

Name of Portfolio Holder: Councillor Colette Wyatt-Lowe

Portfolio: Community Services and Public Protection

Date of Decision:

Date of Background Report: 4 March 2011

Grant Aid Requests and Recommendations – March 2011

Recommendations made and reasons:

To list grant requests made and recommended by the Grants Panel

To seek approval for payment of:

Revenue grants totalling: £ 32,235.50
Capital grants totalling: £ 5,000.00

To note those grants awarded under delegated powers and to note those grant requests that have been refused.

A financial position statement is included at the bottom of the report.

Dacorum Dolphins (Sports Clubs)

Requested: grant of £ 5,237
Overall value of project: £ 5,237
Purpose: Hire of swimming pool 2010/11

Recommendation: To award a grant of £5,237

Reason: The project supports the Sustainable Community Strategy ambitions. The amount requested corresponds with the costs levied for the pool hire by Sportspace. Other club running costs are met from a modest membership fee.

The amount awarded is higher than the budgeted amounts due to variations in the Sportspace fees. The additional amount awarded will be made up from the unallocated Sporting Elite fund.

From financial year 2011/12 this payment will be covered by an annual variation to the Sportspace contract in line with decision PH/069/10

Agree recommendation [X]

Request further information []

Spirit of Dacorum

Requested: grant of £5,000
Overall value of project: £15,000
Purpose: Historic Vehicle Event

Recommendation: To award a grant of £4,500

Reason: The project supports the Sustainable Community Strategy ambitions. It provides an

important community event which brings trade and vibrancy to Hemel Hempstead Town Centre and involves communities across Dacorum

Agree recommendation [X]
Request further information []

Dacorum Indian Society (Annual grant)

Requested: grant of £1,600

Overall value of project: £ 10,150

Purpose: To sustain multiple general activities for the Indian community in Dacorum

Recommendation: To award a grant of £1,440

Reason: The project supports the Sustainable Community Strategy ambitions. This award is in line with the budgeted figure for 2010/11

Agree recommendation [X]
Request further information []

Dacorum Domestic Violence Forum (Annual grant)

Requested: grant of £4,000

Overall value of project: £ 10,150

Purpose: To sustain the Domestic Violence Forum in Dacorum and support its activities

Recommendation: To award a grant of £4,000

Reason: The project supports the Sustainable Community Strategy ambitions. This award is in line with the budgeted figure for 2010/11

Agree recommendation [X]
Request further information []

HomeStart (Annual grant)

Requested: grant of £3,250

Overall value of project: £ 3,250

Purpose: To continue to sustain the HomeStart organisation to support families in need and undertake activities in Dacorum

Recommendation: To award a grant of £3,250

Reason: The project supports the Sustainable Community Strategy ambitions. This award is in line with the budgeted figure for 2010/11

Agree recommendation [X]
Request further information []

MIND in Herts (Annual grant)

Requested: grant of £8,550

Overall value of project: £ 8,550

Purpose: To continue to support MIND activities in Dacorum dealing with people in need of support

Recommendation: To award a grant of £8,550

Reason: The project supports the Sustainable Community Strategy ambitions. This award is in line with the budgeted figure for 2010/11

Agree recommendation ☒ [X]

Request further information ☐ []

Apsley Community Centre (Capital Fund)

Requested: grant of £5,000

Overall value of project: £10,528

Purpose: Foul sewer connection and water supply to new toilets

Recommendation: Award £5,000

Reason: This request covers the costs of connection of the new toilets to the foul water system and is a long term investment in the development of the Community Centre.

Agree recommendation ☒ [X]

Request further information ☐ []

Hemel Hempstead Social Centre for the Blind (Annual grant)

Requested: grant of £1,000

Overall value of project: £ 1,000

Purpose: To continue to support HH SC for the blind to continue activities in Dacorum dealing with people in need

Recommendation: To award a grant of £1,000

Reason: The project supports the Sustainable Community Strategy ambitions. This award is in line with the budgeted figure for 2010/11

Agree recommendation ☒ [X]

Request further information ☐ []

Herts Area Rape Crisis

Requested grant of £1,000

Overall value of project: £12,730

Purpose: To continue the Herts Area Rape Crisis service

Recommendation: To award a grant of £1,000

Reason: This project supports vulnerable victims in need. Evidence of service need is provided and Dacorum residents continue to be supported by this service. The service

supports the aims within the Sustainable Community Strategy. The service attracts contributions from districts across Hertfordshire.

Agree recommendation ☒ [X]

Request further information ☐ []

Berkhamsted Beavers (Sports Clubs)

Requested: grant of £ 3,258.50

Overall value of project: £ 3,258.50

Purpose: Hire of swimming pool 2010/11

Recommendation: To award a grant of £3,258.50

Reason: The project supports the Sustainable Community Strategy ambitions. The amount requested corresponds with the costs levied for the pool hire by Sportspace. Other club running costs are met from a modest membership fee.

From financial year 2011/12 this payment will be covered by an annual variation to the Sportspace contract in line with decision PH/069/10

Agree recommendation ☒ [X]

Request further information ☐ []

Dacorum Community Trust

Requested grant of £3,136

Overall value of project: £3,813

Purpose: To cover capital costs of building alterations caused by changing premises

Recommendation: To refuse this request

Reason: The Council provides the premises at a nominal rent and has facilitated the move in order to help DCT have more suitable premises. The work already started and DBC does not fund retrospective grant requests. DCT currently has large assets. The project does not directly benefit residents of Dacorum.

Agree recommendation ☒ [X]

Request further information ☐ []

Keech Hospice For Children

Requested grant of £1,000

Overall value of project: £1,000

Purpose: Running Costs

Recommendation: To refuse this request

Reason: The group has very large uncommitted reserves

Agree recommendation ☒ [X]

Request further information ☐ []

For Information – Grants Awarded through Delegated Authority to Officers

The following grants were awarded under delegated powers:

£500 - Cavendish School – Holocaust Memorial Day event in partnership with Dacorum Borough Council

£800 - Samaritans South West – For running costs for the service which covers part of the Dacorum Area

£950 - Salvation Army – Contribution to Christmas for the Lonely scheme

£1200 – Tring Together – Contribution to Summer Festival Event

£1000 – Dacorum Majorettes – Contribution to new equipment

£300 - Great Gaddesden Parish Council – Contribution to Parish Plan costs

Financial Analysis

Approving the recommendations a laid out in this report will have the following impact:

	Noted in this report	Budget 10/11	Unallocated funds prior to these recommendations	% of annual budget committed to date (including these recommendations)
Sporting Excellence:	None	£2,000	£1,800	47%* (* additional budget transferred to 'grants for sporting clubs..' budget – see below)
Grants for Sporting Clubs for Disabled	£8,495.50	£8,000	n/a	106%* (*The additional amount awarded will be made up from the unallocated Sporting Elite fund.)
Capital Grants	£5,000	£20,000	£10,000	75%
Young People	None	£1,900	£1,900	100%
General Grants Fund (including those 'delegated powers' grants)	£9,950	£13,120	£9,950	100%
Annual Grants (these items are annual grants for which a specific budget has been allocated)	£18,240	£18,240	n/a	100%
Environmental Improvement Grants	£300	£2,500	£2,200	12%

Reports considered:

Individual Grant Application Forms

Officers / Councillors / Ward Councillors / Stakeholders Consulted:

Grants Panel, Finance Officer

Monitoring Officer/Chief Financial Officer Comments:

Monitoring Officer: - No further comments to add to this report

Deputy

Section 151 Officer: - The grant proposals contained within this report are contained within the overall budget.

Implications:**Risk:** there are no specific risks identified that relate to the allocation of funding as described in this report**Value for Money:** the grant aid 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 directed towards external funding sources to maximise the income to Dacorum**Options Considered and reasons for rejection:**

Not to award the grants as detailed - This has been rejected because those grants meet the Council's criteria.

Portfolio Holders Signature:**Date:** 29/03/11**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: 29 March 2011

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Date of Expiry of Call-In Period: 6 April 2011

Date any Call-In received or decision implemented: