

REPORT OF THE STRATEGIC DIRECTOR & MONITORING OFFICER
TO EXECUTIVE
5 APRIL 2007

Community Grants

1.0 Introduction and Report Summary

1.1 The purpose of this report is to set out the budget position for the Executive Committee in respect of Community Grants and to invite Members to consider and determine the grant applications received. The Executive currently considers grant applications bi-annually. Executive considered applications in October 2006 and the next meeting, at which the consideration of grants is planned, will be in October 2007.

1.2 The contact officer for this report is Lorna Edwards, Community Strategy Officer (Tel: 01235 547626).

2.0 Relationship with the Council's Vision, Strategies and Policies

2.1 This report supports the Council's Vision and Priorities. It also supports the Vale Community Strategy. It does not conflict with any Council strategy or any Council policy.

3.0 Recommendations

(a) *Members are asked to note that the Executive's budget for 2007/08 for Vale-wide grants is £23,814*

(b) *Members are asked to consider and determine the following grant applications and agree the Council agenda and priority:*

- (i) **My Life My Choice, £2,686.36**, towards running 4 self-advocacy groups, Social Agenda, Access priority
- (ii) **OCVA, £5,000**, towards running a volunteer brokerage service, Social Agenda, Town & Village Vitality priority
- (iii) **Neighbourhood Watch, £2,033**, towards an expanded service, Social Agenda, Town & Village Vitality priority
- (iv) **Root and Branch, £1,073.47**, towards equipment, Social Agenda, Town & Village Vitality priority
- (v) **Oxfordshire Play Association, £4,535**, towards core services, Social Agenda, Access priority
- (vi) **Oxfordshire Artweeks, £1,000**, production of the Artweeks Guide, Social Agenda, Town & Village Vitality priority
- (vii) **Oxford Film & Video Makers, £2,400**, towards a film and digital media festival, Social Agenda, Town & Village Vitality priority
- (viii) **Oxfordshire Chinese Community and Advice Centre, £3,276**, towards increased running costs, Social Agenda, Access priority
- (ix) **Wantage Diving Club, £1,500**, towards equipment, Social Agenda, Town & Village Vitality priority
- (x) **Abingdon & District CAB, £7,477**, towards increased running costs, Social Agenda, Access priority
- (xi) **Oxfordshire Children's Information Services, £5,000**, towards enhanced services, Social Agenda, Access priority
- (xii) **Sunningwell School of Art, £3,000**, towards a more efficient heating system, Environmental Agenda, Town & Village Vitality priority
- (xiii) **Accessible Sailing, £5,000**, towards construction of pontoon, Social

Agenda, Access priority

(c) *Members are asked to agree to the request from Area Committees to carry forward unspent grant budget from 2006/07*

(d) *Members are asked to note the range of projects, services and events supported by the Executive in 2006/07*

4.0 Community Grants

4.1 The budget position of the Executive for Vale-wide community grants in 2007/2008 is shown below

Budget b/f 2006/07	Budget 2007/08	Total Budget 2007/08	Environmental Agenda Proportion	Social Agenda Proportion	Economic Agenda Proportion	Discretionary Proportion
£0	£23,814	£23,814	£8,334.90	£8,334.90	£2,381.40	£4,762.80

5.0 Applications

5.1 Applications for consideration under the Council's Community Grants Scheme have been received from the organisations listed below and there is a narrative providing additional details at Appendix A to the report. The total amount of grants requested is £43,980.83.

5.2 Members are asked to consider and determine the grant applications and to agree the Council Agenda and priority.

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6.0 Unspent grant budget

6.1 At the end of 2006/07 the Area Committees have unspent grant budget as indicated below:

North East Area Committee	£178.40
South East Area Committee	£2,902.88
West Area Committee	£0
Abingdon Area Committee	£11,398.63

6.2 Those area committees with unspent grants budget have resolved to request that these amounts be carried forward into 2007/08. The Executive is asked to agree their request.

7.0 Projects, services and events supported by the Executive

7.1 The table at Appendix B shows the projects, services and events supported by the Executive in 2006/07. As well as showing a breakdown of the grants awarded by Environmental, Social and Economic Agendas, the table shows which strand of the Vale Community Strategy they support.

Members are asked to note the information provided.

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Background Papers: Applications and supporting documents