

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME BOROUGH COUNCIL

**EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT TEAM'S REPORT TO THE
GRANTS ASSESSMENT PANEL**

Monday 3rd March 2014

1. **HEADING** **Community Chest**

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Portfolio: Resources & Efficiency

Ward(s) affected: All Wards affected

Purpose of the Report

To inform Members of Community Chest applications processed at the time of writing this report for the period April 2013 to March 2014

Recommendations

**Panel note the applications received & processed to date.
Panel to consider application from Maer & Aston Parish Council**

Reasons

Grants Assessment Panel's remit is to receive reports on Community Chest, and, if appropriate, determine whether applications meet the Council's Corporate Priorities and merit an award.

1. **Background**

1.1 58 Applications have been received for the financial year 2013/14 from 15 Locally Based Bodies: -

- A total of £29,737.25 has been granted from £42,154.07 applied for, if applications awaiting further information are granted there is £31,532.76 left in the Community Chest budget, which needs to be allocated by 31st March 2014 and there can be no carry forward balance as in previous years.
- 39 received full grants applied for and 9 received partial grant, 2 received no grant, 1 application was withdrawn, 6 are awaiting further information and 1 requires a panel decision
- Maer & Aston Parish Council have applied for Maer War memorial for a total of £500.00, however this application was submitted to Whitmore Parish Council for approval in which they have recommended the full amount for this application. Previously when Locally Based Bodies have applied themselves for Community Chest grants these have gone through the Grants Assessment Panel for consideration and to come out of their own budget, however, there is nothing writing to say that Locally Based Bodies cannot apply to each other. If this application was

awarded by the Grants Assessment Panel as understood before Maer & Aston Parish Council only have £25.00 left in their budget for this financial year.

There is to be another application from Maer & Aston Parish Council for the War Memorial from Chapel & Hill Chorlton Parish Council who is to recommend a grant of £360.00

2. **Issues**

2.1 1 Application has been received for a Panel decision from Maer & Aston Parish Council

2.2 Previously Locally based body applications have come out of their own budget, however panel to consider whether application from Maer & Aston Parish Council be funded from Whitmore Parish Council's Budget.

3. **Options Considered** (if any)

N/A

4. **Proposal**

4.1 Panel note the information on grants awarded to date in 2013/14.

4.2 Panel to consider application from Maer & Aston Parish Council.

5. **Reasons for Preferred Solution**

6. **Outcomes Linked to Sustainable Community Strategy and Corporate Priorities**

6.1 All applications approved cover a range of the Sustainable Community Strategy and Corporate Priorities

7. **Legal and Statutory Implications**

N/A

8. **Equality Impact Assessment**

N/A

9. **Financial and Resource Implications**

9.1 A breakdown of current budgets for the Locally Based Bodies 2013/14

10. **Major Risks**

N/A

11. **Key Decision Information**

12. **Earlier Cabinet/Committee Resolutions**

13. **Recommendations**

13.1 Panel note the applications received & processed to date.

13.2 Panel to consider application from Maer & Aston Parish Council

14. **List of Appendices**

15. **Background Papers**

15.1 Applications made from April 2013 to March 2014

15.2 Application from Maer & Aston Parish Council