

REPORT OF THE STRATEGIC DIRECTOR & MONITORING OFFICER
TO EXECUTIVE
5 OCTOBER 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 April 2007 and the next meeting, at which the consideration of grants is planned, will be in April 2008 at the beginning of the next financial year.
- 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 remaining budget for 2007/08 for Vale-wide grants is £5,914.*
- (b) *Members are asked to consider and determine the following grant applications and agree the Council agenda and priority:*
- (i) **Oxfordshire Association for the Blind, £5,000**, towards the cost of services for blind and visually-impaired residents in the Vale, Social Agenda, Access priority
 - (ii) **South & Vale Carers Centre, £10,000**, towards the cost of running the Outreach Service, Social Agenda, Access priority
- (c) *Members are asked to consider and determine the following applications for funding from the Lottery and Other Grants Support Fund to release a grant from TOE (Trust for Oxfordshire's Environment) or WREN (Waste Recycling Environmental Ltd), noting that the Fund currently has an unallocated balance of approximately £22,500:*
- (iii) **Charney Hall and Field Trust, £5,000**, to secure a TOE grant of £50,000, towards the redevelopment of Charney village hall
 - (iv) **Sutton Courtenay Parish Council, £5,318.83**, to secure a WREN grant of £48,353 towards phase 2 of the village hall refurbishment

- (v) **Wootton and Dry Sandford Community Centre, £5,000**, to secure a TOE grant of £50,000, towards the redevelopment of the Community Centre.

4.0 Community Grants

4.1 The budget position of the Executive for Vale-wide community grants for the remainder of 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
Allocated			£1,000 + £1,420.90 to Social = £2,420.90	£16,900 + £7,144.20 from Econ. & Discr.	£2,381.40 to Social Agenda	£4,762.80 to Social Agenda
Remaining		£5,914	£5,914	£0	£0	£0

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 £15,000.

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

- (i) **Oxfordshire Association for the Blind, £5,000**, towards the cost of services for blind and visually-impaired residents in the Vale, Social Agenda, Access priority
- (ii) **South & Vale Carers Centre, £10,000**, towards the cost of running the Outreach Service, Social Agenda, Access priority

6.0 Lottery and Other Grants Support Fund

6.1 Application have been received from the following organisations for third party funding from the Council in order to release a much larger grant from either TOE (Trust for Oxfordshire's Environment) or WREN (Waste Recycling Environmental Ltd):

- (iii) **Charney Hall and Field Trust, £5,000**, to secure a TOE grant of £50,000, towards the redevelopment of Charney village hall
- (iv) **Sutton Courtenay Parish Council, £5,318.83**, to secure a WREN grant of £48,353 towards phase 2 of the village hall refurbishment
- (v) **Wootton and Dry Sandford Community Centre, £5,000**, to secure a TOE grant of £50,000, towards the redevelopment of the Community Centre

Further details on the application are included at Appendix A following the grant narratives for the applications already considered.

6.2 These applications comply with the criteria for an award from the Council's Lottery and Other Grants Support Fund which currently has a balance of approximately £22,500. Members are asked to consider and determine these applications from the Lottery and Other Grants Support Fund.

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Background Papers: Applications and supporting documents