

CABINET - 8TH MARCH 2012

BIG COMMUNITY FUND – ALLOCATION OF FUNDING FOR CROCKENHILL & WELL HILL WARD IN JANUARY BIDDING ROUND

Report of the: Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Community and Planning Services

Status: For Decision

This report supports the Strong, Active and Involved Communities priority in the Community Plan.

Portfolio Holder Cllr. Mrs Pat Bosley

Head of Service Head of Community Development - Lesley Bowles

Recommendation: It be RESOLVED that:

- a) an application for £3,000 to the Big Community Fund from the Crockenhill and Well Hill Ward, submitted by the Village Hall Management Committee following the death of Cllr Colin Dubsdal, be approved.

Background

- 1 It was resolved by Cabinet on 21 July 2011 that funding be allocated to a new grant scheme entitled the Big Community Fund.
- 2 The Big Community Fund was set up to provide a source of funding to enable Members to work with their local communities to improve the area.
- 3 A panel of Members was invited and trained to make recommendations to the Portfolio Holder for Community Wellbeing about the allocation of grants.

Introduction

- 4 This application was supported by Cllr Colin Dibsall in its preparation stages but was not ready to be submitted before his death. The application has been referred to Cabinet for decision as it was not possible for the application to be dealt with in the usual manner as it could not be signed by the Ward Member. The application has been fully appraised by a Members Appraisal Panel who recommended that the full £3,000 be granted. The application is included at Appendix A.
- 5 Members of the Appraisal Panel asked that the Village Hall Management Committee should use the project to commemorate Cllr Dibsall.

Key Implications

Financial

6 There are no financial implications to this report.

Non financial Resources

7. The work connected with the Big Community Fund administration and monitoring is being undertaken through existing resources.

Community Impact and Outcomes

8 The Scheme's aims ensure that each grant will positively address local needs, ensuring a good impact on the community.

Legal, Human Rights etc.

10 The scheme is in accordance with the Council's overall Grant-Making Code of Practice.

Sustainability Checklist

11 A sustainability checklist was completed for the Cabinet report of 21 July 2011.

12 Risk Assessment Statement

RISK	MITIGATION
That the project is unable to proceed for unforeseen reasons	The grant will be paid on receipt of an invoice for the work that has been countersigned by the delivery organisation to confirm that the work has been satisfactorily completed.

Sources of Information:

Big Community Fund Guidelines and Application Form
Sevenoaks District Council Code of Practice for grant-making

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