounts or as a minimum an organisation bank statement;
- Have a properly constituted management committee with a signed constitution;
- Have appropriate safeguarding policies relevant to their organisation where children, young people or vulnerable adults are involved;
- Have their own bank or building society account with two signatories;
- Not have received a community grant in the current financial year.

3.5 Criteria for Funding

Priority will be given to applications for projects and activities which:

- Enhance the quality of life for Cheshire East residents;
- Support the priorities identified in the Sustainable Community Strategy Ambition for All;
- Increase involvement in the community;
- Attract more participants/volunteers;
- Demonstrate the potential to be sustained in the future;
- Show innovation and creativity;
- Have funding contributions from the organisations own funds and/or funding support from other bodies in place or promised;
- Provide direct participation by members of the local community via workshops, dance, music, sport etc.

3.6 General Conditions

- Grants are classed as one-off and should not be seen as repeat funding;
- Grants are awarded specifically for the purpose stated in the application. Should it be spent in any other way, without prior approval of the Portfolio Holder, the organisation may become liable to return the monies paid.
- Annual applications from the same organisation for the same purpose will not be considered;
- Grants for £500 and below will be paid in advance. A report and invoices or receipts must be forwarded to the Grants Officer within 6 months of the date of offer letter;
- Grants above £500 will be paid upon completion of the project. A report and invoices or receipts must be forwarded to the Grants Officer within 12 months of the date of offer letter;
- Organisations who are in receipt of other project funding from the Council may apply to this grant scheme if the grant is required for a one-off project which is considered additional to the service already funded;

- Any profits from events must be used to further develop the organisation or for any future events and not used to support other organisations.

4.0 DECISION MAKING PROCESS

- 4.1 Having assessed all applications and consulted with the Finance Department, the Partnerships Team prepare a recommendations report to be assessed by the Portfolio Holder.
- 4.2 A Public meeting is held for the Portfolio Holder to make decisions on the community grant applications received.
- 4.3 Following the decision making meeting, a Portfolio Holders report is circulated to all elected members by Democratic Services, allowing for a 5 day call in period.
- 4.4 Should any objections be made during the 5 day call in period a further Portfolio Holders meeting is held to discuss the objection(s) and adjust as necessary.
- 4.5 If there are no objections (or after the follow up meeting), the applicants are notified to inform them of whether they have been successful or not.

5.0 MONITORING AND RECORD KEEPING

- 5.1 Following a successful application and in order to ensure that monies are used in an appropriate manner as set out in the conditions for funding, a monitoring process will take place throughout the financial year.
- 5.2 The Council reserves the right to monitor the use of the grant and ask for evidence to support an application. The organisation will allow reasonable access to premises/accounts upon request from the Council.
- 5.3 Organisations need to retain records relating to the grant for an appropriate period (to be advised depending on the grant).
- 5.4 Organisations will be required to submit a report along with details of expenditure against the activity or project.
- 5.5 If organisations do not supply the required reports within the set time scale they will not be eligible to apply to the scheme again.
- 5.6 The Community Grant applications will be considered at quarterly intervals with notification sent to organisations following the Portfolio Holder's decision.

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Appendix 1

Additional funding for Community Transport schemes is to be administered through the community grant scheme. This funding is subject to the conditions contained within the Policy for the Allocation of Community Grants 2012/13 and includes the amendments listed below.

What can be funded (section 3.2)

Funding is to be restricted to applications for:

Community Transport – up to a maximum award of £9,999

Applications are welcome to assist in the establishment of, or continuation of, community transport schemes. Examples of schemes include:

- a) Community car schemes to assist people who are unable to access public or private transport;
- b) Shopmobility schemes to loan wheelchairs and scooters to members of the public who have limited mobility;
- c) Mini bus sharing schemes within parishes to purchase a mini bus to establish a new scheme or provide equipment and training to continue with an existing scheme.
- d) Vehicle purchase.

What cannot be funded (section 3.3)

The restrictions listed in section 3.3 apply, except for the following where applications can be accepted:

- For assistance in providing transport
- Travel expenses;
- Running Costs e.g. gas, electricity, water, salaries, insurance.
- For vehicle purchase

Who can apply (section 3.4)

The restrictions listed in section 3.4 apply, except for the following where applications can be accepted:

- From groups who have previously received a community grant in the current financial year

Criteria for funding (section 3.5)

Higher priority will be given to applications for projects or activities which:

- Improve accessibility to residents to access essential services, leisure facilities, assist with shopping or visiting family members.
- Can demonstrate a long term financial business case, for instance, users fund ongoing running costs, or, attracting grants from other organisations.

General Conditions (section 3.6)

Due to the maximum amount of funding which can be awarded, under the Community Transport category, being £9,999 if an organisation does not have sufficient funds to purchase the items specified in the application form Cheshire East Council may permit payment to be made in advance. Requests for

payment to be made in advance must be supplied in writing at the time of accepting the offer of a grant and invoices or receipts must be forwarded to the Grants Officer within 14 days of purchase.

All other conditions apply under section 3.6.

Appendix to Policy Approved

Signature:

Date:

Position:

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Cabinet Member for Strategic Communities

Date of Meeting: 21st January 2013
Report of: Partnerships Manager
Subject/Title: Community Grants
Portfolio Holder: Councillor D 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 focussed on those organisations that complement the aims and objectives of the Corporate Plan.
- 1.2 The report covers the final round of grants for 2012/13 and makes recommendations totalling 20,435 in line with Cheshire East Council's Policy for the Allocation of Grants.

2.0 Recommendation(s)

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

Events

Beartown Patchwork and Quilters	Awarded £100
Bollington Well Dressers	Awarded £250
Congleton Harriers	Awarded £100
High Legh Community Association	Declined
Macclesfield Civic Society	Declined
Nantwich Choral Society	Awarded £250
Nomads Amateur Theatre Company	Awarded £100
Prestbury Choral Society	Awarded £250
Rode Park & Lawton Cricket Club	Awarded £250
The Alderley Edge Orchestra	Awarded £250

Activities

12 th South West Cheshire Scout Group	Awarded £350
Bromley Farm Community Development Trust	Awarded £500
Buglawton Community Group	Awarded £250
Chelford Cricket Club	Awarded £200
Congleton Community Projects	Awarded £500
Congleton Youth Forum	Declined
Crewe & Nantwich Carer Support Group	Declined

Crewe Clean Team	Declined
Crewe FC	Awarded £300
Crewe Vagrants Hockey Club	Awarded £335
High Legh Bowling Club	Awarded £500
JJ's Sensory Play Centre	Awarded £500
King Edwards Musical Society	Awarded £300
Knutsford District Scouts	Awarded £350
Macclesfield & District Canoe Club	Declined
Macclesfield Amateur Swimming Club	Awarded £500
Macclesfield Youth Club	Awarded £500
Nantwich & Border Counties Sailing Club	Awarded £500
Nantwich Barony Park Bowling Club	Awarded £500
Nantwich Food Bank	Declined
Nantwich Pumas Junior Football Club	Awarded £400
Parents Supporting Parents	Conditionally Awarded £500
Poynton U3A	Awarded £500
The Motley Crewe	Declined
The Saturday Club	Awarded £500
Weston Cricket Club	Awarded £500
Wild Rumpus CIC	Awarded £500

Facilities

CVSCE	Declined
Enterprise & Education Alliance	Awarded £550
Girlguiding UK – Weaver Division	Awarded £3,000
Sound Vibe	Declined
Stapeley Grange Wildlife Centre	Awarded £1,300
The Brereton Scout Group	Awarded £3,000
Wishing Well Project	Awarded £1,500

Community Led Planning Starter Grant

Nether Alderley Looking Forward	Awarded £250
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Community Led Planning Development Grant

Nether Alderley Looking Forward	Deferred
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3.0 Reasons for Recommendations (details of Grants)

3.1 Events:

Beartown Patchwork and Quilters -

Total Cost of Project - £1,648 Amount Requested - £100

An exhibition of local members patchwork and quilting will be held in July 2013. The group require a grant towards the printing and publicity for the event. They have applied to the town council and are contributing themselves. It is recommended that they are awarded £100.

Congleton Harriers -

Total Cost of Project - £2,280 Amount Requested - £100

Congleton Harriers organise the 'Cloud 9 Hill Race' annually. Funding is required towards various elements of the organisation such as medical support, promotion and equipment hire. They have no reserves and are contributing themselves. It is recommended that they are awarded £100.

Bollington Well Dressers -

Total Cost of Project - £1,260 Amount Requested - £250

Bollington Well Dressers wish to purchase specially designed boards and supporting structures to attach the boards to surrounding stone walls. They are contributing themselves and have other contributions. It is recommended that they are awarded £250.

Macclesfield Civic Society -

Total Cost of Project – Not provided Amount Requested - £150

Macclesfield Civic Society are applying for plaques for their award scheme that recognises new building, renovations or conservation projects. They received funding for the same purpose in January 2012 and repeat funding cannot be granted. It is therefore recommended that the application is declined.

Prestbury Choral Society -

Total Cost of Project – £2,210 Amount Requested - £250

Prestbury Choral Society will be holding a concert in March and are applying for funding towards the costs of hiring the orchestra. They are contributing themselves. It is recommended that they are awarded £250.

Nantwich Choral Society -

Total Cost of Project – £2,875 Amount Requested - £250

Nantwich Choral Society require funding towards the publicity of their concert to ensure they receive a large audience and to benefit as many people as possible. They have applied to the Town Council and will have income from ticket sales. It is recommended that they are awarded £250.

The Alderley Edge Orchestra -

Total Cost of Project – £3,650 Amount Requested - £400

This group require funding towards the hire of soloists for concerts and for promotion. The application was put in under the activities category; however, concerts come under the events category which has a maximum award of £250. It is therefore recommended that they are awarded £250.

Rode Park & Lawton Cricket Club -

Total Cost of Project – £1,685 Amount Requested - £250

This group wish to run specialist coaching sessions over Easter with more highly trained coaches. They are contributing themselves and have support from the Parish Council. It is recommended that they are awarded £250.

Nomads Amateur Theatre Company -

Total Cost of Project – £571 Amount Requested - £250

This group are requesting funding towards one of their theatre productions. Part of the costs include room hire. Licenses and transport which cannot be funded - as stated in the grant guidelines. It is recommended that they are awarded £100 towards props and scenery.

High Legh Community Association -

Total Cost of Project – Not provided Amount Requested - £250

High Legh Community Association wish to hire crowd control barriers to enable spectators of the Robert Moffat Memorial 10K race to remain safe. We need further information on project costs. it is recommended that the application is declined.

Activities:

JJ's Sensory Play Centre -

Total Cost of Project – £1,722 Amount Requested - £500

Sensory play centre require funding towards the purchase of new sensory equipment such as balls for the ball pool, fibre optics and bubble tubes. It is recommended that they are awarded £500 and apply to other funding sources/fund raise towards the rest of the equipment.

Weston Cricket Club -

Total Cost of Project – £1,000 Amount Requested - £500

Weston cricket club wish to develop their junior section by providing a coach at 12 sessions. They require new balls and would like to decorate the changing room facilities that are becoming dated. They are contributing themselves and have little reserves. It is recommended that they are awarded £500.

Chelford Cricket Club -

Total Cost of Project – £480 Amount Requested - £200

Chelford cricket club wish to help their junior coaches gain coaching qualifications to achieve ECB club mark accreditation. They are contributing themselves. It is recommended that they are awarded £200.

High Legh Bowling Club -

Total Cost of Project – £7,300 Amount Requested - £500

High Legh Bowling Club wish to purchase equipment to maintain their bowling green and bring it up to county standards. It is recommended that they are awarded £500.

Parents Supporting Parents -

Total Cost of Project – £5,000 Amount Requested - £5,000

This group wish to have a health visitor and holistic therapist attend sessions to benefit their group members. The group requested the full project cost of £5000 from ourselves and as the maximum award for this category is £500 and they have no further funds, we recommend that the

group are awarded £500 subject to receiving funding from other sources towards the remainder of the project.

Crewe Vagrants Hockey Club -

Total Cost of Project – £335 Amount Requested - £335

The group wish to purchase new hockey balls, training bibs and a goal keepers helmet to support their junior section. It is recommended that they are awarded £335.

Knutsford District Scouts -

Total Cost of Project – £944 Amount Requested - £500

Knutsford Scouts wish to purchase junior winter mountain walking equipment to extend hill walking activities. Contributing themselves, the group have large reserves but ran at a loss within the previous year. It is recommended that they are awarded £350.

Macclesfield Youth Club -

Total Cost of Project – £6,540 Amount Requested - £500

Macclesfield Youth Club are currently in the start up phase and have a large project to equip the group with all of the necessary items to run effectively. Funding is required for the training of 4 committee members by the Youth Federation. It is recommended that they are awarded £500.

Wild Rumpus CIC -

Total Cost of Project – £11,000 Amount Requested - £500

Wild Rumpus are establishing an outdoor base for local community groups and volunteers to engage in outdoor family arts activities. They wish to purchase equipment for the new base such as seating, lighting, screen & projector. They are contributing themselves and have other contributions. It is recommended that they are awarded £500.

Crewe & Nantwich Carers Support Group -

Total Cost of Project – £30 per session Amount Requested - £500

The group are applying for assistance with having speakers come to their twice monthly meetings or activities for their group members. It is recommended that they are awarded £300 and encouraged to work in partnership with other agencies to increase participation.

Nantwich Food Bank -

Total Cost of Project – £7000 Amount Requested - £500

New group set up to provide emergency food assistance to families in need. Various equipment is needed to assist with the set up of the project such as protective head wear, industrial scales and storage containers. Large project with assistance from Wulvern and applications in elsewhere. Deferred from October. Constitution has now been received. However scales have been purchased and retrospective funding cannot be granted. Further funding was requested towards running costs (mobile phone contract) - these also cannot be funded. It is recommended the application is declined.]

King Edwards Musical Society -

Total Cost of Project – £930 Amount Requested - £300

KEMS are requesting funding for a replacement bass drum. The total project includes purchase of new cymbals and conductors equipment which will be purchased from their own funds. It is recommended that they are awarded £300.

The Saturday Club -

Total Cost of Project – £1,200 Amount Requested - £500

The Saturday Club wish to provide activities/entertainment for children at their monthly meetings. They have a small donation and will be contributing themselves. It is recommended that they are awarded £500.

Macclesfield Amateur Swimming Club -

Total Cost of Project – £3,150 Amount Requested - £500

This group wish to pay for training to develop coaches and volunteers in order run a more professional swimming club and to meet swim 21 requirements. They are contributing themselves and have applied elsewhere. It is recommended that they are awarded £500.

The Motley Crewe -

Total Cost of Project – Not stated Amount Requested - £500

This group have applied for funding towards new away kits. It has not been specified what the total cost of the project is. The group do not intend to become constituted with their own bank account. It is recommended that the application is declined.

Congleton Community Projects -

Total Cost of Project – £1,500 Amount Requested - £500

Congleton Community Projects produce a community index that advises the local community of the groups and organisations in the town that provide opportunities for leisure, social care, and support etc. The group require funding towards the printing of the directory. They have contributions from elsewhere. It is recommended that they are awarded £500.

Nantwich Barony Park Bowling Club -

Total Cost of Project – £4,595 Amount Requested - £500

This group are constructing a log cabin to provide club members with shelter and refreshments and to improve club facilities. They have contributions from elsewhere and labour is being provided in kind. It is recommended that they are awarded £500.

12th South West Cheshire Scout Group -

Total Cost of Project – £491 Amount Requested - £350

The scout group wish to purchase a generator and LED lights to improve camp lighting during the camping season. They have not applied elsewhere and are not contributing themselves. It is recommended that they are awarded £350 as a contribution and suggest that they contribute or apply elsewhere in addition.

Nantwich Pumas Junior Football Club -

Total Cost of Project – £700 Amount Requested - £400

Club wish to use a qualified coach for a period of 20 weeks to improve the ability of players and attract more members. They also wish to purchase a new set of goals. They are contributing themselves and have sponsorship. It is recommended that they are awarded £400.

Poynton U3A -

Total Cost of Project – £1.106 Amount Requested - £500

Poynton U3A wish to purchase a roving microphone, screen/projector ect to benefit the hearing impaired at their interest meetings. The system will be kept at the civic hall, and other groups will be able to have access to the equipment. The group are making a contribution but have not applied elsewhere. It is recommended that they are awarded £500 and request the remainder from the Town Council.

Buglawton Community Group -

Total Cost of Project – £500 Amount Requested - £500

Buglawton Community Group are involved in a Riverside Walk project. They wish to work with the local primary school, by holding workshops to create signs for the local area (environmentally themed) to encourage the community to use the play area (which runs along the school boundaries) in a safe and enjoyable way. The group have not applied elsewhere and are not contributing themselves. It is recommended that they are awarded £250 as a contribution, but that they also make a contribution or seek assistance from other partners that they are wishing to work with such as Plus Dane.

Crewe FC -

Total Cost of Project – £486 Amount Requested - £486

Crewe FC wish to purchase new training balls to improve coaching efficiency. They are not contributing themselves or applying elsewhere. It is recommended that they are awarded £300.

Macclesfield & District Canoe Club -

Total Cost of Project – £322 Amount Requested - £322

Macclesfield & District Canoe Club want to provide coaching sessions to school children in canoeing and kayaking. The group received a grant in July 2012. Guidelines state that groups can only apply once per financial year. It is recommended that the application is declined.

Crewe Clean Team -

Total Cost of Project – £500 Amount Requested - £500

Crewe Clean Team wish to purchase further litter picking sets due to an increase in group numbers. They also wish to purchase display boards to showcase their work. The group received a grant in April 2012. Guidelines state that groups can only apply once per financial year. It is recommended that the application is declined.

Nantwich & Border Counties Sailing Club -

Total Cost of Project – £1,100 Amount Requested - £500

This club wish to purchase 2 'Laser Pico Dinghies' to offer additional training places on courses and to expand their membership. The club are contributing themselves and do have considerable reserves. It is recommended that they are awarded £500.

Congleton Youth Forum -

Total Cost of Project – £4,000 Amount Requested - £500

Congleton Youth Forum require match funding for Congleton Leisure centre to install CCTV around the site, which overlooks a skate park where lots of ASB takes place. As Congleton Leisure Centre is Cheshire East, we are unable to fund the project. Congleton Youth Forum also do not have their own bank account. It is recommended that the application is declined.

Bromley Farm Community Development Trust -

Total Cost of Project – £1,300 Amount Requested - £500

This group wish to raise awareness of street cleanliness and reduce dog fouling in the area, which is a persistent problem. They wish to purchase dog waste bins, poop scoops, dog stencilling equipment and paint and create leaflets and posters. The group have sponsorship from Plus Dane and are making a small contribution. It is recommended that they are awarded £500.

Facilities:

Girl Guiding UK – Weaver division-

Total Cost of Project – £15,840 Amount Requested - £3,000

The headquarters of Weaver division guides is leaking reducing the use of the building. A new roof is required to bring the building back to full capacity. The headquarters is available to all guiding and scout divisions within the area. Contributions are being made by themselves and lottery funding. It is recommended that they are awarded £3,000.

Sound Vibe -

Total Cost of Project – £3,000 Amount Requested - £3,000

Deferred from October. This group are applying for assistance with marketing and advertising. They wish to purchase a computer, print flyers and banners and advertise in the local papers and radio. The group have not provided copies of their constitution or other supporting documents. They do not have their own bank account. Dec 12 - Information still not received, it is recommended that the application is declined.

The Brereton Scout Group -

Total Cost of Project – £5,750 Amount Requested - £3,000

The scout hut roof is leaking and timbers are becoming damaged. After being patched up many times, it has now been recommended that they replace the roof. They are contributing themselves. It is recommended that they are awarded £3,000.

Stapeley Grange Wildlife Centre -

Total Cost of Project – £15,600 Amount Requested - £1,300

The centre wish to create an elevated pond and wild flower area within their education centre to enhance interactive learning to education groups that visit the centre such as schools, community groups, scouts, cubs, brownies, natural history groups etc. This is a large project with a lot of sponsorship and contributions are being made by the centre as well. It is recommended that they are awarded £1,300.

Wishing Well Project -

Total Cost of Project – £10,900 Amount Requested - £2,100

Wishing Well wish to purchase a mobile recording kit/studio for their youth clubs and partner youth clubs to improve confidence of their group members, reduce social isolation, and improve literacy skills among young people. They have a lot of none cash/in kind contributions, but are not contributing themselves. It is recommended that they are awarded £1,500.

Enterprise & Education Alliance -

Total Cost of Project – £850 Amount Requested - £850

This group wish to purchase gravel to repair pathways in the community kitchen garden at St Barnabas so that paths are more accessible to disabled members and so that the garden is easier to use. The group do not have any contributions from elsewhere and are not contributing themselves despite some reserves. It is recommended that they are awarded £550.

Enterprise & Education Alliance -

Total Cost of Project – £1,315 Amount Requested - £1,315

CVSCE wish to upgrade the fire alarm system in their Crewe offices to ensure continued safety of staff and tenants as well as making the premises more attractive for groups to hire. They are not contributing themselves and have not applied elsewhere. CVS already receive a substantial grant from CE therefore it is recommended that the application is declined.

Community Led Planning:

Nether Alderley Looking Forward-

Total Cost of Project – £500 Amount Requested - £250

This group have formed to produce a parish plan. They are requesting funding to carry out a questionnaire within the community to gather views on what facilities the parish will need in the future. Still in the start up phase, no other funds and no applications elsewhere. It is recommended that they are awarded £250.

Nether Alderley Looking Forward-

Total Cost of Project – £500 Amount Requested - £500

Nether Alderley Looking Forward had a starter grant of £250 in September 2012 to conduct a questionnaire within the community. They now wish to have the development grant of £500 to analyse the data produced from the

questionnaire. The group are yet to set up their own bank account, which is a requirement of the grant guidelines. It is recommended that the application is deferred to April pending receipt of this information.

4.0 Wards Affected

4.1 The recommendations relate to all wards within Cheshire East

5.0 Local Ward Members

5.1 All Ward members

6.0 Policy Implications (including carbon reduction and health)

6.1 All of the applications contained in this report have been considered in the light of the Council's Policy for the Allocation of Grants, and the recommendations on each one conform to that Policy.

7.0 Financial Implications (authorised by Director of Finance and Business Services)

7.1 All of the proposed grants can be funded from within existing budgets approved as part of the Council's Budget for 2012/13.

8.0 Legal Implications (authorised by Borough Solicitor)

8.1 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.

8.2 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.

9.0 Risk Management Implications

9.1 The risk of not agreeing an approach to funding the community and voluntary sector is that some organisations may be unable to continue their activities, resulting in a loss of community benefit. This is a particular issue during an economic downturn when other funding sources may not be available.

10.0 Background and Options

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

11.0 Access to Information

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

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