

EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD SHEET

Name of Portfolio Holder:	Councillor Neil Harden
Portfolio:	Residents & Corporate Services
Date of Report:	15 th February 2017
<u>Heritage Funding Levels</u>	
Decision made:	To award Dacorum Heritage Trust a grant of £58,000 for the 2017/18 financial year.
Reason:	<p>Dacorum Heritage Trust (DHT) have been funded by DBC from 2011, originally as part of the Strategic Partner Programme. This programme no longer exists, but it is widely recognised that the support provided by DHT is of great cultural and historical value to the area, providing unique opportunities for residents, visitors and schools to understand the rich and diverse past in Dacorum.</p> <p>This funding will enable them to continue to deliver historical and cultural benefits to Dacorum. This includes managing and maintaining items of historic and cultural value, promoting the historical and cultural values of the area and helping to raise awareness amongst residents, visitors and schools.</p> <p>The Council is proposing to extend the arrangement for the Dacorum Heritage Trust, which will see the current funding levels continue for 2017/18. This decision supersedes portfolio holder decision on Heritage funding (PH/023/14).</p> <p>It has been previously agreed that funding levels would remain in place while the Trust investigates options for becoming more sustainable.</p>
<u>Financial Analysis</u>	Existing funding of £58,000 to be granted to Dacorum Heritage Trust for 2017/18
Officers / Councillors / Ward Councillors / Stakeholders Consulted:	Rob Smyth, Assistant Director, People, Performance and Innovation Matthew Rawdon, Group Manager People and performance 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 award of this grant can be met from approved budgets for 2017/18.

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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 monitoring their outcomes/performance 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:

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Date of Expiry of Call-In Period:

Date any Call-In received or decision implemented: