

Abingdon Area Committee

Report of Head of Corporate Strategy

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Community Grants

Recommendations

- (a) that the Abingdon Area Committee notes the remaining budget balance for community grants in 2011/12 for the Abingdon area of the Vale
- (b) that the committee considers and determines the new applications which have been received and appraised

Purpose of Report

1. The purpose of this report is to set out the remaining budget position for the Abingdon Area Committee in respect of community grants and to invite the committee to consider and determine the applications received.

Strategic Objectives

2. The award of grants to community and voluntary groups helps to deliver actions set out in the Vale's Sustainable Community Strategy, which aims to improve the quality of life for everyone in the Vale.

Background

3. The committee's budget for community grants in 2011/12 is £26,391. The committee met on 6 April 2011 and awarded a total of £22,658 to 12 projects, leaving £3,733 to allocate in a further round.
4. The second round of the community grant scheme opened on 1 August 2011 and closed on 30 September 2011.

5. Three applications were received requesting a total of £3,800, a summary of these is shown below and an officer appraisal for each application is attached at appendix 1 of this report.

Ref:	Organisation	Project	Project Cost £	Total points scored	Grant requested £	Officer recommendation £
800	Abingdon Rowing Club	Junior rowing boat	10,054	80	2,500	2,000
803	Abbey Brass	Renewal of instruments	1,500	70	500	0
828	ARCH	Box sponsorship	4,800	80	800	640
				Total	3,800	2,640

6. Officers used a scoring system¹ to help in evaluating each application. The scoring system is a fair and transparent way of evaluating how closely a project supports corporate and community strategy priorities, local need and the amount of funding requested as a percentage of the project costs. Details of the scoring system are attached at appendix 2.
7. The recommendations from officers are based on a revised scoring criteria from that originally approved as detailed below.

Approved Scoring Criteria	Revised scoring criteria for round 2	
Total points score	Total points score	
150 or more	95 or more	officers recommend that the project is a funding priority
125 or more	80 or more	officers recommend that the project receives some funding
115 or less	79 or less	officers recommend that the project does not receive funding

Financial Implications

8. The Abingdon Area Committee has £3,733 available to allocate in the community grants budget for 2011-12. If the Committee supports the recommendations then the balance remaining of £1,093 will be carried forward to the community grants budget in 2012-13.

¹ The former Executive approved the scoring system on 7 January 2011

Legal Implications

9. The Abingdon Area Committee is able to determine these community grants under the delegation approved by Council on 18 October 2006.

Risks

10. There are no risk implications arising from this report.

Conclusion

11. The Abingdon Area Committee is requested to consider and determine the new grant applications received.

Background Papers

- Abingdon Area Committee 6 April 2011
- Executive Report on Community Grants 7 January 2011