

Name of Portfolio Holder:	Councillor Colette Wyatt-Lowe		
Portfolio:	Community Services		
Date of Background Report:	16/12/08	Date of PH Decision:	10/03/09

Title of Decision:	Grant Requests December 2008
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Recommendations made and decisions:

To list grant requests made in the last quarter

- To seek comment on payment of:

Revenue grants totalling: £ 8,000

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

Worldshapers

Requested: grant of £4,000.00

Overall value of project: £26,097.00

Purpose: Development of present youth club

Recommendation: To award a grant of £2,000

Reason: The project supports 4 of the 10 Sustainable Community Strategy ambitions: Reducing crime and creating a safer Dacorum; Promoting culture, arts, leisure and tourism; Encouraging community involvement and Meeting the needs of children & young people.

Agree recommendation [Yes]

Request further information []

Dacorum Sports Network

Requested: grant of £10,000.00

Overall value of project: £8,000.00 – £12,500.00

Purpose: Development of website

Recommendation: To award a grant of £2,000

Reason: The project supports 6 of the 10 Sustainable Community Strategy ambitions: Reducing crime and creating a safer Dacorum; Improving social care & health, Delivering lifelong learning, Promoting culture, arts, leisure and tourism; Encouraging community involvement and Meeting the needs of children & young people.

Agree recommendation [Yes]

Request further information []

Age Concern - Older Persons Forum

Requested: grant of £2,000.00

Overall value of project: £6,353.96

Purpose: To support the operation of the forum

Recommendation: To award a grant of £2,000

Reason: The project supports 2 of the 10 Sustainable Community Strategy ambitions:
Encouraging community involvement and Meeting the needs of older people.

Agree recommendation [Yes]Request further information []**Dacorum Volunteer Centre - Community Involvement Forum**

Requested: grant of £2,000.00

Overall value of project: £4,500

Purpose: To support the operation of the forum

Recommendation: To award a grant of £2,000.00

Reason: The project supports 4 of the 10 Sustainable Community Strategy ambitions:
Encouraging Community Involvement; Promoting culture, arts, leisure and tourism; Meeting
the needs of children & young people and Meeting the needs of older people

Agree recommendation [Yes]Request further information []**Pasque Charity – Keech Cottage Children’s Hospice**

Requested: grant of £5,000.00

Overall value of project: £0.5million

Purpose: Palliative care services for children

Recommendation: To refuse this application

Reason: The organisation has substantial unrestricted funds and income for 07/08 exceeded
out expenditure

Agree recommendation [Yes]Request further information []**Herts School Football Association**

Requested: grant of £3,300.00

Overall value of project: £7,590.00

Purpose: Running costs

Recommendation: To refuse this application

Reason: The project will only be of benefit to a very limited number of the community

Agree recommendation [Yes]Request further information []

For Information – Grants Awarded through Delegated Authority to Officers

The following grants were awarded under delegated powers:

Dacorum Talking Newspaper

Agreed To award a grant of £250.00

Purpose: Running Costs

Reason: The project meets four of the Sustainable Community Strategy ambitions

Transition Town Berkhamsted

Agreed: To award a grant of £450.00

Purpose: To undertake a sustainability event

Reason: This project meets four of the Sustainable Community Strategy ambitions and develops the cross cutting theme 'Acting on Climate Change'

SPORTING EXCELLENCE AWARDS – For Information:

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

1 x Individual for Cycling Excellence	£300
2 x Individual for Rugby Excellence	£475
1x Individual for Athletics Excellence	<u>£300</u>
Total	<u>£1,075.00</u>

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:	£1075	£3,800	£2,550	61%
Grants for Sporting Clubs for Disabled	£0	£12,000	£4,699	61%
Capital Grants	None	N/a	N/a	N/a
Young People	£2000	£7500	£5,600	52%
Loan Fund	None	N/a	N/a	N/a
General Grants Fund (including those 'delegated powers' grants)	£6,700	£25,370	£14,523	69%
Annual Grants (these items are annual grants for which a specific budget has been allocated)	£0	£0	N/a	N/a
Environmental Improvement Grants	£0	£4000	£3680	8%

Reports considered:

Individual Grant Application Forms

Officers / Councillors / Ward Councillors / Stakeholders Consulted:

Grants Panel, Finance Officer, External Funding Officer

Monitoring Officer/Chief Financial Officer Comments:

Monitoring Officer: No comments

Section 151 Officer: The financial analysis confirms that recommended grant awards can be contained within existing budgets.

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: Cllr Colette Wyatt-Lowe

Date: 10 March 2009

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

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Date any Call-In received or decision implemented: