

# DECISION NOTICE

Notice is given that the following decision has been taken under the Provisions set out in the Council's Constitution

**Decision maker:** Cabinet Member for Strategic Communities

**Date:** 22 Jul 2013

**Decision in the matter of:** The Allocation of Community Grants

**Decision:** That the following Community Grants be awarded/declined/deferred as indicated:

## Events

Congleton Musical Theatre	Awarded £250
Disley Parish Plan Implementation Group	Awarded £250
Macclesfield Art Group	Awarded £210
Open Space, Congleton Creates	Awarded £250
Poynton Jemmers North West Morris Dancers	Awarded £250
Willaston Fete Committee	Declined

## Activities

Community Spirit	Declined
Crewe Amateur Boxing Club	Awarded £350
Haslington Methodist Church, Open Door Project	Awarded £250
Matrix Cheer Squad	Awarded £300
Middlewich Community Church Archers	Awarded £250
Must See Musicals	Awarded £500
Poynton Parish Plan Group	Deferred
Triton Hockey Club	Awarded £400

## Facilities

38 <sup>th</sup> South West Cheshire Scouts	Awarded £1,000
Age UK Cheshire East	Deferred
Alsager Gardens Association	Deferred
Bollington Arts Centre	Awarded £2,000
Bollington Initiative Trust	Declined
Chelford Parish Village Hall	Awarded £1,750
Community Performance Arts Centre	Declined
Go-lo Macclesfield	Withdrawn by group
Good Champions Bowling Club	Declined
Middlewich Cricket Club	Awarded £1,500
New Life Church	Declined

Prestbury Tennis Club	Deferred
Sandbach Park Bowling Club	Awarded £1,000
The Wingate Special Children's Trust	Awarded £2,000
Via Dance	Declined
Weston Parish Church	Awarded £1,282
Wilmslow Bowling Club	Awarded £1,750

**Background:** The report covers the second round of grants for 2013/14 and makes recommendations totalling £15,542 in line with Cheshire East Council's Policy for the Allocation of Grants.

The Council recognises the valuable input that the Voluntary and Community Sector brings to the quality of life in the community and funding is focussed on those organisations that complement the aims and objectives of the Corporate Plan.

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 is also given in each case to the imposition of other appropriate conditions. All of the Grants can be funded within existing budgets approved as part of the Councils budget for 2013/14.

The Council's legal power to award these grants is contained in area specific statutes and by exercising its general power of competence in section 1 of the Localism Act 2011. The Council's decision to award a grant is subject to judicial review and this means that it must satisfy public law principles, be free from bias and not be made for improper purposes or motives. It should take into account all relevant considerations and not be otherwise irrational. In awarding or declining to award a grant the Council should also have regard to its public sector equality duties.

**Background Documents:** Cabinet Member Report Grants July 13 (2)

**Approved:**

Councillor David Brown .....  
Cabinet Member (Strategic Communities)

**Date:** 22 July 2013

**Advising Officer:**

Tina Jones .....  
Partnership Support Manager

**Decision maker:** Cabinet Member for Strategic Communities

**Date:** 22 Jul 2013

**Decision in the matter of:** Response to Greater Manchester Strategy for 2013 - 2020

**Decision:** That approval be given to the Cheshire East response to the Greater Manchester Strategy 2013-2020.

**Background:** The Combined Greater Manchester Authority recently launched a consultation on the Greater Manchester Strategy for 2013-20 setting out what it will do to achieve economic growth and fulfill its economic potential; the consultation ended on 17 June. Cheshire East Council's response to this consultation has been agreed at Director level, but requires Portfolio Holder sign-off as well.

A key point made in the Cheshire East response is that it is important for the Strategy to acknowledge Greater Manchester's geographical neighbours, their relevance to the Strategy and the contributions they can make towards realising the Strategy's aspirations. The Strategy currently makes no reference to the Cheshire & Warrington Authorities, or to Merseyside or Lancashire. In Cheshire East's case, there are particularly strong economic linkages and shared interests with Greater Manchester, as shown by data on commuting flows, migration flows, industrial composition and research/ HE activity. The response also emphasises the two-way nature of the relationship - Greater Manchester supports Cheshire East's economy, as well as vice-versa – and the role that transport networks and infrastructure can play in supporting both areas' economies.

Other points in the Cheshire East response relate to the constraints on the support that Greater Manchester public sector partners can offer to businesses and investors, increasing the Strategy's focus on climate change and explicitly acknowledging the relationship between climate change and economic growth, the key export markets the Strategy identifies, the need for additional information about some of the proposed performance targets and the use of up-to-date statistics.

As well as producing its own response, Cheshire East has drafted a joint submission on behalf of Cheshire & Warrington sub-regional partners. This joint response has already been shared with Directors at the three Authorities, and with the Cheshire & Warrington LEP and the sub-regional Programme Office.

**Background Documents:** Response to GM Strategy Cabinet Report v4 12 Jul 13  
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**Approved:**

Councillor David Brown.....  
Cabinet Member (Strategic Communities)

**Date:** 33 July 2013

**Advising Officer:**