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GRANTS ASSESSMENT PANEL

Monday, 4th March, 2013

Present:- Councillor Mrs Joan Winfield – in the Chair
Councillors Bannister, Eagles, Stringer and Miss Walklate

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Mrs Cornes, Mrs Heames and Mrs Johnson

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Mrs Winfield declared an interest in a Community Chest application for consideration as a friend of the applicant

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting of the Panel held on Tuesday 11 December, 2012 be approved as a correct record.

4. COMMUNITY CHEST

The Panel considered a report informing Members of Community Chest applications received to date for 2012/13 and an Audit Report commissioned by the Panel at the December, 2012 meeting.

Councillor Miss Walklate in the Chair

Members agreed that, as this was the final Panel meeting for 2012/13, a late application from Ramsey Road Community Centre could be considered.

Resolved:-

- (i) That Ramsey Road Community Centre be awarded a grant of £1000 as applied.
- (ii) That officers inform Ramsey Road Community Centre that late applications would not be considered in the future.

Councillor Mrs Winfield in the Chair

- (iii) That the recommendations of the Audit Report be accepted with a report being submitted by Officers to the next meeting of the Panel.
- (iv) That a copy of the Audit Report be sent to Audley Parish Council.
- (v) That Officers provide locally based bodies with advice regarding the Audit Report recommendations.

- (vi) That the Internal Audit section at the Borough Council be thanked for the report
- (vii) That locally based bodies that may have a budget underspend above 10% be encouraged and supported to ensure that this does not arise.
- (viii) That Officers be authorised to take persistent underspend into account when the Community Chest allocation for 2013/14 is arranged.

5. SMALL GRANT APPLICATIONS

Consideration was given to fifteen applications for a Small Grant, including three deferred from previous meetings.

Resolved:- (i) That the following grants be approved:

Organisation	£
Sandbourne Training and Development CIC	238.20
Newcastle Fair Trade Group	360.00
Samaritans of Stoke and Newcastle	1500.00
Betley and District Village Hall	1750.00
Moseley Railway Trust	2000.00
Gifted Workshops	1950.00
Arch North Staffs	1500.00
Keele University Students Union	<u>1000.00</u>
	10298.20

- (ii) That no grants be awarded to Mow Cop residents Association; North Staffs Asperger and Autism Association; Newcastle under Lyme Friendship Centre; Butt Lane Community and Training Centre; 79th URC Scout Group; Disability Solutions; Newcastle District Scouts.
- (iii) The Green Grants report was noted. Members agreed that Officers make recommendations for redeployment of any underspend, after discussions with the Chair, be put to Panel Members by email for approval.
- (iv) Consideration of the proposal regarding the Grants Appeals procedure to be deferred until the first panel meeting of 2013/14.

6. CULTURAL GRANTS

Consideration was given to eight applications for a Cultural Grant.

Resolved:- (i) That the following grants be approved:-

Organisation	£
Fit to Dance	550.00
The Daleian Singers	1000.00
Penkhull Festival of Music and Art	250.00
North Staffs Carers Association	1500.00
Betley Amateur Theatrical Society (BATS)	1000.00
Action Apedale	<u>1000.00</u>

5300.00

In the case of the grant to Betley Amateur Theatrical Society, the applicant be asked to provide information regarding the involvement of young people in their activities, and be asked to ensure that opportunities for young people in the Betley area are available.

- (ii) That no grants be awarded to Recreational Arts & Crafts and 21st Hartshill Scouts with both advised to consider Community Chest.
- (iii) That the £32.50 underspend be carried forward to the 2013/14 budget.
- (iv) That the proposed addition to the Cultural Grant criteria for 2013/14 to 2018/19 regarding the Centenary of the First World War proposed by Officers, be approved.

(a) Grants to Organisations Providing Services to Homeless People

Consideration was given to a report detailing applications for grant aid received from organisations that provide services to homeless persons.

Resolved:- (i) That the following grants be approved:

Organisation	£
Arch North Staffs (Elizabeth House)	2507.50
Gingerbread	5000.00
Salvation Amy	4000.00
Brighter Futures (Smartmoves)	<u>5000.00</u>
	16507.50

The grant to Brighter Futures (Smartmoves) to be contingent on the eligibility criteria for access to the project being deemed acceptable by Officers.

- (ii) That the reasons stated in the Officer's report, no grants be awarded to the Lyme Trust, Arch North Staffs (Julia House) (2 applications) and Newcastle and Kildgrove Citizens Advice Bureau, with advice given on other funding options as appropriate.
- (iii) That Newcastle & Kildgrove Citizens Advice Bureau be asked to provide feedback to Officers on the level of need in question as part of the quarterly monitoring for their contract through Third Sector Commissioning.
- (iv) That the outstanding balance in the budget of £992.50 be available for Housing Strategy Officers to provide support, in partnership with voluntary organisations, for people at risk of homelessness due to welfare reform changes.

COUNCILLOR MRS JOAN WINFIELD
Chair

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