

**REPORT OF THE STRATEGIC DIRECTOR
TO THE SOUTH EAST AREA COMMITTEE
14 OCTOBER 2008**

Community Grants

1.0 Introduction and Report Summary

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to set out the current budget position for this Committee in respect of Community Grants and to invite Members to consider and determine the grant applications received since the last meeting of the Committee.
- 1.2 The contact officer for this report is Lorna Edwards, Community Strategy Officer, telephone (01235 547626). **Email address: lorna.edwards@whitehorsedc.gov.uk.**

2.0 Recommendations

- (a) *that Members note the current budget position for the South East Area Committee;*
- (b) *that Members consider and determine the grant applications for the following organisations and agree the Agenda and priority:*
- (i) **Childrey Playing Field Trust, £2,499**, towards fitting out the sports pavilion, Social Agenda, Town & Village Vitality priority
 - (ii) **Wantage Parish Music Guild, £1,750**, towards staging a musical community project, Social Agenda, Town & Village Vitality priority
 - (iii) **DAMASCUS Youth Project, £3,500**, towards the costs of employing youth workers, Social Agenda, Town & Village Vitality priority
 - (iv) **White Horse Croquet Club, £500**, towards the costs of maintenance equipment and a storage facility
 - (v) **Springline Amateur Dramatic Society, £6,000**, towards the cost of repairs to the stage and installations in the village hall, 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 in that it supports creating a cleaner, greener, safer and healthier community and environment. It does not conflict with any Council strategy or any Council policy.

Furthermore, the award of grants to community and voluntary sector groups helps to deliver actions set out in the draft Sustainable Community Strategy which aims to improve the quality of life for everyone in the Vale.

4.0 The Community Grants Budget

- 4.1 The current budget position of the South East Area Committee is as follows:

| Budget b/f 2007 /08 | Budget 2008/09 | Total budget 2008/9 | Environment al Agenda Proportion | Social Agenda Proportion | Economic Agenda Proportion | Discretionary Proportion |
|---------------------|----------------|---|----------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| £1,135.88 | £22,587.00 | £23,722.88 | £7,905.45 | £7,905.45 | £2,258.70 | £5,653.28 |
| | Allocated | £10,474.88 (less £1,000 grant not needed) | £4,224.88 (less £1,000) | £6,250.00 | £0 | £0 |
| | Remaining | £14,248.00 | £4,680.57 | £1,655.45 | £2,258.70 | £5,653.28 |

4.2 Since the last meeting of the Committee, the Council has been advised that the grant of £1,000 awarded to the Wantage War Memorial Committee on 31 July 2007 is no longer required as sufficient funding was raised from other sources. This sum is therefore returned to the Committee's budget giving a total remaining budget for 2008/09 of £14,248.

5.0 Applications

5.1 Applications totalling £14,249 have been received from the following organisations.

(i)**Childrey Playing Field Trust, £2,499**, towards fitting out the sports pavilion, Social Agenda, Town & Village Vitality priority

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5.2 A narrative for each of the applications is set out in Appendix A to this report.

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