Decision Number: 40 (2014/15)

Portfolio Holder Executive Decision Statement

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

Subject: Repair & Renew Grant 2014

Details of Decision taken: Two applications to the Repair & Renew Grant to receive funding as follows:

Rusholme, London Road, Dunton Green - £ 5,000.00

Troutbeck, Otford - £ 4,576.86

Reason for Decision

- Cabinet, on 8 May 2014 approved the guidelines for the Repair & Renew Grant and delegated authority to the Economic & Community Development Portfolio Holder to agree funding. After DEFRA made changes to the scheme in late May, Cabinet agreed changes to the Guidelines on 5 June 2014.
- Funding that this Council pays out under the Repair & Renew Grant is claimed back quarterly from DEFRA.
- Two applications were received and appraised on 24 November 2014.
- Officers recommended that two applications from Dunton Green and Otford be awarded a total of £ 9,576.86

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All Documents considered:

Repair & Renew Grant application from Rusholme, London Road, Dunton Green and Troutbeck, Otford

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

None

Financial implications

Funding allocated and paid out is claimed back from DEFRA on a quarterly basis. Funding must be claimed from DEFRA by 31 March 2015. The Council's deadline for residents and business to claim funding agreed under the scheme is 31 December 2014.

Legal Implications and Risk Assessment Statement

There are no legal implications from this decision.

Equality Impacts (Consideration of impacts under the Public Sector Equality Duty)

Question Answer Explanation / Evidence

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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 applications, from Rusholme, London Road, Dunton Green, and Troutbeck, Otford, are private houses. The Repair & Renew Grant is open to all properties that were flooded between 1/12/13 and 31/3/14,
b.	Does the decision being made or recommended through this paper have the potential to promote equality of opportunity?	Yes	regardless of the status of the owner.
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
None

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	27/11/14	
Record made by:	made by: George Lewis	
Date of record:	1 December 2014	