

## **CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL**

Minutes of a meeting of the **Cabinet Member for Strategic Communities**  
held on Monday, 22nd April, 2013 at Committee Suite 1 & 2, Westfields,  
Middlewich Road, Sandbach CW11 1HZ

### **PRESENT**

Councillors D Brown.

Councillor in attendance:  
Councillor L Smetham.

Officers in attendance:  
L Cooper (Partnerships Officer), K Hercules (Partnerships Manager) and C  
Foreman (Democratic Services).

### **8 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies for absence.

### **9 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **10 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/OPEN SESSION**

Councillor Louise Brown attended the meeting as a member of the public and Chair of the community group 'F.A.R.U.P' to speak on behalf of the application they had made for repainting areas of Lanark Walk. She explained the current position with regard to obtaining estimates for the work and of the concern that there was at delays that would be caused if the necessary finance was not approved at this meeting.

### **11 COMMUNITY GRANTS**

The Cabinet Member for Strategic Communities considered the award of Community Grants to voluntary and community organisations. Applications had been made in this the first round of grants for 2013/14 and were recommended to be awarded, declined or deferred following an assessment against previously approved criteria.

In each case the report detailed the total cost of each project, the amount of grant requested and the recommended award along with certain other notes of explanation. It was noted that the demand for grants had been exceptionally high and the grants awarded had to reflect the number being considered. In considering the grant application from F.A.R.U.P the Cabinet Member agreed that there would be difficulties if the grant was not approved in this round of applications; he agreed, therefore, that approval

be given to the full amount requested bearing in mind that the balance of the award would not be paid until the repainting work had been completed.

**RESOLVED**

That the Community Grants be awarded, declined or deferred, as indicated in the report, with the exception of that for F.A.R.U.P which was to be increased to £1095 this being the full amount requested.

**12 POLICIES FOR THE ALLOCATION OF GRANTS AND FUNDING TO INFRASTRUCTURE ORGANISATIONS FOR 2013/14**

The Cabinet Member for Strategic Communities considered amendments to the Policy for the allocation of Community Grants; the changes would enable grant applications for 2013/14 to be funded within existing budget provision.

Funding was awarded to infrastructure organisations that provided support to the voluntary, community and faith sectors, and to local councils in the Borough. It was noted that the Partnerships team worked closely with such organisations and that the purpose of the funding was to increase their capacity and capability across the Borough.

**RESOLVED**

1. That approval be given to adopt the amended policy for the allocation of Community Grants.
2. That approval be given to adopt the amended policy for the allocation of Funding to Infrastructure Organisations.

The meeting commenced at 9.30 am and concluded at 10.00 am

Councillor (none)