

Decision Number: **48 (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 January 2015

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:

Hextable ward £ 800

Farningham, Horton Kirby & South Darenth ward £ 3,000

Reason for Decision

- Cabinet, on 21 July 2011 approved a new grant scheme, entitled the Big Community Fund. Currently, £ 22,174.29 remains in the fund. A maximum of £10,000 can be allocated in any one month.
- The January 2015 round closed on 5 January 2015 and the applications received were appraised on 21 January 2015, using an agreed appraisal template and decision-making form.
- Members present recommended that two projects, from Hextable ward and Farningham, Horton Kirby & South Darenth ward should receive a total of £ 3,800.

All Documents considered:

Big Community Fund applications from Hextable and Farningham, Horton Kirby & South Darenth wards

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

None

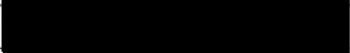
Financial implications

The Big Community Fund total stands at £ 22,174.29. With the allocations from the January 2015 round, the fund will have £ 18,374.29 remaining. A final round of the Big Community Fund in early March is planned to spend the remaining funding. 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">Both applications recommended to receive funding are for defibrillators, which will be available to everyone in community locations. The equipment has the potential to save lives in communities where such equipment has not previously been available.
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, Mrs Cook, Gaywood, Raikes, 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	23/01/2015	
Record made by:	Charlotte Sinclair	
Date of record:	23/1/15	

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