

SUBJECT:	<i>Subscriptions & Donations Grants</i>
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WARD/S AFFECTED	<i>All wards (based on users not location)</i>

1. Purpose of Report

To consider requests for subscriptions and donations from community organisations for the second round of funding for 2015-16

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendations have been included within the appendix of applications as a guide. the Policy Advisory Group is asked to consider the applications and recommendations for Subscriptions and Donations and advise the Portfolio Holder accordingly. Members are also asked to consider any underspend to be transferred to the Chairman's Charity fund.

2. Executive Summary

Please see appendix A

3. Reasons for Recommendations

Members are required to make decisions as to which applications to approve and which level of funding is agreed.

4. Content of Report

- 4.1 Community and Voluntary organisations have again been invited to apply to the Subscription and Donation fund for the 2015-16 financial year. Funding is traditionally awarded ahead of the financial year so that the community and voluntary groups can plan for a full year of service.
- 4.2 Funding for 2015-16 was allocated in March 2015, a total of £22,972 was available for allocation, £20,981 was allocated to community groups leaving an underspend of £1,991. Members decided at the Policy Advisory Group on 3rd March 2015 to open applications again following the local elections in May. Applications were invited via Councillors until 31st July 2015.
- 4.3 Information for the assessment of applications is based on the strategy recommended by the Policy Advisory Group:
 - (a) A need for financial assistance;
 - (b) How the project/service benefits the community (linking into how the project supports identified needs and gaps);
 - (c) Clear links to the Council priorities

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- (d) The number of residents, businesses or groups that will benefit from the project/service;
- (e) Past performance of the organisation;
- (f) Open access to the community;
- (g) The percentage of the overall grant requested;
- (h) Whether other funding has been sought;
- (i) Whether charges are made for the services provided;
- (j) Whether services / activities will help to reduce local inequalities.
- 4.4 The criteria stipulates that the funding is to be used for general running costs and cannot support purchase of equipment, capital expenditure, sport or cultural events or one off community events.
- 4.5 Details of the applications are summarised in the appendix to this report. Comments have been included on meeting the objectives of key strategies and information on last year's payments. In addition recommendations from Officers for funding are also included and feedback from Members.
- 4.6 Recommendations for funding in the appendix have been developed based on each application's merits, on a case by case basis.

5. Consultation

Not Applicable

6. Options

- A) To consider the recommendations detailed in Appendix A
- B) To transfer any unspent funds to the Chairman's Fund or
- C) To consider further applications for the available funding.

7. Corporate Implications

Reports must include specific comments addressing the following implications;

7.1 Financial

- The applications received are greater than the amount available for allocation.
- For 2015/16 the proposed budget for Subscription and Donations is £31,680. From this budget £8,708 has been designated to the Bucks Infrastructure Contract, £20,981 has been allocated in the earlier round leaving £1,991 for allocation today. The total amount requested from this second round of Subscriptions and Donations is £9,280.

7.2 Legal

None

7.3 And where appropriate; Crime and Disorder, Environmental Issues, ICT, Partnership, Procurement, Social Inclusion, Sustainability.

These grant applications meet the needs of the local community and enable smaller groups to continue their work across the district.

8. Links to Council Policy Objectives

Sustainable Community Strategy Links

- Encouraging and supporting healthy lifestyles. Anticipating and meeting the needs of an ageing population.
- Providing an environment for young people to enjoy, stay safe, be healthy, make a positive contribution and achieve economic wellbeing.
- Enabling vibrant local communities where all citizens participate in decisions and are involved in the planning and delivery of responsive services.
- Increasing the feeling of belonging to the community

9. Next Step

Upon approval from Portfolio Holder and Cabinet funds are awarded to the groups. If no funding is awarded funds will be transferred to the Chairman’s Charity Fund.

Background Papers:	Grant applications. Healthy Communities PAG 3 rd March 2015 minutes
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