

Decision Number: 52 (2013/14)

Portfolio Holder Executive Decision Statement

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

Subject: Big Community Fund Appraisal April 2014

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

Brasted, Chevening & Sundridge ward £3,000

Halstead, Knockholt & Badgers Mount ward (2 applications) £ 800

Reason for Decision

- Cabinet, on 21 July 2011 approved a new grant scheme, entitled the Big Community Fund. Currently, £ 41,155.37 remains in the fund. A maximum of £10,000 can be allocated in any one month.
- The April 2014 round closed on 7 April 2014 and the applications received were appraised on 16 April 2014, using an agreed appraisal template and decision-making form.
- Members present recommended that three projects, from Brasted, Chevening & Sundridge ward and Halstead, Knockholt & Badgers Mount ward should receive a total of £ 3,800.
- Another application, from Peshurst, Fordcombe & Chiddingstone ward, was deferred pending receipt of further information.

All Documents considered:

Big Community Fund applications from Brasted, Chevening & Sundridge ward and Halstead, Knockholt & Badgers Mount ward.

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 £41,155.37. With the allocations from the April 2014 round, the fund will have £37,355.37 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.

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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">• Refurbishing Chipstead Playground will widen the age range of children that are able to use the new facilities.• The provision of a defibrillator in a public location in Halstead will be available for anyone requiring this life saving equipment.• The Halstead/Knockholt WW1 commemoration events will involve everyone in the two communities, regardless of age, sex etc.
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, Mrs George, Raikes, Searles and Miss Thornton

Details of any conflicts of interest

a) declared by any executive member who is consulted by the Decision Taker

None

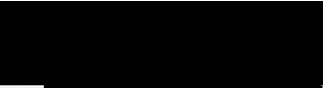
b) and any details of dispensations granted by the Chief Executive in respect of any declared conflict

None

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Decision taken by:	Portfolio Holder for Economic & Community Development
Signed by Portfolio Holder	
Date of Decision	22 April 2014
Record made by:	George Lewis
Date of record:	25 April 2014

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