

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME BOROUGH COUNCIL

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

Monday 14th December 2015

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 to date for 2015/16.

To update the Panel decision on a grant previously approved to 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 (27/11/15), 37 applications have been received via 11 Locally Based Bodies at a total of £25,111.01.

1.2 19 applications have received the full amount applied for, 11 received a grant below the applied amount, 5 received no grant, and 1 has been deferred. Grants totalling £14,305.84 have been issued.

2. **Issues**

2.1 To date, £28,694.16 of the budget remains unspent – 67% of the budget. 4 of the LBBs have spent none of their allocation.

2.2 A grant of £800.00 to Keele Parish Council approved at the September 2015 Panel meeting has been subsequently been refused by the applicant.

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 note the withdrawal of Keele Parish Council's Community Chest grant.

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 67% 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**