

**REPORT OF THE STRATEGIC DIRECTOR
TO THE SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE
10 June 2008**

Community Grants

1.0 Introduction and Report Summary

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to set out the budget position at the beginning of 2008/09 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.co.uk.**

2.0 Recommendations

- (a) *that Members note the budget position for the South East Area Committee at the beginning of the financial year*
- (b) *that Members agree in principal to the payment of the SLA grant to the Wantage, Grove & District Twinning Association and the Hendreds Twinning Group, subject to the required monitoring information having been received*
- (c) *that Members consider and determine the grant applications, the agenda and the Council priority in respect of the following:*
- (i) Challow & Childrey Cricket Club, £1,500,** *towards the refurbishment of a synthetic pitch, Social Agenda, Town & Village Vitality priority*
- (ii) Blewbury Pre-school Playgroup, £3,000,** *towards a replacement boiler, Environmental Agenda, Town & Village Vitality priority*
- (iii) Wantage Music Festival, £500,** *towards the 2008 Festival, Social Agenda, Town & Village Vitality priority*

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 budget position at the beginning of 2008/09 for the South East Area Committee is as follows:

Budget b/f 2007/08	Budget 2008/09	Total budget 2008/09	Environment al Agenda Proportion	Social Agenda Proportion	Economic Agenda Proportion	Discretionary Proportion

£635.88 + £500	£22,587.00	£23,722.88	£7,905.45	£7,905.45	£2,258.70	£4,517.40 + £1,135.88
	Allocated	£6,974.88	£1,724.88	£5,250.00	£0	£0
	Remaining	£16,748.00	£6,180.57	£2,655.45	£2,258.70	£5,653.28

4.3 A grant of £500 awarded to the Wantage Diving Club in 2007/08 has been returned to the budget as the Club has advised that it no longer needs the grant. This has been added to the carry forward budget as shown in the table.

4.4 The table also shows that £6,974.88 has already been allocated from the 2008/09 budget. Of this a total of £1,724.88 was awarded towards additional parish cleansing at the meeting of the Committee on 11 March. A grant of £2,250 was awarded at that meeting towards the Wantage Summer Festival 2008 with a further £500 to be provided if matched by the applicant's own fundraising. The remaining £2,500 is allocated to twinning partnership grants.

4.5 Twinning partnership grants (Service Level Agreements)

In accordance with the decision of the Executive at its meeting on 6 August 2004 (Minute Ex.83) twinning associations are partners in service provision and have signed a Service Level Agreement (SLA) to this effect. The funding for the SLA is allocated from Area Committee budgets. In the South East Area the allocation is:

Wantage, Grove & District Twinning Association £2,000
Hendreds Twinning Group £500

4.6 The original SLAs ran from 2004-2007 and came to an end on 31 March 2007. The Executive has agreed that all SLAs should be extended. The twinning associations, in common with all SLA partners, are asked to provide specified information to enable officers to monitor that the partnership is meeting its commitments under the SLA. This information will be requested from the twinning associations.

4.7 Members are asked to agree to the payment of the SLA grant to the Wantage, Grove & District Twinning Association and the Hendreds Twinning Group in due course, subject to the required monitoring information having been received.

4.8 Members are asked to note that, after the allocations for twinning SLAs, the parish cleansing awards and the grant towards the Wantage Summer Festival 2008, the budget for 2008/09 stands at £16,748.

5.0 New grant applications

5.1 Applications totalling £5,000 have been received from the organisations listed below. This represents 30% of the Committee's remaining budget for the year.

- (i) **Challow & Childrey Cricket Club, £1,500**, towards the refurbishment of a synthetic pitch, Social Agenda, Town & Village Vitality priority
- (ii) **Blewbury Pre-school Playgroup, £3,000**, towards a replacement boiler, Environmental Agenda, Town & Village Vitality priority

(iii) Wantage Music Festival, £500, towards the 2008 Festival, Social Agenda, Town & Village Vitality priority

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.

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Background Papers: Grant applications