

## **CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL**

Minutes of a meeting of the **Cabinet Member for Strategic Outcomes**  
held on Thursday, 5th June, 2014 at The Kim Ryley Room - Westfields,  
Middlewich Road Sandbach

### **PRESENT**

Councillor David Brown, Cabinet Member for Strategic Outcomes

Councillor Lesley Smetham, Deputy Cabinet Member for Strategic Outcomes

### **Officers present**

Lynsey Cooper, Partnerships Officer

Tina Jones, Partnership Support Manager

Rachel Graves, Democratic Services Officer

### **1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies for absence.

### **2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

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

No members of the public were present.

### **4 POLICY FOR THE ALLOCATION OF COMMUNITY GRANTS**

The Cabinet Member considered a report which highlighted a number of changes made to the Community Grants Policy for the financial year 2014/15.

Additional funding had been made available for the Community Grants Scheme for 2014/15, which would provide an additional £50,000 for general grants and £30,000 specifically for First World War commemoration events.

The funding increases would only apply to 2014/15 applications received in the three remaining community grant rounds.

Due to the increase in funding, it was recommended that the events and activities categories were amalgamated into one activity category, with an increased maximum award of £1,000, and the facilities category have an increased maximum award of £5,000.

It was anticipated that a number of Town and Parish Councils would wish to apply for the First World War Commemorations events. As Town and Parish Councils were currently not eligible to apply to the Community Grant Scheme, it was recommended that the Policy be changed to allow them to apply for the First World War Commemoration events only.

It was also recommended that grant applications without planning permission in place could be considered if the application was for a feasibility study or architect fees in order to establish the viability of the project.

**RESOLVED:**

That the amended Policy for the Allocation of Community Grants, as set out in the Appendix to the Report, be approved.

The meeting commenced at 1.40 pm and concluded at 1.50 pm

Councillor D Brown