

REPORT OF THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR (PLANNING AND COMMUNITY STRATEGY)
TO THE EXECUTIVE
17 OCTOBER 2008

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 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, in April and October.
- 1.2 The contact officer for this report is Lorna Edwards, Community Strategy Officer, telephone (01235 547626). E-mail: lorna.edwards@whitehorsedc.co.uk

2.0 Recommendations

- (a) *that Members note that the Executive's remaining budget for 2008/09 for Vale-wide grants is £8,214;*
- (b) *that Members consider and determine the following grant applications and agree the Council agenda and priority:*
- (i) **Oxfordshire Play Association, £5,673.00**, towards core costs of providing support services to play settings in the Vale, Social Agenda, Access priority
 - (ii) **South & Vale Carers Centre, £7,938.00**, towards core costs or providing a support service to carers, Social Agenda, Access priority
 - (iii) **Oxford Inspires, £1,500**, to stage a series of arts events in the Vale, Social Agenda, Town & Village Vitality priority
 - (iv) **Assisted Reading for Children in Oxfordshire, £3,000**, to impart a love of reading to children in the Vale, Social Agenda, Access priority
 - (v) **Oxfordshire Playbus, £6,000**, towards a replacement sensory vehicle for children with special needs, Social Agenda, Access priority
 - (vi) **Vale of White Horse Schools Football Association, £500**, towards additional pitch fees, Social Agenda, Access priority
- (c) *that Members consider and determine the following application for third party funding to be awarded from the Lottery and Other Grants Support Fund:*
- (vii) **Upton Village Hall Amenities Trust, £9,020**, as third party funding towards an extension to the village hall

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

This report supports the Council's Vision and Priorities. 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

The budget position of the Executive for Vale-wide community grants for the remainder of 2008/2009 is shown below.

Budget 2008/09	Total Budget 2008/09	Environmental Agenda Proportion	Social Agenda Proportion	Economic Agenda Proportion	Discretionary Proportion
£21,714	£21,714	£7,599.90	£7,599.90	£2,171.40	£4,342.80
Amount allocated	£13,500	£0	£7,599.90 + £4,342.80 from Discr. + £1,557.30 from Econ.	£1,557.30 to Social	£4,342.80 to Social
Remaining	£8,214	£7,599.90	£0	£614.10	£0

5.0 Applications

- 5.1 Applications totalling £24,611 have been received from the following organisations:
- (i) **Oxfordshire Play Association, £5,673.00**, towards core costs of providing support services to play settings in the Vale, Social Agenda, Access priority
 - (ii) **South & Vale Carers Centre, £7,938,000**, towards core costs or providing a support service to carers, Social Agenda, Access priority
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5.2 A narrative for each of the applications is set out in Appendix A to this report.

6.0 Lottery and Other Grants Support Fund

6.1 An application has been received from the following organisation for third party funding from the Council in order to release a much larger grant from WREN (Waste Recycling Environmental Ltd):

- (vii) **Upton Village Hall Amenities Trust, £9,020**, as third party funding towards an extension to the village hall

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

6.2 This application complies with the criteria for an award from the Council's Lottery and Other Grants Support Fund which currently has a balance of approximately £20,000.

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Background Papers: Grant application forms and supporting documents