

EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD SHEET

Name of Portfolio Holder: Councillor Neil Harden
Portfolio: Portfolio Holder for Residents and Corporate Services
Date of decision: 18/01/18

Community Grant application

Recommendations made and reasons:

To award a grant of £9500 to Little Gaddesden Parish Council from the Community Grant Budget

In the winter round 2017 a community grant application was made from Little Gaddesden Parish Council which achieved approval from the grants panel.

Little Gaddesden Parish council has requested a grant of £9500 to support their project, which has an overall value of £20,400. They have secured match funding for the remainder of the project cost.

The grant will be used towards the cost of replacing the kitchen in Little Gaddesden Village Hall to make it fit for purpose. Specifically the works will include:

1. New cupboard fronts and new shelves
2. Replace the ceiling lighting
3. Replace old kettles with a constant availability of hot and boiling water under a Quooker combi boiler system
4. Replace roller blinds
5. Replace kitchen door with modern fire door to meet H&S standards required
6. Relocate cupboard and provide additional work surface
7. Renew all other work surfaces

The village hall is used by a range of groups including the pre-school, Art Club, Drama Club, Yoga Classes, the WI, the Parish Council, the Gaddesden Society, the Local Produce Market and the Village Produce Association (VPA), as well as for larger events such as quiz nights and Harvest Supper. By replacing the kitchen in the village hall, this will help to make it attractive to users and the visitor experience will be enhanced ensuring continual use of the hall for all people old and young.

The application was assessed through the Community Grant Scheme, which is specifically set up to support Community, Voluntary, Arts and Sporting groups that benefit the residents of Dacorum. There are three rounds of Community Grant funding per financial year. Charities are invited to apply for funding and the applications are assessed by a panel of officers, who will be looking at how well it meets the criteria of the fund; whether the project supports the Councils objectives and how it supports the following five ways to well-being: be active, take notice, learn, give and connect.

Agree recommendation []
Request further information []

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Financial Implications:

There is £20,000 earmarked for capital community grants in 2017/18.

Year to date commitments against this budget are nil. Commitments awaiting officer approval total £8,500, leaving £11,500 of earmarked funding available.

Should the award to Little Gaddesden be agreed, a balance of £2,000 would be left to award in 2017/18.

Reports considered:

Little Gaddesden Parish Council community grant application form Winter round 2017 – reference ID -1035

Officers / Councillors / Ward Councillors / Stakeholders Consulted:

Corporate Grants Panel

Monitoring Officer/S151 Officer Comments:

Monitoring Officer:

No comments to add to the report

Deputy Section 151 Officer: The proposed grant award can be met from budgets earmarked for this purpose.

Implications:

Risk: there are no specific risks identified that relate to the allocation of funding as described in this report

Value for Money: the community grants criteria looks to gain additional value from supporting community projects with a small amount of resource which yields maximum community benefit. It therefore provides good value for money. Many of the projects and activities are also directed towards external funding sources.

Options Considered and reasons for rejection:

Not to award the grant as detailed - This has been rejected because the application fulfils the Council's scoring criteria within the community grant scheme. .

Portfolio Holders Signature:

Date:

Details of any interests declared and any dispensations given by the Standards Committee:**For Member Support Officer use only**

Date Decision Record Sheet received from portfolio holder: 10/01/18

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Date of Expiry of Call-In Period: 25/01/18

Date any Call-In received or decision implemented:

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