

Decision Number: **44 (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 December 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:

**Ash & New Ash Green ward £ 1,500
Sevenoaks Eastern ward £ 500**

Reason for Decision

- Cabinet, on 21 July 2011 approved a new grant scheme, entitled the Big Community Fund. Currently, £ 24,174.29 remains in the fund. A maximum of £10,000 can be allocated in any one month.
- The December 2014 round closed on 1 December 2014 and the applications received were appraised on 17 December 2014, using an agreed appraisal template and decision-making form.
- Members present recommended that two projects, from Ash & New Ash Green ward and Sevenoaks Eastern ward should receive a total of £ 2,000.

All Documents considered:

Big Community Fund applications from Ash & New Ash Green and Sevenoaks Eastern wards

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 £ 24,174.29. With the allocations from the December 2014 round, the fund will have £ 22,174.29 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.

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


Question

Answer

Explanation / Evidence

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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">• The outdoor gym at New Ash Green will be open to everyone, particularly those unable to afford to use gym equipment in leisure centres.• The replacement bench at Hollybush will assist those visitors to Hollybush who have mobility problems.
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 Mrs Cook, Edwards-Winser, Gaywood, Mrs George, Mrs Morris		
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	2/1/15	
Record made by:	C. Sinclair	
Date of record:	2/01/2015	

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