

# South East Area Committee



Report of Head of Corporate Strategy

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## 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 system<sup>1</sup> 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	
<b>Total points score</b>	<b>Total points score</b>	
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.

<sup>1</sup> 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