

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME BOROUGH COUNCIL

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

Monday 21st September 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 2015/16.

To seek the Panel's decision on an application received by a Locally Based Body (LBB).

Recommendations

Panel note the applications received & processed to date.

Panel determine whether to award a grant, and if so how much, in response to an application submitted by a LBB.

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.

LBBs cannot determine their own applications which are referred to the Panel for decision.

1. **Background**

1.1 At the time of writing (2/9/15), 21 applications have been received from 9 Locally Based Bodies at a total of £13,113.01.

1.2 8 applications have received the full amount applied for, 10 received a grant below the applied amount, 1 received no grant, and 2 are pending. Grants totalling £9,877.84 have been issued.

1.3 One application has been received from a Locally Based Body that requires Panel decision.

2. **Issues**

2.1 To date, £33,122.16 of the budget remains unspent – 77% of the budget. Six of the LBBs have spent none of their allocation.

- 2.3 An application has been received from Keele Parish Council – as a Locally Based Body, they cannot make a recommendation and the application is referred to the Grants Assessment Panel for decision:-

APPLICANT Keele Parish Council. **REF.** KPC 1516 01.

PROJECT Keele Parish Clock Restoration.

TOTAL COST £3,225.00. **AMOUNT REQUESTED** £800.00.

SUMMARY The Parish Clock, located on St. John’s Church, is owned by the Parish Council. They are seeking funds for its restoration.

OTHER FUNDING “the shortfall will be partly funded by Parish Council funds and partly funded by S136 funding received from the Borough Council.”

ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION:-

- The clock is owned by the Parish Council – would we consider that it would be their responsibility for fund the restoration themselves?
- The clock is located on St. John’s Church – is the restoration work of sufficient community benefit to warrant a grant?
- Would the restoration be considered as building maintenance? If so, it would not be eligible for a grant.

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.

4.3 Panel determine whether Keele Parish Council’s Community Chest application is eligible for a grant, and if so, at what level.

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 77% of the budget remains unspent to date. Any unspent funds at the end of the financial year will not be carried forward to 2016/17.
- 9.2 Any significant level of unspent funds presents a risk that the budget for 2016/17 will be reduced commensurately.

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, 2015/16.

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
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		