

**Name of Portfolio Holder:** Councillor Neil Harden  
**Portfolio:** Residents & Regulatory Services  
**Date of Background Report:** 5<sup>th</sup> August 2011

**Grant Aid Requests – Tring Together**

**Recommendations made and reasons:**

To list grant requests made and recommended by the Grants Panel

To seek approval for payment of revenue grant to:

Tring Together: £ 10,990

**Tring Together**

Requested: grant of £ 10,990

Overall value of project: £ 17,310

Purpose: To employ a manager and fundraiser for Tring Together.

**Recommendation: To award a grant of £10,990**

Reason: Tring together is a very successful organisation that contributes to four of the Sustainable Community Strategy themes. Their mission is “Making life better and more enjoyable for the residents, businesses and associations of Tring”.

Agree recommendation  [ X ]

Request further information  [ ]

**Reports considered:**

Individual Grant Application Form

**Officers / Councillors / Ward Councillors / Stakeholders Consulted:**

Grants Panel

**Monitoring Officer/Chief Financial Officer Comments:**

**Monitoring Officer:**

No further comments to add to this report.

**Deputy Section 151 Officer:**

The grant meets the required criteria and budgetary provision has been made. The planned expenditure relates to funding for the post of Tring Project Officer which from 2011/12 is to be paid in the form of grant rather than as a proportion of direct salary. A separate virement form is to be submitted to Cabinet for approval to manage this change in funding arrangements.

Correspondence between the Portfolio Holder (Finance and Resources) and the Chairman of Tring Together in November 2010 resulted in an agreement for the Council to continue support for Tring Together for the three years 2011/12 to 2013/14. However, the amount of support is to be fixed for that period as follows:

2011/12: £10,000

2012/13: £5,000

2013/14: any remaining difference between £17,000 and the salary of the postholder concerned.

From 2014/15 the salary will be paid entirely by Tring Together and the grant support will cease.

**Implications:**

**Risk:** there are no specific risks identified that relate to 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.

**Options Considered and reasons for rejection:**

Not to award the grant as detailed - This has been rejected because the grant meets the Council's criteria.

**Portfolio Holders Signature:**

**Date:** 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2011

**Details of any interests declared and any dispensations given by the Standards Committee:**

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Date Decision Record Sheet received from portfolio holder: **23 September 2011**

Date Decision Published: **28 September 2011** Decision No: **PH/11/043**

Date of Expiry of Call-In Period: **5 October 2011**

Date any Call-In received or decision implemented: