

**NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME BOROUGH COUNCIL**

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

**Date: Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2017.**

1. **HEADING:** GRANTS.

**Submitted by:** Robin Wiles, Partnerships Locality Officer.

**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 and Community Chest schemes for the final quarter of 2016/17.

To receive a report on Green Grants.

**Recommendations (to be in bold)**

**Panel consider the Small Grants and Community Chest 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 and merit an award.**

**Grants Assessment Panel's remit is to determine which of the Locally Based Bodies Community Chest applications meet the Council's Corporate Priorities and 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 2016/17 is £16,000.00.

1.2 Voluntary & Community groups can apply for a grant of up to £1,500.00.

1.3 Three eligible Small Grant applications have been received for consideration at this meeting, at a total of £4,201.12. This would leave a closing negative balance of -£1,686.14.

1.4 The Community Chest budget is £43,000.00. To date 44 grants at a total of £24,387.54 have been issued leaving a balance of £18,612.46 in the budget.

1.5 One Community Chest application for £800.00 has been received from a Locally Based Body which requires Panel decision.

1.8 The Green Grants scheme has a budget of £3,200.00, and provides grants of up to £200.00 for environmental projects. As of 6<sup>th</sup> February 2017, 7 grants at a total of £1,374.00 had been approved and issued leaving £1,826.00 in the budget.

## 2. **Issues.**

2.1 Applications. For information about applications for consideration for this meeting, please see Appendices 2a and 2b.

2.2 Green Grants. For a summary of Green Grants, please see Appendix 3.

## 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.

## 4 **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 the applications 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. Grants previously issued total £13,485.35 leaving £2,514.65 in the budget.

9.2 Applications submitted for this GAP meeting total £4,201.12 which is £1,686.14 over the remaining budget.

10. **Major Risks**

10.1 Not Applicable.

11. **Key Decision Information**

11.1 The Small Grant application potentially covers all Wards.

11.2 The Community Chest application covers the Ward of Keele.

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 consider each Community Chest application as appropriate.

13.3 Members note the Green Grants expenditure.

14. **List of Appendices**

14.1 Small Grant applications 2016/17 record.

14.2 Small Grant & Community Chest applications summary.

14.3 Green Grant applications 2016/17 record.

14.4 Community Chest application 2016/17 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](mailto:robin.wiles@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk).