

Decision Number: 17 (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 August 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 £ 1,350
Otford & Shoreham ward £ 2,750

Reason for Decision

- Cabinet, on 21 July 2011 approved a new grant scheme, entitled the Big Community Fund. Currently, £ 33,002.12 remains in the fund. A maximum of £10,000 can be allocated in any one month.
- The August 2014 round closed on 4 August 2014 and the applications received were appraised on 20 August 2014, using an agreed appraisal template and decision-making form.
- Members present recommended that two projects, from Brasted, Chevening & Sundridge ward and Otford & Shoreham ward should receive a total of £ 4,100.
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All Documents considered:

Big Community Fund applications from Brasted, Chevening & Sundridge ward and Otford & Shoreham 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 £ 29,342.12. With the allocations from the August 2014 round, the fund will have £ 25,242.12 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.

Equality Impacts (Consideration of impacts under the Public Sector Equality Duty)

Question	Answer	Explanation / Evidence
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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">Secure storage for football equipment on Sundridge Recreation Ground will enable the continued development of junior football in the ward.The works to Otford Heritage Centre will assist people with access needs and encourage younger people to use the centre.
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, Gaywood, Ms George, Mrs Morris, Mrs Purves, Raikes and Miss Stack		
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	28.08.14.	
Record made by:	George Lewis	
Date of record:	2 September 2014	

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