

South East Area Committee Agenda



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A meeting of the

South East Area Committee

will be held on Tuesday, 22ND November, 2011 at 11.30 am, or on the rising of the earlier West Area Committee, whichever is the later.

Council Chamber, Abbey House, Abingdon

Members of the Committee:

Councillors

John Amys
Matthew Barber
Andrew Crawford
Charlotte Dickson
Jenny Hannaby
Anthony Hayward
Bill Jones
Sue Marchant

Gill Morgan
John Morgan
Mike Murray
Kate Precious
Fiona Roper
Janet Shelley
Margaret Turner
Reg Waite

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "M Reed".

Margaret Reed
Head of Legal and Democratic Services

Members are reminded of the provisions contained in the code of conduct adopted on 30 September 2007 and standing order 34 regarding the declaration of personal and prejudicial interests.

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Map and Vision

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The council's vision is to take care of your interests across the Vale with enterprise, energy and efficiency.

1. Election of a Chair(man)

To elect a chair(man) for the municipal year

2. Apologies for absence

To receive apologies for absence.

3. Minutes

To adopt and sign as a correct record the minutes of the committee meeting held on 6th April 2011 (previously circulated).

4. Declarations of interest

To receive any declarations of personal or personal and prejudicial interests in respect of items on the agenda for this meeting.

5. Urgent business and chairman's announcements

To receive notification of any matters, which the chairman determines, should be considered as urgent business and the special circumstances, which have made the matters urgent, and to receive any announcements from the chairman.

6. Statements, petitions and questions from the public relating to matters affecting the South East Area Committee.

Any statements, petitions and questions from the public under standing order 32 will be made or presented at the meeting.

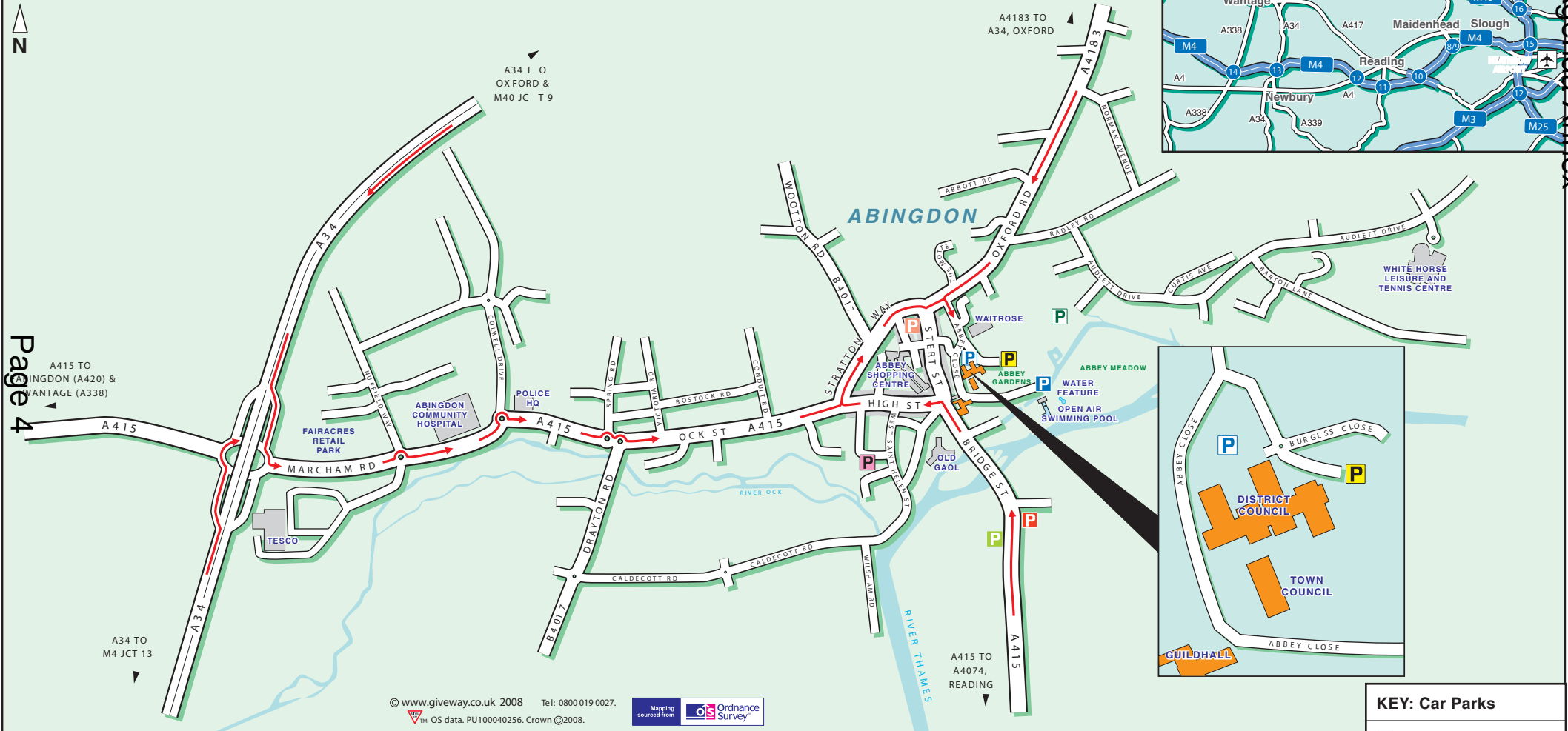
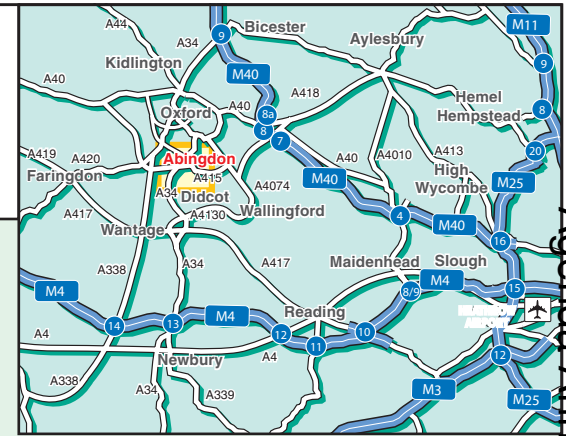
7. Community Grants

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To consider report 45/11 of the head of corporate strategy

Exempt information under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972

None



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	Civic
	Rye Farm
	Hales Meadow
	Audlett Drive
	West St Helen Street

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South East Area Committee



Report of Head of Corporate Strategy

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To: South East Area Committee

DATE: 22 November 2011

REPORT NO:
45/11

Community Grants

Recommendations

- (a) that the South East Area Committee notes the remaining budget balance for community grants in 2011/12 for the South East 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 South East 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 £22,917. The committee met on 6 April 2011 and awarded a total of £14,408 to 8 projects, leaving £8,509 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. One application was received requesting a total of £2,864, a summary of this is shown below and an officer appraisal for the application is attached at appendix 1 of this report.

Ref:	Organisation	Project	Project Cost £	Total points scored	Grant requested £	Officer recommendation £
826	Hanney Cricket Club	Maintenance equipment	8,364	90	2,864	2,291
				Total	2,864	2,291

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 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 South East Area Committee has an allocation of £8,509 available to allocate in the community grants budget for 2011-12. If the Committee support the recommendations within this report, the remaining balance of £6,218 can be carried forward to be allocated to future grant applications in 2012-13.

Legal Implications

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

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

Risks

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

Conclusion

11. The South East Area Committee is requested to consider and determine the new grant application received.

Background Papers

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

Vale Community Grants Evaluation

Name of Organisation		Hanney Cricket Club	
Ref	826	Project Costs / Funding Position	
Project Name	Cricket Square Improvement Programme		£
Project Area	East Hanney	Total Project Cost	£8,364
Area Committee	South East	Amount Requested	£2,864
Project Description To improve the playing performance of the cricket square by the acquisition of specific machinery and equipment. This will enable us to meet ground performance requirements of the OCA League in which we participate in. Developing a more reliable, consistent and safe playing surface will encourage skill development and, promote wider participation from the local community, particularly youth cricketers.		Secured Funding	£0
		Town/Parish council funding	£0
		Recommended Award	£2,291
		Committee Decision	
Contributing to the Vale Community Strategy <i>Up to 60 points can be scored in this section</i>		Application Details	
C1	Which priority of the Vale Community Strategy does your project support?	access to good quality green spaces, sports, cultural and leisure facilities	
C2	How does your project meet this priority?	By acquiring specific equipment to significantly improve the safety and playing quality of the cricket square. This will enhance the club's reputation as having an excellent playing surface, so attracting new members into the organisation to improve their cricketing skills and strengthen the teams that we run.	
C3	Does your project meet any other priorities of the Vale's Community Strategy?	Yes - Involving Young People by achieving the first priority we will be in a position to attract younger people to participate and compete in our cricket teams as they will have more confidence in developing their skills on a reliable and safe surface. Yes - Healthier Communities Enhancing our cricket facility provides a more attractive outlet for physical activity, particularly during the warmer months and longer holiday periods.	
The purchase of maintenance equipment will have a good impact on these priorities		Score	40
Contributing to the council's priorities <i>Up to 40 points can be scored in this section</i>			
C4	Which priority of the council does your project support?	helping to maintain a safe Vale	
C5	How does your project meet this priority?	Improving the playing surface of the cricket square will allow us to continue our involvement and progression in the OCA league. It will therefore offer opportunities to develop young person's skills, enabling them to participate in teams in a safer and more reliable environment. Having activities available for young people encourages them to spend their time constructively rather than destructively.	

C6	Does your project meet any over council priorities?	No	
The project will have a minimal impact on this priority		Score	15
Consultation <i>Up to 20 points can be scored in this section</i>			
C7	How did you consult with the local community?	Contacting parish council to acquire their endorsement of our intentions (see attached letter). Communication from parents confirming that there was enthusiasm from their children to use our facility and improve their skills (see attached letter). Poll of current players asking for their feedback on what they would like to see improved within the club.	
The application provides minimal evidence of consultation		Score	5
Local need <i>Up to 20 points can be scored in this section</i>			
C8	How do you know the community need this project?	Feedback from parents who would like their children to play and compete on safe and reliable surfaces. Requests from the parish council and the league that we compete in to improve the quality of the playing surface. Requests from members of the community to use the cricket pitch for friendly and fundraising occasions. Requests from local work teams to use the pitch for mid-week league fixtures. Current members requesting that the square is improved to enhance their enjoyment and performances. The club has an excellent relationship with the local community spanning many years and has always worked with other stakeholders to encourage sports development.	
The application provides good evidence of a local need		Score	10
Community Benefit <i>Up to 20 points can be scored in this section</i>			
C9	Who will benefit from this project?	Directly playing - 50 Adults 18 years + 15 Youths 13 years + The two villages of East and West Hanney - an activity to observe and potentially participate in. Regular, higher quality cricket matches serve as a visitor attraction to the Hanney's and enhance the villages overall reputation as a desirable, inclusive community.	
The purchase of maintenance equipment will allow for continued improvement of the green space which will in-turn provide a good community benefit		Score	10
Finance score Up to 20% of the project costs – 15 points 21 – 40% of the project costs – 10 points 41 – 60% of the project costs – 5 points		Score	10
Scoring Points System: 79 or less – recommend the project does not receive funding 80 or more – recommend the project receives some funding 95 or more – recommend the project is a funding priority		TOTAL	90
<u>Comments Section</u>			
Grants Officer:			
Hanney Cricket Club are applying for funding towards ground maintenance equipment which include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • sit on tractor, with numerous attachments • two walker mower's • a scarifier 			

- two cricket boundary ropes and a rope trolley
- wicket rain cover
- cricket crease marking frame
- wicket drag mats
- fertiliser and seed spreader
- hand seed slotter and combi-rake

The club are looking to meet the gap in funding through a parish council grant of £500 and a Sport England grant of £5,000. The club have a small set up and their expenditure is consistently matched by their annual income. They held at February 2011 £3,625 cash in hand, and as such require external funding to purchase the equipment.

In line with the scoring criteria, and as the project has scored 90 points, the project should receive funding.

Recommendation: to award **£2,291** towards the purchase of maintenance equipment, as detailed within the application.

Has this organisation previously received funding?

2003 - £5,000

Community Grants 2011/12

Scheme information and scoring criteria



Community grant scheme from 1 April 2011 onwards

The council has a very limited budget for discretionary grants to parish councils and voluntary or community organisations, (including clubs and societies) wholly or partly based in Vale of White Horse District (the Vale). The council will not fund projects or services that are more appropriately funded by other organisations and it will not act as the sole funder of a project. It requires that applicants demonstrate widespread support by obtaining most of its funding from other organisations. Projects will have to show some financial contribution from other sources, for example their own funds, their local parish council or support from other funding organisations. Contributions 'in-kind' will be considered.

All projects must comply with disability discrimination legislation, the council's equal opportunities policy and race equality scheme (see www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk) and must be open to all sections of the community (accepting that some projects or services may be focussed on certain sections of the community, for example: young people or people with disabilities).

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Assessment methodology for community grant applications

All applications will be assessed using the scoring system shown below. Applications that score the highest number of points are likely to be funded.

Contributing to the Vale Community Strategy

up to 60 points

Scores of up to 60 points are available dependent on how well the project contributes to the following priorities:

- Healthier communities
- improving the quality of life for older people
- safer communities
- fostering a greater sense of the community
- a good understanding of town and parish priorities
- involving young people

Does the project contribute to at least one of these priorities? Scores are based on how well a project contributes to a particular priority.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • helping those without a car to access services. • Affordable homes • good quality homes • access to good quality green spaces, sports, cultural and leisure facilities • addressing economic weaknesses • building on our economic strengths • maintaining and enhancing the health and vitality of market towns • a low carbon Vale • living with extreme weather • using resources wisely • reducing waste and increasing recycling • a high quality natural and historic environment. 	
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Applications that do not score more than 19 points in this section will not be scored further and will be withdrawn from the evaluation process.

Contributing to the Council’s own priorities up to 40 points

Scores of up to 40 points are available dependent on how well the project contributes to the following priorities:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting people’s need for housing • supporting a vibrant local economy • rising to the challenge of climate change • helping to maintain a safe Vale • keeping the Vale a clean place to live 	<p>Does the project contribute to at least one of these priorities? Scores are based on how well a project contributes to a particular priority.</p>
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Consultation up to 20 points

<p>Consultation</p>	<p>To what extent has the relevant community been consulted and participated in putting the proposal together? The broader and more extensive consultation will score more points.</p>
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Local need**up to 20 points**

Meeting a local need	How well is the evidence of local need? Evidence from parish plans or gathered through various consultation exercises to support the project will score more points.
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Community benefit**up to 20 points**

Community benefit	Who will benefit from the project? The wider number of beneficiaries the better. Projects that help to assist minority groups will score more points in this section.
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Finance**up to 15 points**

To encourage funding of projects from a variety of sources applicants are encouraged to ask for smaller grant awards. In this section, the smaller the grant amount requested equates to a higher number of points. Scores of up to 15 points are available dependent on the percentage of the project costs requested:

Percentage of the project costs	Points available
Up to 20 per cent of the project costs	15 points
21 – 40 per cent of the project costs	10 points
41 – 60 per cent of the project costs	5 points

Summary of scoring system**maximum score 175 points**

The maximum score of 175 points is made up as follows:

Assessment factor	Maximum points available
Priorities of the community strategy	60
Priorities of the council	40
Consultation	20

Local need	20
Community benefit	20
Finance	15
Total points	175

Applications scoring over 115 points will be eligible for an award, subject to **budget availability**:

Total points score	Option 1
150 or more	officers recommend that the project is a funding priority
125 or more	officers recommend that the project receives some funding
115 or less	officers recommend that the project does not receive funding

General conditions of all grants

Grants must be spent solely for the purpose they are given. All grants will be offered for a period of one year from the date of the decision. Only one grant for a particular project or service will be awarded to an organisation in any one financial year. The council's support must be acknowledged on all publicity for the project or service.