

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME BOROUGH COUNCIL

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

Date Monday 21st September 2015.

1. **HEADING** SMALL GRANTS.

Submitted by: Robin Wiles, Partnerships Officer (Community Development).

Portfolio: Resources & Efficiency.

Ward(s) affected: The applications for consideration potentially affect all Wards.

Purpose of the Report

To consider applications submitted to the Small Grants scheme for the second quarter of 2015/16.

To receive a report on Green Grants.

Recommendations (to be in bold)

Panel consider the Small Grants applications submitted with a view to determining whether a grant should be awarded, and if so, at what level.

Panel should note the current situation with Green Grants awarded to date.

Reasons

Grants Assessment Panel's remit is to determine which of the Small Grant applications meet the Council's Corporate Priorities sufficiently to merit an award.

Grants Assessment Panel's remit is to receive reports on Green Grants expenditure.

1. **Background**

1.1 The Small Grants budget for 2015/16 is £16,000.00.

1.2 Voluntary & Community groups can apply for a grant of up to £2,000.00.

1.4 Four applications were funded at the first Panel of 2015/16, leaving £12,925.26 in the budget.

1.5 One application for £2,000.00 was deferred from the June 2015 meeting.

1.6 Ten applications at a total of £15,379.68 have been received for consideration at this meeting.

1.7 The Green Grants scheme has a budget of £3,200.00, and provides grants of up to £200.00 for environmental projects. As of 03/09/15,

7 grants totalling £1,346.45 have been issued, leaving £1,853.55 in the budget.

2. **Issues.**

2.1 Applications. One application from a LBB has been submitted; this requires a Panel decision:-

APPLICANT & PROJECT Keele Parish Council/Parish Clock Restoration.

REF. KPC 1516 01.

THE PROJECT Keele Parish Council are seeking funds towards the restoration of the Parish Clock dial. The clock, owned by the Parish Council, is on St. John's Church, but owned by the Parish Council.

TOTAL PROJECT COST £3,225.00. **AWARD REQUESTED** £800.00.

PREVIOUS AWARDS No.

OTHER FUNDING Keele Parish Council – amount to be confirmed; Newcastle BC S.136 funding – to be confirmed.

NBC PRIORITIES A clean, safe and sustainable Borough & A co-operative Council delivering high quality community-driven services.

ISSUES TO BE CONSIDERED

- If the restoration is considered as building maintenance, it is not eligible for a grant.
- If the project is considered to be for the benefit of the Church only, and not for the wider community, it is not eligible for a grant.
- The clock is owned by the Parish Council; should it be their

2.2 Green Grants. For a summary of Green Grants, please see Appendix Three.

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

3.1 For each application, GAP can award:-

- Full grant.
- Partial Grant.
- No Grant.
- Defer a decision until the next Panel meeting, either to obtain further information, and/or to invite the applicant to attend the meeting dependant on whether there are any time constraints on projects seeking funding.

Proposal.

4.1 The applications received are from eligible organisations, and potentially contribute towards meeting the Council's Corporate Priorities and the priorities of the Sustainable Community Strategy.

4.2 Members consider each application on its merits, taking into account other possible funding options that applicant may be able to apply to.

4.3 Members note the Green Grants expenditure to date.

5. **Reasons for Preferred Solution**

5.1 There may be other sources of funding to which applicants can be directed should they be awarded no grant, or a partial grant.

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

6.1 All the applications for consideration meet both Corporate Priorities and those of the Sustainable Community Strategy – please see Appendix 2 for further details.

7. **Legal and Statutory Implications**

7.1 Not applicable.

8. **Equality Impact Assessment**

8.1 All applications, if awarded, would be expected to have a positive impact on the communities that they benefit.

9. **Financial and Resource Implications**

9.1 The annual budget for the Small Grants scheme is £16,000.00.

9.2 Applications submitted for this GAP meeting total £17,379.68, which is £4,454.42 more than remains in the budget.

10. **Major Risks**

10.1 Not Applicable.

11. **Key Decision Information**

11.1 Three applications primarily affect 1 or 2 Wards. The other applications are Borough-wide.

12. **Earlier Cabinet/Committee Resolutions**

12.1 Not Applicable.

13. **Recommendations**

13.1 Members consider each Small Grants application on its merits, taking into account other possible funding options that applicants may be able to access.

13.2 Members note the Green Grants expenditure.

14. **List of Appendices**

14.1 Small Grant applications 2015/16 Record.

14.2 Small Grant applications 2015/16 – details.

14.3 Green Grant applications 2015/16 Record.

15. **Background Papers**

15.1 Copies of applications will be e-mailed to Panel members in advance of the meeting. Hard copies will not be made available to reduce printing costs, but can be viewed in advance - please contact Robin Wiles on 742493 or robin.wiles@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk.

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
Financial Implications Discussed and Agreed		
Risk Implications Discussed and Agreed		
Legal Implications Discussed and Agreed		
H.R. Implications Discussed and Agreed		
ICT Implications Discussed and Agreed		

Report Agreed by: Executive Director/ Head of Service		
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