

# CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

## Cabinet Member for Performance and Capacity

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**Date of meeting:** 14<sup>th</sup> October 2010  
**Report of:** Head of Policy & Performance  
**Title:** Community Grants  
**Portfolio Holder:** Councillor David Brown

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### 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 third round of grants for 2010/11, and makes Recommendations totalling £13,367 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:

1)	Congleton Amateur Operatic Society be	awarded £250
2)	The Tatton Singers be	awarded £250
3)	Middlewich Concert Orchestra be	awarded £250
4)	Wilmslow Business Group be	awarded £250
5)	Cheshire Youth Pantomime Society be	awarded £250
6)	Breeze CIC be	awarded £500
7)	Rode Heath Bowling Club be	awarded £500
8)	West Park Ladies Bowling Club be	awarded £500
9)	Crewe Youth Ten Pin Bowling Club be	awarded £300
10)	South Cheshire Swimming Development Forum	awarded £400
11)	Just Drop-In Youth and Advice be	awarded £500
12)	Mid-Cheshire Riding for the Disabled be	awarded £500
13)	Wilmslow Parish Hall Committee be	awarded £250
14)	Danebank Community Pre School be	awarded £192
15)	Knowledge Information Sharing Support Group be	awarded £500
16)	Marthall Mums & Toddlers Group be	awarded £470
17)	Cre8 Youth & Community Programme be	awarded £500
18)	Crewe F.C. be	awarded £225
19)	All Saints Church Hall, Weston be	awarded £780
20)	Bollinbrook Pre-School be	awarded £1500
21)	Good Companions Bowling Club be	awarded £1500
22)	Wrenbury Bowling Club be	awarded £1500
23)	St. Georges Street Baptist Church be	awarded £1500

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

#### **3.1 EVENTS (UP TO £250)**

**Congleton Amateur Operatic Society (CGA.91)**

**The Tatton Singers (CGA.103)**

**Middlewich Concert Orchestra (CGA.108)**

**Wilmslow Business Group (CGA.111)**

**Cheshire Youth Pantomime Society (CGA.96)**

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

#### **3.2 ACTIVITIES (up to £500)**

**Breeze CIC (CGA.81)**

The project is to set up an allotment area for people suffering mental health problems with the intention of contracting with local health and mental health services etc. to provide specific courses. The total project cost is £2,612 and they have applied to the Town Council and have some of their own funds. It is recommended that they be awarded £500.

**Rode Heath Bowling Club (CGA.92)**

The project is to purchase and erect a shelter for players as there is no outside facility at the moment and this would greatly assist the players during matches. The total project cost is £2343 and they will be using their own funds but would like a grant from Cheshire East Council to assist. It is recommended they be awarded £500.

**West Park Ladies Bowling Club (CGA.93)**

The team wish to purchase a uniform with logos etc. to improve the image of the club when playing in matches and attract more new younger members. They are running on limited funds and the total project cost is £742. It is recommended they be awarded £500.

**Crewe Youth Ten Pin Bowling Club (CGA.94)**

The project is to purchase a second portable bowling lane and accessories which can be used at various youth clubs and activity days in the Cheshire East area. The equipment is already well used and a second lane would enable them to increase membership. The total project cost is £377 and as the club only have a small amount of funds they can only contribute £77. It is recommended they be awarded the £300 requested.

**South Cheshire Swimming Development Forum (CGA.100)**

The project is to purchase equipment for land training as they are unable to get sufficient pool time. The group are asking for the full amount, they do have their own funds but a lot of this is taken up on pool hire etc. The total project cost is £493 and it is recommended they be awarded £400

**Just Drop in Youth Info and Advice (CGA.99)**

The group have been refurbishing a room at the Centre to use as a "cyber café" and they are now in the process of purchasing computers. They have secured funding from external sources and will contribute from their own funds. The total project cost is £6,530 and it is recommended they be awarded £500

**Mid-Cheshire Riding for the Disabled (CGA.98)**

The project is to construct a new ramp to enable disabled riders to have easier access. The total cost is £1224 and it is recommended they be awarded £500.

**Wilmslow Parish Hall Committee (CGA.107)**

The project is to purchase speakers and microphones for the hall. The Committee are looking for the full amount from the Council but as they do have adequate funds it is recommended they be awarded match funding. The total project cost is £500 and it is recommended they be awarded £250.

**Dane Bank Community Pre-School (CGA.106)**

The project is to purchase wooden troughs and planters to enable the children to plant bulbs etc. to improve the entrance area. It is recommended that the pre-school purchase the troughs and they be awarded match funding of £192 to purchase the planters.

**Knowledge Information Sharing Support Group (CGA.105)**

The project is a mentoring programme for young people to help and encourage them to develop their own enterprises and train them in all aspects of gaining business skills. It is recommended they be awarded £500.

**Marthall Mums and Toddlers (CGA.104)**

This is a new group and as such do not have sufficient funds to equip the play area. Their project is to purchase toys and a shed for storage. The total project cost is £575 for which they have a small amount of funding and it is recommended they be awarded the remainder of £470.

**Cre8 Youth and Community Programme (CGA.109)**

The project is to run weekly activities teaching young people to repair and refurbish bikes also to cover training costs for volunteers. The total project cost is £1952 and it is recommended they be awarded £500.

**Crewe F.C. (CGA.110)**

The club want to purchase a football for each player, first aid kits and flyers to advertise. The total project cost is £483. They do have adequate funds to cover this and it is recommended they be awarded £225 to cover the cost of first aid kits and 50% of the footballs.

### **3.3 FACILITIES (up to £1,500)**

#### **All Saints Church Hall, Weston (CGA.102)**

The project is to renovate toilet area to improve the quality of the facilities at the hall which is the only community building in the village. They do have restricted funds for building/repair work . The total cost of the project is £1,561 and it is recommended they be awarded match funding of £780.

#### **Bollinbrook Pre-School (CGA.24)**

The project is to build a new centre using recycled shipping containers. They have applied for funding but are awaiting outcomes. The total cost of the project is £49,350 and it is recommended they be awarded £1,500 on condition that they secure the funding from the main external source.

#### **Good Companions Bowling Club (CGA.95)**

The project is to replace the old wooden pavilion with a new brick built facility. The pavilion is regularly used and they have secured the majority of funding from other external sources as well as their own funds. The total project cost is £35,000 and it is recommended they be awarded £1,500

#### **Wrenbury Bowling Club (CGA.97)**

The project is to complete the last stage in their renovations and is to renew window frames and improve wheelchair access. Also their mower has just broken and requires replacing so their funds are depleted. The group have successfully increased junior membership. The total project cost is £6,821 and it is recommended they be awarded £1,500

#### **St. Georges St. Baptist Church (CGA.101)**

The project is to improve access into and through the building, toilet facilities and kitchen improvements. The church is well used by a variety of community groups. They are using a lot of their own funds and have applied to WREN. The total project cost is £187,000 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**

5.1 All Wards within Cheshire East Council

### **6.0 Policy Implications**

6.1 Positive impact

## **7.0 Financial Implications 2010/11 and beyond (Authorised by the Borough Treasurer)**

- 7.1 All of the proposed grants can be funded from within existing budgets approved as part of the Council's Budget for 2010/11

## **8.0 Legal Implications (Authorised by the 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**

- 9.1 None

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

- 11.1 Allocation of grants for 2010/11 only.

## **12.0 Access to Information**

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

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