

Derbyshire County Council

Cabinet Member Meeting, Health and Communities

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Report of the Strategic Director, Health and Communities

COMMUNITY BUILDING GRANTS

1. Purpose of the Report

To seek approval to allocate funding from the Community Building Grant programme.

2. Information and Analysis

Cabinet agreed to the establishment of a Community Building Grant fund of £1million in April 2012. The purpose of this fund was to provide one-off capital grants to promote the social, economic and environmental well-being of local communities, building on the priorities set out within the Council Plan and the Sustainable Community Strategy. Twelve projects were allocated funding during 2012 and 2013.

Most recently five projects were considered by the Cabinet Member for Health and Communities on 7 October 2013. Projects considered at this time were ranked according to the Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) 2010 to ensure that funding benefitted projects in areas of greatest need. Appendix A lists the projects and their rank by IMD within Derbyshire, with one being the highest level of deprivation in the county. The first two projects on the list were awarded funding totalling £90,694, which leaves £15,675 remaining in the budget. The third project on the list St Mary's Chapel of Ease is still seeking support from the County Council, and wishes to use any level of grant to secure other match funding.

The project proposes alterations to the Chapel to increase its use from 3-4 times per week to at least 6-8 times, with 100-150 more local people getting benefit from the facilities. The applicant has been investigating other sources of funding including Biffa Award. Biffa require evidence of other funding being in place before they consider progressing an application. A condition of their offer is evidence of 10% third party contribution being in place as part of the scheme. This cannot be sourced from the applicants own funds.

It is proposed that the remaining available budget of £15,675 be awarded as a grant to support St Mary's Chapel of Ease in securing the remaining funding. The total cost of the project is £73,702 and they have already

raised £25,342 towards the project. Assuming Derbyshire County Council's contribution of £15,675, this would leave a shortfall of £32,685 to be found from other sources. The proposed grant of £15,675 represents approximately 20% of the total project costs, however, this enables an 80% leverage of external funds to cover the cost of the project. This represents good value for money for the County Council.

Upon approval the organisation will be notified that the offer is subject to them raising the remainder of the funding to enable the project to go ahead. When all the funding is in place, the organisation will receive an agreement in principle to fund the project subject to formal grant conditions. A payment schedule will be agreed in line with agreed milestones for the project. The project will be evaluated, to ensure that it continues to meet identified needs and priorities.

3. Legal Considerations

The creation of the Community Building Grant fund is enabled by Section 1 of the Localism Act 2011 which gives local authorities a general power of competence. This includes the power to provide financial assistance to any person.

4. Financial Considerations

If a grant of £15,675 is approved for St Mary's Chapel of Ease this can be met from within the budgetary allocation.

5. Property Considerations

The feasibility of the proposals and costs outlined has been assessed by officers from within the Council's Corporate Property Division.

6. Other Considerations

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered: prevention of crime and disorder, equality and diversity, human resources, environmental, health and transport considerations.

7. Key Decision

No

8. Call-in

Is it required that call-in be waived in respect of the decisions proposed in the report?

No

9. Background Papers

Full Council meeting 1 February 2012, Revenue Budget 2012/13 report.

Cabinet meeting 24 April 2012.

Finance and Management Cabinet Member meeting 30 November 2012.

Cabinet meeting 22 January 2013.

Community Buildings Grant applications and supporting information held in the Policy & Research Division.

Health and Communities Cabinet Member meeting 7 October 2013.

10. OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Cabinet Member for Health and Communities;

1. Approves the allocation from the Community Building Grant programme of £15,675 to St Mary's Chapel of Ease subject to the remainder of the match funding being raised to enable the project to go ahead;
2. Receives reports on the progress made towards raising the remainder of the match funding;
3. Receives evaluation and monitoring reports at appropriate intervals.

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Project	Description	Total Project Costs	Grant Requested	Percentage of Match Funding Provided	IMD 2010 Derbyshire Rank by Lower Super Output Area (based on the location of the development)
Wirksworth Recreation Ground Development Project	Provide a new multi-use building on the recreation ground which will comprise officials changing facilities, score box, meeting/ training room and grounds man cabin.	£61,320	£38,986	36.4%	173
Riddings Cricket Club	Convert the cricket pavilion into a sports venue, which will increase the use of the pavilion for all year round activities. Improve the social area and changing facilities and increase the size to provide storage for sports equipment.	£85,379	£51,708	39.4%	187
St Mary's Chapel of Ease	Open up the 'tin hut' tabernacle building, in Sawley to the wider community and create a community hub, to ensure it is used every day and not just Sundays. Phase 2, funding is sought for a newly fitted kitchen and additional accessible toilet to open up the internal space which will give an increased and adaptable area for social and communal activities.	£73,702	£48,360	34.3%	297
Florence Nightingale Memorial Hall	To replace old single glazed windows at the front of the building with doubled glazed hardwood windows. To renovate the unevenly worn floor in the main hall.	£24,177	£19,341	20%	362
Recreation in Aston	To complete a full renovation of the recreation centre and expand the use of the building. Improvements will include a larger changing room, new shower facilities, disabled toilet, officials changing room, additional toilet facilities, an indoor meeting room and repairs to external woodwork.	£99,758	£69,831	30%	436