

## **COMMUNITY CHEST**

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**Portfolio:** Resources and Efficiency

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

### **Purpose of the Report**

To inform Members of Community Chest applications processed at the time of writing this report for the period April 2011 to November 2011.

To inform Members of document been sent to applicants who purchase equipment with community chest funding.

To inform Members of the possible change in one locally based body for Town and Thistleberry area.

### **Recommendations**

- (a) That the Panel note the applications received and processed to date.**
- (b) That the Panel consider the applications from Kidsgrove Town Council and Audley Parish Council.**
- (c) That the Panel note the document to be sent to applicants about the storage of equipment purchased with Community chest funding.**

## **1. Background**

- 1.1 65 applications have been received during the 2011/12 financial year from 12 Locally Based Bodies: -
  - A Total of £32,665.03 has been granted in grants from £37,693.37 applied for.
  - 36 received full grant applied for, 19 received partial grants, 6 applications refused, 2 applications to grants assessment panel, 2 still awaiting more information.
- 1.2 A document has been prepared and will be sent out to applicants applying for Community Chest funding stating that any equipment funded must be kept in a community building has been produced.
- 1.3 The management committee of Harriet Higgins Community Centre is being handed over to Poolfields Residents Association; it has been suggested that at least until the group embed themselves into the managing of the centre that the Community Chest role be passed over to the Management Committee of Whitfield Community Centre (within Thistleberry Ward) where some of the members are aware of and experienced in managing the Community Chest process. This will be discussed at the Whitfield Community centre meeting on 5 December 2011.

2. **Issues**

The following applications have been received for approval by the Panel.

- KTC 1112 14 - Kidsgrove Town Council application for Floral Display for a total of £900.00 to supply spring bedding plants in the town centre, planters are filled twice a year at a cost of £45 per planter, this application is to fund the spring bedding and the Town Council are funding the second planting for the summer bedding.
- APC 1112 10 - Audley Parish Council application for Footpath 66 upgrade for a total of £500.00 to supply a layer of stone topping to allow the footpath to be used in wet conditions, this footpath is used by resident and children on the way to schools, match funding has been applied for to Staffordshire County Council.

3. **Options Considered**

Not applicable.

4. **Proposal**

- 4.1 That the Panel consider approval of the applications from Kidsgrove Town Council and Audley Parish Council.
- 4.2 That the Panel note the document advising applicants about the storage of funded equipment.

5. **Reasons for Preferred Solution**

Not applicable.

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**

Not applicable.

8. **Equality Impact Assessment**

Not applicable.

9. **Financial and Resource Implications**

- 9.1 A breakdown of the current budgets for the Locally Based Bodies 2011/12

10. **Major Risks**

Not applicable.

11. **Key Decision Information**

No applicable

12. **Earlier Cabinet/Committee Resolutions**

Not applicable.

14. **List of Appendices**

There are none.

15. **Background Papers**

Applications made from April 2011 to November 2011  
KTC 1112 14 Kidsgrove Town Council – Floral Display  
APC 1112 10 Audley Parish Council – Footpath 66 upgrade  
Copy of document for equipment storage