

Report of the Director Place to the meeting of the Bradford West Area Committee to be held on 29 March 2017

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Subject:

Community Chest 2016/2017

Summary statement:

This report details the Community Chest Grants awarded from applications received from **1st October 2016 – 31st March 2017** for the benefit of communities within Bradford West.

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1. SUMMARY

1.1 This report details the Community Chest Grants awarded from applications received from **1st October 2016 – 31st March 2017** for the benefit of communities within Bradford West.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 The Community Chest budget is intended to assist community, leisure and cultural activities which are of benefit to the community, and where the activity could not go ahead without some financial assistance.

2.2 Applications which meet the published criteria are considered from groups, organisations and individuals contributing across a broad spectrum of initiatives, to the well being and development of communities within Bradford West.

2.3 The Senior Administrative Officer, within the Bradford West Area Co-ordinator's Office, assesses the applications and prepares an Officer recommendation in consultation with the Area Co-ordinator.

2.4 The Area Co-ordinator, under delegated powers, is responsible for making decisions on the applications. These decisions are made following guidelines received from the Grants Advisory Group. The Grants Advisory Group is made up of the Chair, Vice Chair and two members of the Labour Group who all serve on the Area Committee.

2.5 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 with the Chair of the Grants Advisory Group and the Area Co-ordinator.

2.6 The Community Chest budget available for Bradford West Area in the current financial year is £11,500.

2.7 During the third and fourth round of Community Chest, 29 applications requested a total of £6,893.55.

2.8 The summary of Community Chest Grants awarded during the third and fourth quarter round is attached as **Appendix A**.

3. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

3.1 The maximum amount available to community/voluntary groups from the Community Chest Grant is £350.

3.2 With regards to the Community Chest grant allocation for 2016/2017, it is important to highlight both the take-up and very high demand on the fund.

3.3 Because of the very high demand on the limited Community Chest budget, it has been a practice of the Bradford West Grants Advisory Group to make a contribution towards the total cost of the activity and to very rarely approve the full amount requested.

3.4 Community groups, voluntary organisations and individuals applying for grants are given support from the Bradford West Area Co-ordinator's Office and encouraged to raise funds from other sources.

4. OPTIONS

4.1 That the members note the report.

4.2 There is only one option as the purpose of the report is to inform members about the allocation of Community Chest Grants that were allocated in partnership with the Area Committee for the benefit of communities within Bradford West.

5. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL

5.1 The total number of applications funded in this period was 23 towards activities and projects for the communities in Bradford West (**Appendix A**).

5.2 The balance available to use in the third and fourth quarters was £7,455.00.

6. RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES

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

7. LEGAL APPRAISAL

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

8. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

The information within this report contributes to the priorities within the Bradford West Ward Plans, specifically the priorities relating to Strong & Cohesive Communities, Health & Wellbeing and Environment Improvements.

8.1 EQUALITY & DIVERSITY

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.

8.2 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

Groups are encouraged to engage in additional fundraising activities and are made more aware of opportunities for future development and sustainability.

8.3 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IMPACTS

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

8.4 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

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

8.5 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

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

8.6 TRADE UNION

There are no implications for Trade Unions.

8.7 WARD IMPLICATIONS

Community Chest grants are awarded to projects / activities that support communities within the City, Clayton & Fairweather Green, Heaton, Manningham, Thornton & Allerton and Toller Wards.

8.8 AREA COMMITTEE WARD PLAN IMPLICATIONS (for reports to Area Committees only)

Community Chest grants are awarded to projects and activities that address priorities in the Bradford West Area Committee Ward Plans 2016-2017.

9. NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS

9.1 None.

10. RECOMMENDATIONS

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

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

11. APPENDICES

11.1 Appendix A: Summary of Community Chest Grants Awarded in quarter 3 and 4 of 2016/17.

Community Chest Grant
October – December 2016
Quarter 3

<u>Ward</u>	<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Thornton & Allerton	Kidz Klub Allerton	termly trip for 8 junior leaders in recognition of their commitment and hard work	£250.00
Clayton & FWG	Clayton Gospel Hall	contribution towards an intruder alarm installation	£350.00
Heaton	Heaton Seated Aerobics Class	contribution towards rent at Heaton Village Hall for the weekly exercise class	£350.00
Clayton & FWG	Lower Grange Community Association	purchasing new toys/materials/resources to support the voluntary led Lower Grange Parent and Toddler Group	£324.47
Toller	Bradford Literary Society	a local community poetry event	£350.00
Total Round 3 Allocation			£1,624.47
Balance B/F			£7,455.00
Remaining Balance			£5,830.53

Community Chest Grant
January – March 2017
Quarter 4

<u>Ward</u>	<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Heaton	Bradford Disability Sport and Leisure	two athletes attending the National Special Olympics in August 2017 in Sheffield	£350.00
Thornton & Allerton	46th Bradford North Explorer Unit & DOE Award & Training Centre (Scout Association)	formation of a "library" of expensive equipment to enable young people to participate in Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme	£326.28
Heaton	Parish Church of St Martin	a community Shrove Tuesday event in the grounds of St Martin's Church, Heaton	£250.00
Heaton	Upper Heaton Working Together	Big Lunch relaunch of the Upper Heaton Working Together group	£350.00
Heaton	Bradford Salem Rugby Club	kit and equipment for under 6 and under 12 players	£292.80
City	Friends of Horton Park	activities and outdoor marquee for family fun day/Eid celebration and fundraiser	£350.00
Thornton & Allerton	Thornton Community Partnership	bird food and feeders for the 'Thornton Goes Wild' project	£350.00
City	Phoenix Juniors FC	purchase of new equipment to encourage players up to 18 and create a new girls' team and open age women's team	£350.00

City	BD5 Faith Forum (Bradford Trident)	refreshments/equipment for the 'Clean Up BD5 event and project'	£200.00
City	Alpha United Juniors Football Club	indoor court fees	£350.00
City	Bradford Disability Football Club	end of season presentation evening	£350.00
Toller	Bradford Men in Early Years Network	enabling 12 local men to attend North of England men in early years conference at the Media Museum	£300.00
Toller/CFWG/T&A	Allerton Community Enterprise	funding to enable the Community Café to continue	£350.00
Manningham/City/T&A	Help for the homeless project	providing hot food/drinks, clothes and essentials to the homeless in Bradford	£350.00
City	Great Horton Junior Sports Club	hall equipment, awards etc. for cricket and football tournament	£250.00
Toller	3C Yorkshire Limited	community cohesion event to celebrate 70th Pakistan Day bringing together diverse communities	£350.00
District Wide	Sewa Day	purchase of projector/speakers for blood donor awareness campaign presentation within the Indian community	£100.00
District Wide	New Leaders Network	a thank you and reflection event for volunteers	£50.00
Total Round 4 Allocation			£5269.08
Balance B/F			£5,830.53
Remaining Balance			£561.45