

**NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT TEAM'S REPORT TO THE**  
**GRANTS ASSESSMENT PANEL**

**Monday 2nd March 2015**

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

**Submitted by:**                      **Robin Wiles**

**Portfolio:**                              **Resources & Efficiency**

**Ward(s) affected:**                      **All Wards affected**

**Purpose of the Report**

To inform Members of Community Chest applications processed to date for 2014/15.

**Recommendations**

**Panel note the applications received & processed to date.**

**Panel note the level of unspent funds in the budget, and consider the implications thereof.**

**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      At the time of writing (19/2/15), 58 applications have been received from 13 Locally Based Bodies at a total of £37,896.93.
- 1.2      34 applications have received the full amount applied for, 11 received a grant below the applied amount and 11 received no grant, and 2 are pending. Grants totalling £26,732.99 have been issued.
- 1.3      No applications have been received from Locally Based Bodies that require Panel decision.

2. **Issues**

- 2.1      To date, there is an underspend of £21,267.01 that represents 44.3% of the budget. Six of the Locally Based Bodies have allocated their budget, whilst three have spent none of their allocation.
- 2.2      The deadline for applications to be received is 28<sup>th</sup> February 2015.
- 2.3      Community Chest is under review at present and members may wish to make recommendations thereof.

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

N/A

4. **Proposal**

4.1 Panel note the applications processed to date.

4.2 Panel note the level of unspent funds in the budget, and consider the implications thereof.

5. **Reasons for Preferred Solution**

N/A

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 total of £26,732.99 has been awarded in grants, leaving a balance of £21,267.01. This represents an underspend of 44.3%. Underspend will not be carried over to the 2015/16 budget.

10. **Major Risks**

N/A

11. **Key Decision Information**

N/A

12. **Earlier Cabinet/Committee Resolutions**

N/A

13. **Recommendations**

13.1 Panel note the applications processed to date.

13.2 Panel note the level of unspent funds in the budget, and consider the implications thereof.

14. **List of Appendices**

14.1 Community Chest spend to date, 2014/15.

15. **Background Papers**

16. **Management Sign-Off**

Each of the designated boxes need to be signed off and dated before going to Executive Director/Corporate Service Manager for sign off.

	Signed	Dated
<b>Financial Implications Discussed and Agreed</b>		
<b>Risk Implications Discussed and Agreed</b>		
<b>Legal Implications Discussed and Agreed</b>		
<b>H.R. Implications Discussed and Agreed</b>		
<b>ICT Implications Discussed and Agreed</b>		
<b>Report Agreed by: Executive Director/ Head of Service</b>		