

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Cabinet Member for Strategic Communities

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| 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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