

EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD SHEET

Name of Portfolio Holder:	Councillor Neil Harden
Portfolio:	Residents & Corporate Services
Date of Report:	7 June 2016
<u>Heritage Funding Levels</u>	
Recommendation made and reasons:	
1. To award Dacorum Heritage Trust a grant of £58,000 for the 2016/17 financial year.	
Background	
<p>Since 2011, Dacorum Borough Council funded ten voluntary sector organisations through the Strategic Partner Programme (SPP). The SPP replaced existing core funding arrangements with the aim of ensuring that the voluntary sector carried out work which supported the Council's Vision and priorities. The Dacorum Heritage Trust was historically funded alongside this partnership although not a strategic partner; the funding level was £58,000.</p> <p>The Council agreed that from April 2016 funding for the SPP would cease and an Outcome Based Commissioning Model (OBCM) would be introduced using best practice from the Cabinet Offices Commissioning Academy. In April 2014, a decision was made that saw the funding levels of the Strategic Partner Programme approved and maintained at existing levels until 31 March 2016.</p> <p>The Council is proposing to extend the arrangement for the Dacorum Heritage Trust, which will see the current funding levels continue for 2016/17. This decision supersedes portfolio holder decision on Heritage funding (PH/023/14).</p> <p>While the services provided by the Dacorum Heritage Trust did not neatly fit into one of the services supplied through the SSP, the Trust was deemed to be providing a valuable service it was agreed that funding levels would remain in place while the Trust sought options for becoming more sustainable, perhaps through the management of a museum.</p>	
<u>Financial Analysis</u>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Existing funding of £58,000 to be granted to Dacorum Heritage Trust for 2016/2017 	
Officers / Councillors / Ward Councillors / Stakeholders Consulted:	
Rob Smyth, Assistant Director, Performance and Projects Matthew Rawdon, Group Manager People Alex Care, Community Partnerships Team Leader Cllr Neil Harden (Residents & Corporate Services)	
Monitoring Officer/Chief Financial Officer Comments:	
Monitoring Officer: No comments to add to the report.	
Deputy Section 151 Officer:	The proposed grant can be met from existing approved budgets.

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Implications:

Risk: failure to approve the recommendations in this report will result in a reduction in financial support of the heritage community in Dacorum. This could have a negative impact on the delivery of heritage in Dacorum. There is also a reputational consequence to the Council.

Value for Money: Dacorum Heritage Trust is uniquely positioned to ensure Heritage plays an important part to the community and the Council ensures value for money by closely monitoring their outcomes against Council objectives.

Options Considered and reasons for rejection:

To not fund any heritage organisations/projects: This is rejected because there will be a significant detrimental impact on the local heritage community and on local residents, along with the risk of the museum not being delivered.

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:

Date Decision Published:

Decision No:

Date of Expiry of Call-In Period:

Date any Call-In received or decision implemented: