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Decision Number: 6(2017118)

Portfolio Holder Executive Decision Statement

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

Subject: Capital Grant Schemes (Disability Access Grant)

Details of Decision taken:

One application to the Capital Grant Scheme (Disability Access Grant) to receive funding

Reason for Decision

- The Scheme was set up to make funding available to Parish Councils, voluntary or community organisations offering services to the general public to make improvements to public buildings with regular public access. Eligible projects should demonstrate real benefit to the community, be feasible and achievable in the financial year applied for, complement any relevant District-wide strategy, improve access to the community and conform to planning and building control regulations.
- One application, from Citizens Advice North & West Kent, for improvements to facilitate disabled access to a new Swanley office at 38 Swanley Centre, BR8 7TL, was appraised by officers and was recommended for funding.
- One application, from Citizens Advice North & West Kent, was recommended to receive £10,000.

All Documents considered:

- Application Form from Citizens Advice North & West Kent (Appendix A)

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

- In assessing the application form from Citizens Advice North & West Kent, the scheme guidelines were met and there were no reasons for refusal.

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Financial implications

The grant is funded from monies set aside specifically to assist with improvements to village halls and other public buildings. The fund balance stands at £ 61,000 and after this grant has been paid out will be £ 51,000.

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)

- Members are reminded of the requirement, under the Public Sector Equality Duty (section 149 of the Equality Act 2010) to have due regard to (i) eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Equality Act 2010, (ii) advance equality of opportunity between people from different groups, and (iii) foster good relations between people from different groups. The decisions recommended through this paper directly impact on end users. The impact has been analysed and does not vary between groups of people. The results of this analysis are set out immediately below.
- The grant to Citizens Advice North & West Kent will enable improvements to 38 Swanley Centre to ensure the advice service is available to all residents.

Local Member (s), other Portfolio Holders and/or Directors/Heads of Service Consulted

None

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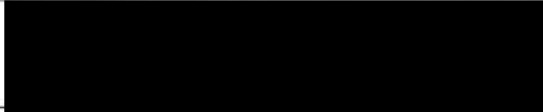

Details of any conflicts of interest

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	20/6/17
Record made by:	
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