

Name of decision maker:	Councillor Colette Wyatt - Lowe
Portfolio:	Community Services
Date of Portfolio Holder Decision:	6 January 2009

Title of Decision: Grant Requests
Recommendations made and decisions:

To list grant requests made in the last quarter

- To seek comment on payment of:

Revenue grants totalling: £ 18078

Capital grants totalling: £ Nil

Interest free loans of: £ Nil

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

- To note those grants awarded through delegated authority to the Officers
- To note those applications that are refused

Berkhamsted Beavers (Annual Grant)

Requested: A grant of £3,060

Overall value of project: £3,060

Purpose: Swim sessions for sports club for disabled people

Recommendation: To approve this application

Reason: There is provision made within the 2008/09 budget for this activity. The activity contributes to 6 of the Community Strategy Ambitions

Agree recommendation [Yes]

Request further information []

Puffins (Annual Grant)

Requested: A grant of £3,500

Overall value of project: £3,500

Purpose: Activity sessions for sports club for disabled people

Recommendation: To approve this application

Reason: There is provision made within the 2008/09 budget for this activity. The activity contributes to 6 of the Community Strategy Ambitions

Agree recommendation [Yes]

Request further information []

Homestart (Annual Grant)

Requested: A grant of £3,250

Overall value of project: £8,000

Purpose: Family advice and activity groups

Recommendation: To approve this application

Reason: There is provision made within the 2008/09 budget for this activity. The activity contributes to 5 of the Community Strategy Ambitions

Agree recommendation [Yes]
 Request further information []

St John's Holiday at Home scheme

Requested: A grant of £ 500
 Overall value of project: £ 1,203
 Purpose: Coach hire for summer club outings

Recommendation: To refuse this application

Reason: This is a retrospective application for a scheme that has already been undertaken and therefore does not meet the Council criteria.

Agree recommendation [Yes]
 Request further information []

Berkhamsted Under 5's Group

Requested: A grant of £5,357
 Overall value of project: £ 11,561
 Purpose: Contribution to running costs for under 5's activity groups

Recommendation: To approve this application (for one year only)

Reason: The activity contributes to 4 of the Community Strategy Ambitions and provides an important educational and social role.

Agree recommendation [Yes]
 Request further information []

For Information – Grants Awarded through Delegated Authority to Officers

The following grants were awarded under delegated powers:

Tring In Transition

Agreed: To award a grant of £320

Purpose: To hold a public event promoting sustainability in Tring

Reason: The project meets a community strategy ambition and develops the cross cutting theme 'Acting on Climate Change'

Tring Beavers (Annual grant)

Agreed: To award a grant of £741

Purpose: To hold sports/swim sessions for people with disabilities in Tring

Reason: Budgetary provision is made within the current year. The project meets community strategy ambitions

Herts Deaf Children's Youth Club

Agreed: To award a grant of £350

Purpose: To contribute to hall hire costs as a start up for this group

Reason: This project will meet community strategy cross cutting theme of 'encouraging

community cohesion' and meets 3 of the Community Strategy ambitions

Salvation Army (Annual grant)

Agreed: To award a grant of £1,200

Purpose: To provide Christmas Meals service

Reason: Budgetary provision is made within the current year. This project meets Sustainable community strategy ambitions

SPORTING EXCELLENCE AWARDS – For Information:

The following awards were made from the **Sporting Excellence** fund

1 x Individual for Athletics Excellence £300
Total **£300**

Financial Analysis

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

	Noted in this report	Budget 08/09	Unallocated funds prior to these recommendations	% of annual budget committed to date (including these recommendations)
Sporting Excellence:	£300	£3,800	£2,850	33%
Grants for Sporting Clubs for Disabled	£7301	£12,000	£12,000	61%
Capital Grants	None	N/a	N/a	N/a
Loan Fund	None	N/a	N/a	N/a
General Grants Fund (including those 'delegated powers' grants)	£5,707	£25,370	£20,230	43%
Annual Grants (these items are annual grants for which a specific budget has been allocated)	£4,450	£4,500	N/a	N/a
Environmental Improvement Grants	£320	£4000	£4000	8%

Reports considered:

Individual Grant application forms
 Decision evaluation sheet

Officers/Councillors/Ward Councillors/Stakeholders Consulted:

Grants Panel, Finance Officer, External funding officer

Monitoring Officer/Chief Financial Officer Comments:

Monitoring officer - No further comments to add
Section 151 Officer - There is adequate budget provision available to cover these grants.

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:

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: 6 January 2009

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Date of Expiry of Call-In Period: 13 January 2009

Date any Call-In received or decision implemented: