

Decision Number: 26 (2014/15)

Portfolio Holder Executive Decision Statement

The Local Authority (Executive Arrangements)(Meetings and Access to Information)(England) Regulations 2012

Subject: Big Community Fund Appraisal October 2014

Details of Decision taken: Two applications to the Big Community Fund to receive funding to enable projects to proceed as set out in the applications, as follows:

Westerham & Crockham Hill ward £ 150

Eynsford ward £ 1,500

Reason for Decision

- Cabinet, on 21 July 2011 approved a new grant scheme, entitled the Big Community Fund. Currently, £ 25,742.12 remains in the fund. A maximum of £10,000 can be allocated in any one month.
- The October 2014 round closed on 6 October 2014 and the applications received were appraised on 15 October 2014, using an agreed appraisal template and decision-making form.
- Members present recommended that two projects, from Westerham & Crockham Hill ward and Eynsford ward should receive a total of £ 1,650.
- Three applications, a second application from Westerham & Crockham Hill ward and one each from Dunton Green & Riverhead ward and Penshurst, Fordcombe and Chiddingstone ward, were not recommended to receive any funding.

All Documents considered:

Big Community Fund applications from Westerham & Crockham Hill ward (2 applications), Eynsford ward, Dunton Green & Riverhead ward and Penshurst, Fordcombe and Chiddingstone ward

Details of any alternative options considered and rejected by the Member when making the Decision:

None

Financial implications

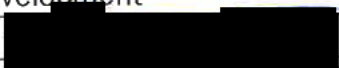
The Big Community Fund total stands at £ 25,742.12. With the allocations from the October 2014 round, the fund will have £ 24,092.12 remaining for future applications. The funding will be allocated to applications until it is exhausted. There are no plans to put further funding into the Big Community Fund.

Legal Implications and Risk Assessment Statement

There are no legal implications from this decision.

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Equality Impacts (Consideration of impacts under the Public Sector Equality Duty)		
Question	Answer	Explanation / Evidence
a. Does the decision being made or recommended through this paper have potential to disadvantage or discriminate against different groups in the community?	No	The projects supported by this decision will make improvements to local communities and make a positive contribution to Equalities: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Making a contribution to the Westerham foodbank will assist those in the greatest need in this ward.• The Speedwatch Board in Eynsford will help increase road safety and reduce accidents in Eynsford..
b. Does the decision being made or recommended through this paper have the potential to promote equality of opportunity?	Yes	
c. What steps can be taken to mitigate, reduce, avoid or minimise the impacts identified above?		No mitigations required
Local Member (s), other Portfolio Holders and/or Directors/Heads of Service Consulted		
Members of the Appraisal Panel: Cllrs Clark, Edwards-Winser, Mrs Morris, Miss Stack and Miss Thornton		
Details of any conflicts of interest		
a) declared by any executive member who is consulted by the Decision Taker		
None		
b) and any details of dispensations granted by the Chief Executive in respect of any declared conflict		
None		
Decision taken by:	Portfolio Holder for Economic & Community Development	
Signed by Portfolio Holder		
Date of Decision	17.10.14	
Record made by:	George Lewis	
Date of record:	21 October 2014	

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