

**REPORT OF THE STRATEGIC DIRECTOR AND MONITORING OFFICER
TO THE ABINGDON AREA COMMITTEE**

25 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 this Committee in respect of Community Grants and to invite Members to consider and determine the grant applications received.

1.2 The contact officer for this report is Lorna Edwards, Community Strategy Officer (tel: 01235 547626), **e-mail address lorna.edwards@whitehorsedc.gov.uk.**

2.0 Recommendations

(a) *that Members note that the current budget position for the Abingdon Area Committee is £23,871.63;*

(b) *that Members consider and determine the grant applications, the agenda and the Council priority in respect of the following: -*

(i) ***Dorchester Sailing Club, £2,000, towards the cost of building new on-shore facilities, Social Agenda, Access to Services priority.***

(ii) ***Compass Café, £5,000, towards the cost of employing a part-time youth worker, Social Agenda, Town & Village Vitality priority,***

(iii) ***Abingdon Concert Band, £700, towards the cost of new banners, Social Agenda, Town & Village Vitality priority***

(iv) ***Abingdon Performance Arts Group Enterprise (APAGE), £4,000, towards the cost of producing and distributing the 2008 festival brochure, Social Agenda, Town & Village Vitality priority***

(v) ***Abingdon Festival Music Association, £500, towards the cost of holding a concerto class, Social Agenda, Town & Village Vitality priority***

(c) *that Members note the update from the North East Abingdon Community Association and agree that the grant amount previously awarded by the Abingdon Area Committee is still available for the amended project as outlined in the narrative at Appendix B to this report.*

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

This report supports the Council's Vision and Priorities and the Vale Community Strategy. It does not conflict with any Council Strategies.

4.0 Community Grants

4.1 Budget

4.2 The current budget position for the Abingdon Area Committee is as follows:

Budget b/f 2006 /07	Budget 2007/08	Total budget 2007/08	Environmental Agenda Proportion	Social Agenda Proportion	Economic Agenda Proportion	Discretionary Proportion
£11,398.63	£28,388.00	£39,786.63	£9,935.80	£9,935.80	£2,838.80	£5,677.60 + £11,398.63 = £17,076.23
	Allocated	£15,915.00	£665.00	£9,935.80 (+ £5,314.20 from Discretionary)	£0	£5,314.20 to Social Agenda
	Remaining	£23,871.63	£9,270.80	£0	£2,838.80	£11,762.03

5.0 New grant applications

5.1 Applications totalling £12,200 have been received from the organisations listed below. These include one application for £500 or less, which would normally have been considered under officer delegation in consultation with the Chair of the Committee. However, since the meeting of the Abingdon Area Committee is scheduled for less than two weeks hence, the Head of Community Strategy has decided to bring this application to the Committee for consideration with the other grant applications received.

- (i) **Dorchester Sailing Club, £2,000**, towards the cost of building new on-shore facilities, Social Agenda, Access to Services priority
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5.2 Grant narratives for these applications are set out in Appendix A to this report.

5.3 Members are invited to consider and determine the applications, the agenda and Council priority for these applications.

6.0 Request from the North East Abingdon Community Association (NEACA) concerning a previous grant award

- 6.1 Information on the background to the application from NEACA, submitted in 2004/05 and for which a grant of £50,000 was awarded by the Abingdon Area Committee on 25 May 2004, is included under Appendix B.
- 6.2 Members are asked to note that the aims of the project have not changed and that the location of the proposed log cabin is on the same site as the existing building. Members are asked to agree to the grant of £50,000 awarded by the Abingdon Area Committee in 2004/05 being used towards the construction of the log cabin and refurbishment of the existing facilities, subject to planning permission being granted.

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HEAD OF COMMUNITY STRATEGY

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Background Papers: Grant applications and correspondence from applicants