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MINUTES of a meeting of the **CABINET MEMBER FOR STRATEGIC POLICY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND BUDGET** held on 11 October 2016 at County Hall, Matlock

PRESENT

Cabinet Member – Councillor Ms A Western

Also in attendance – Councillor R Mihaly

41/16 **MINUTES RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 20 September 2016 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Cabinet Member.

42/16 **COMMUNITY PRIORITIES PROGRAMME** At Cabinet on 24 May 2016, Members agreed to establish a £2.271 million Community Priorities Programme using one off resources identified from General Reserves. The new Programme which would run for two years, would target and support activity in designated geographical areas. Devolving funds to a local level to support community activities, particularly activity which helped communities help themselves, supported the Council's priorities and sat alongside current work on Thriving Communities.

Tackling inequalities, particularly in the most deprived areas within the County was still an issue. The Indices of Multiple Deprivation was used to identify the 50% most deprived Lower Super Output Areas (LSOAs) in Derbyshire which were designated as eligible areas for the Community Priorities Programme. Councillors representing the designated areas were tasked with bringing forward projects from the local community that met the agreed selection criteria and support activity principally benefiting the designated LSOA. The minimum requirements for all projects were highlighted.

Strategic Director Thriving Community Leads with responsibility for district areas were delegated responsibility to approve projects requiring funding below £20,000. It was agreed that these approvals would be reported to this meeting on a quarterly basis and they were listed in Appendix A to the report. Projects requiring funding of £20,000 or above would be approved by the Cabinet Member, or Cabinet £100,000 or above.

RESOLVED (1) to note the 15 projects totalling £67,057 that had been approved by the Strategic Director Thriving Communities Leads who had

delegated responsibility for approving projects requiring funding below £20,000;

(2) that further reports on projects approved be brought to the Cabinet Member for Strategic Policy, Economic Development and Budget on a quarterly basis; and

(3) that projects requiring funding of £20,000 or above would be brought to the Cabinet Member for approval.

43/16 COMMUNITY PRIORITIES PROGRAMME – APPLICATION FOR FUNDING FOR MAREHAY CRICKET CLUB A joint application for funding under the Community Priorities Programme had been submitted by Councillors David Williams and Steve Freeborn for a grant of £23,620 to support Marehay Cricket Club to further develop their facilities and to increase coaching capacity.

It was proposed that Councillor Freeborn contributed £5,860 and Councillor David Williams £17,760 of their respective allocations. Both the community use of the pavilion and the Kwik cricket sessions attracted young people from across a wide range of local areas, including a number of the LSOAs that attracted Community Priorities Programme funding. The information contained in the application, as submitted, met the selection criteria as set out in the report.

RESOLVED to approve the application for £23,620 for Marehay Cricket Club as set out in the report.

44/16 COMMUNITY PRIORITIES PROGRAMME – APPLICATION FOR FUNDING FOR CRESWELL HERITAGE AND WELLBEING CENTRE (The Cabinet Member agreed to consider this report as an urgent item. The report had been brought as an urgent item as the Community Priorities Funding was the final piece of the funding package and would enable the project to commence when the current operations had ceased. All the contractual obligations needed to be in place before this could happen and this process could not be commenced until all the funding was approved.) An application for funding under the Community Priorities Programme had been submitted by Councillor Duncan McGregor for a grant of £50,000 to support the Creswell Heritage and Wellbeing Centre. The £50,000 funding would specifically support the establishment of a Trust Board, create the Kitchen and Coffee Bar and fund the traineeship programme.

The Centre would attract people from across a wide range of local areas, including a number of the LSOAs that attracted Community Priorities

Programme funding. The information contained in the application, as submitted, met the selection criteria as set out in the report.

RESOLVED to approve the application for £50,000 for Creswell Heritage and Wellbeing Centre as set out in the report.