

Report of the Bradford South Area Co-ordinator to the meeting of the Bradford South Area Committee to be held on Thursday 13th December 2012

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Subject:

2012/13 Community Chest Grants

Summary statement:

This report details the Community Chest Grants awarded from applications received prior to the 31st August 2012 deadline for the benefit of communities within Bradford South.

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1. SUMMARY

This report details the Community Chest Grants awarded from applications received prior to the 31st August 2012 deadline for the benefit of communities within Bradford South.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Community Chest Budget exists to support and enable a wide range of community based projects and activities to be developed to benefit communities across Bradford South.
- 2.2 Applications which meet the criteria outlined in Appendix I are considered from groups, organisations and individuals contributing across a broad spectrum of initiatives, to the wellbeing and development of communities within Bradford South.
- 2.3 A Ward Officer, within the Bradford South Area Co-ordinator's Office, assesses the received applications and prepares Officer Recommendations.
- 2.4 The applications from each Ward are sent to the individual Ward Councillors with a request for comments, which then inform the decision making process.
- 2.5 The Area Co-ordinator, under delegated powers, is responsible for making decisions on the received applications. These decisions are made following guidance received from the Grants Advisory Group, whose membership is the Chair, Deputy Chair and Opposition Spokesperson of the Area Committee.
- 2.6 Decisions are currently made four times a year, following the closing dates of 31st May, 31st August, 31st October and 28th/29th February.
- 2.7 It is also possible, when decisions need to be taken outside the formal process, that the Area Co-ordinator can decide on an application having consulted individually the Members of the Grants Advisory Group.

3. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION

- 3.1 This report will be considered by an Overview and Scrutiny Committee should the item be called in.

4. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- 4.1 The wide range of projects is outlined in Appendix 2 were awarded grants to a value of £1,050. This has enabled projects costing £2,560 to proceed which will benefit communities across Bradford South.

5. OPTIONS

5.1 That the report be noted.

5.2 There is only one option as the purpose of the report is to inform on the allocation of Community Chest Grants.

6. FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE APPRAISAL

5.1 Financial

Whilst the grants allocated at the Grants Advisory Group meeting held on 27th September 2012 was £1,050 (see Appendix 2), this has enabled projects and activities costing £2,560 to take place.

5.2 Staffing

Support is provided from within the Area Co-ordinator's Office by Marie Copley, Ward Officer, from within existing resources.

7. RISK MANAGEMENT

There are no significant risks arising from the proposed recommendations in this report.

8. LEGAL APPRAISAL

There is no legal requirement for the Council to provide small grants for the benefit of local communities.

9. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

9.1 AREA COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN IMPLICATIONS

Community Chest grants are awarded to projects and activities that support priorities within the Bradford South Area Committee Action Plan 2011-14.

9.2 EQUAL RIGHTS

In awarding Community Chest Grants, special consideration is given to particular disadvantaged groups including the elderly, people with disabilities, youth, ethnic minorities and people who are unemployed. In addition, special consideration is given to particular areas i.e. inner city areas and Social housing estates.

9.3 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

Community Chest Grants enable local initiatives to be supported, thus encouraging groups and individuals to undertake activities that improve the social, economic and environmental well being of their communities.

9.4 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IMPACT

Greenhouse gas emissions and wider environmental impacts will be a consideration in assessing applications.

9.5 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

A number of the projects supported are either directly or indirectly concerned with improving community safety within local communities.

9.6 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

There are no direct Human Rights implications arising from the recommendations below.

9.7 TRADE UNION

There are no implications for Trade Unions.

9.8 WARD IMPLICATIONS

Community Chest grants are awarded to projects and activities that support communities within the Great Horton, Queensbury, Royds, Tong, Wibsey and Wyke Wards.

10. NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS

None.

11. RECOMMENDATIONS

11.1 That the wide range of applications from groups, organisations and individuals across Bradford South are noted and welcomed.

11.2 That the Bradford South Area Co-ordinator's Office continue to ensure the effective allocation of the Community Chest budget by providing appropriate advice and support to applicants.

12. APPENDICES

APPENDIX 1	Current Criteria for applications
APPENDIX 2	Summary of Grants awarded August 31st 2012 Deadline

13. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

None.

APPENDIX 1

CRITERIA FOR APPLICATIONS

1. Applications will only be considered from groups/organisations that either operate in, or benefit people who live in, the Bradford South Constituency area, or individuals living in the Constituency who are engaged in exceptional sporting, artistic or voluntary work endeavours.
2. Applications will be considered to assist community-based leisure/cultural activities that will be of benefit to the community, and where the activity could not go ahead without financial assistance.
3. Special consideration will be given to particular target groups including the elderly, disabled, youth, ethnic minorities, unemployed and to particular communities (eg inner city areas, Council estates, etc) and to new starts and innovatory schemes.
4. Bids from new groups or previously unfunded groups will be positively encouraged.
5. Grants may be used to complement other sources of funding (eg: Sports Council). Bradford South Area Co-ordinator's Office expects organisations to make every effort to be self-supporting and will favour grants where other funding/fundraising has been secured.
6. The maximum allocation from the Community Chest would not normally exceed £500 for any individual project. Projects that cross boundaries can be considered by a number of Area Co-ordinator's Offices, but the total grant will not normally exceed £500.
7. Projects should not contravene Council Policy Guidelines in areas of Equality of Opportunity (ie, no discrimination of membership on grounds of sex, race, religion, occupation or opinion).
8. The organisation should be a non-profit making voluntary organisation where membership is open (ie no discrimination of membership on grounds of sex, race, religion, occupation or opinion).
9. Grants will normally be, under broad and flexible guidelines, on a one-off basis to cover capital or revenue expenditure.
10. Grants cannot be awarded for events/purchases that have taken place before the application deadline dates, ie retrospective payments.
11. No group that has applied for and received funding in consecutive years should automatically assume that funding will continue. Each application will be treated on its merits.
12. Groups/organisations should normally expect only one grant per financial year.
13. Community Chest cannot be used to fund religious or political activities, or capital expenditure exclusively connected with such activities.
14. Community Chest is not normally used to enable fundraising for a secondary body, unless within the terms of a loss guarantee.
15. Groups/organisations must ensure that all statutory (and/or legal) Health and Safety requirements are complied with and, where appropriate, advice must be obtained and followed.

APPENDIX 2

SUMMARY OF GRANTS AWARDED – AUGUST 31st 2012 DEADLINE

WARD	ORGANISATION NAME	PURPOSE OF GRANT	TOTAL COST OF PROJECT	AMOUNT OF AWARD
Tong	Bradford Beekeepers Association	To assist with purchase of hives	£500	£400
Wibsey	Harbourne Resource Centre	To assist with purchase of equipment	£400	£300
Wyke	The Outer Turning Circle Woodturning Club	To assist with purchase of equipment	£750	£250
All six	Homestart	To assist with Christmas event for disadvantaged families	£910	£100
TOTAL			£ 2,560	£1,050