

Decision Number: 55 (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 March 03 2015

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

Seal & Weald ward £ 1,000

Dunton Green & Riverhead ward £ 1,000

Westerham & Crockham Hill ward £ 2,250 (for two applications)

Edenbridge Joint wards £ 3,000

Otford & Shoreham ward £ 500

Brasted, Chevening & Sundridge ward £ 1,500

Reason for Decision

- Cabinet, on 21 July 2011 approved a new grant scheme, entitled the Big Community Fund. Currently, £ 18,404.29 remains in the fund.
- It was agreed to have one final round of the Big Community Fund in March to spend the remaining funding. The applications received were appraised over two days. Applications from the south of the District were appraised by Members from the north of the District and applications from the north of the District were appraised by Members from the south.
- The March 2015 round closed on 20 February 2015 and 19 applications were received. Ten applications from the south of the District were appraised on 3 March 2015, using an agreed appraisal template and decision-making form. The remaining nine applications were appraised on 4 March 2015 and are the subject of a separate Portfolio Holder decision.
- Members present recommended that seven projects, two from Westerham & Crockham Hill ward and one each from Seal & Weald ward, Dunton Green & Riverhead ward, Edenbridge Joint wards, Otford & Shoreham ward and Brasted, Chevening & Sundridge ward should receive a total of £ 9,250.
- Three applications, one each from Brasted, Chevening & Sundridge ward, Kemsing ward and Westerham & Crockham Hill ward, were not recommended to receive any funding.

All Documents considered:

Big Community Fund applications from Westerham & Crockham Hill ward, Seal & Weald ward, Dunton Green & Riverhead ward, Edenbridge Joint wards, Otford & Shoreham ward, Brasted, Chevening & Sundridge ward and Kemsing ward

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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 £ 18,404.29. 19 applications totalling £ 41,842.50 have been received and all remaining funding is to be allocated. 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
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 Seal & Weald and Dunton Green & Riverhead 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.• The extension to Darent Valley Car Park in Westerham will mean that allow more people to park safely and access Westerham Town Centre.• The volunteer control point in Edenbridge will help with handling emergency situations in the community.• Otford village hall refurbishment will improve community facilities for everyone in that community.• Clearing out the Darent Relief Channel will not only improve the condition of the playing fields, it will assist with reducing the impact of flooding on the whole community.
b. Does the decision being made or recommended through this paper have the potential to promote equality of opportunity?	Yes	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none">The outdoor gym equipment in Westerham will improve health and wellbeing as it will be available for the whole community.
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, 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:	Leader of the Council	
Signed by Portfolio Holder	[Redacted]	
Date of Decision	6/3/15	
Record made by:	George Lewis	
Date of record:	9 March 2015	

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