

Decision Number: 04 (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 June 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 £ 1,875

Penshurst, Fordcombe & Chiddingstone ward £ 2,500

Reason for Decision

- Cabinet, on 21 July 2011 approved a new grant scheme, entitled the Big Community Fund. Currently, £ 37,980.37 remains in the fund. A maximum of £10,000 can be allocated in any one month.
- The June 2014 round closed on 2 June 2014 and the applications received were appraised on 18 June 2014, using an agreed appraisal template and decision-making form.
- Members present recommended that two projects, from Brasted, Chevening & Sundridge ward and Penshurst, Fordcombe & Chiddingstone ward should receive a total of £ 4,375.
- An application, from Sevenoaks Northern ward, was not recommended to receive any funding.
- Another application, from Otford & Shoreham ward, was deferred to a later meeting, pending receipt of further information.

All Documents considered:

Big Community Fund applications from Brasted, Chevening & Sundridge ward, Penshurst, Fordcombe & Chiddingstone ward and Sevenoaks Northern 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 £ 37,355.37. With the allocations from the April 2014 round, the fund will have £ 32,980.37 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.

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) | | |
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| 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">• Tarmacing paths at Brasted children's playground will ensure that the facility is accessible to all.• Alterations to Chiddingstone Village Hall will improve access for all. |
| 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, McGarvey, Mrs Morris, 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 June 2014 | |
| Record made by: | George Lewis | |
| Date of record: | 25 June 2014 | |

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