

Report of the Bradford East Area Co-ordinator to the meeting of Bradford East Area Committee on Tuesday 5 July 2022

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Subject:

Community Chest Budget allocation 2021 / 2022 and Community Chest Grants funding 2022 / 2023

Summary statement:

This report outlines the allocation of the Community Chest Budget for the financial year 2021 / 2021 and asks Members to consider the make-up of the Grants Advisory Group in the Bradford East Area for 2022 / 2023.

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**Overview and Scrutiny Committee:
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1. Summary

- 1.1 This report outlines the allocation of the Community Chest Budget for the financial year 2021 / 2022 and asks Members to consider the make-up of the Grants Advisory Group in the Bradford East Area for 2022 / 2023.

2. Background

- 2.1 The Community Chest Budget assists and enables a wide range of community initiatives to be developed to benefit communities in the Bradford East Area.
- 2.2 The Community Chest Budget allocated to the Bradford East Area Coordinator's Office for 2021 / 2022 was £11,500.
- 2.3 Applications that meet the published criteria are considered from community groups and organisations and sometimes from individuals living and benefiting the Bradford East Area.
- 2.4 The Area Co-ordinator, or designated officer, is responsible for making the decisions on the Community Chest applications received. These decisions are made in consultation with the Grants Advisory Group whose membership is made up of three Elected Members, reflecting the political make up of the Bradford East Area Committee. In previous years the Chair and Deputy Chair and the Opposition Spokesperson have made up the Grants Advisory Group.
- 2.5 Interest in and the demand on the Community Chest Fund continues to be extremely high. Over the years, the Community Chest Fund has been well used by local community and voluntary organisations and individuals. Numerous activities and events have been supported which otherwise may have been difficult to run.

3. Other considerations

- 3.1 During the financial year 2021 / 2022, 30 applications for Community Chest Grants were awarded to community groups, a breakdown of which is shown in appendix A.
- 3.2 In reviewing the Community Chest grant allocation for 2021 / 2022, it is important to note the high demand on the fund available to Bradford East Area Co-ordinator's Office. Owing to the high demand on the limited Community Chest fund it has been a practice of the Bradford East Area Co-ordinator, or designated officer, in consultation with the Grants Advisory Group, to make a contribution towards the total cost of the activity and to only occasionally approve the full amount requested.

4. Options

- 4.1 That Members note the report.

5. Financial and resource appraisal

5.1 Financial

- 5.1.1 In 2021 / 2022 the Community Chest funding allocated was £11,500.

- 5.1.2 The 2022 / 2023 Community Chest Fund is £11,500. The Fund is frequently match funded by contributions from other Council Departments, external funders and fundraising by the local community groups applying.

5.2 Staffing

- 5.2.1 Officer support is provided from the Area Co-ordinator's Office from within existing resources.

6. Legal appraisal

- 6.1 There are no legal implications.

7. Other implications

7.1 Equal Rights

- 7.1.1 Community Chest Grants enable local organisations to provide activities and services in response to identified local needs. Support for a range of disadvantaged groups figure in the award of the grant e.g. women, young people, older people, minority ethnic communities and those with disabilities or special needs.

7.2 Sustainability implications

- 7.2.1 Local community groups and individuals are encouraged to fundraise and apply for funding from other sources, including charitable organisations. This experience builds up confidence and empowers local residents.

7.3 Community safety implications

- 7.3.1 There are no Community Safety implications arising from this report.

7.4 Human Rights Act

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

7.5 Trade Union

- 7.5.1 There are no Trade Union Implications arising from this report.

8. Not for publication documents

- 8.1 There is no restriction on the publication of this report.

9. Recommendations

- 9.1 That the allocation of Community Chest Grants to local groups in the Bradford East Constituency for the financial year 2021 / 2022 be noted.
- 9.2 That a 2022 / 2023 Grants Advisory Group made up of the Chair, Deputy Chair and Opposition Spokesperson be established.
- 9.3 That the Area Coordinator be asked to submit a report on the allocation of Community Chest Budget to local groups in Bradford East at the end of financial year 2022 / 2023.

10. Appendices

10.1 Appendix A: Breakdown of Community Chest applications in 2021 / 2022.

11. Background documents

11.1 None.

Appendix A: Breakdown of Community Chest applications in 2021 / 2022

Ward	Project	Award £
LH	<u>WEST BOWLING ACTIVITY GROUP</u> For summer sports equipment for adults and children. WBAG will encourage residents to be more active which is really important following lockdown. The grant will be spent on tennis rackets and balls, badminton rackets and shuttlecocks and footballs.	477.80
B & B	<u>BOWLING ALLOTMENTS AND GARDEN SOCIETY</u> To improve and expand the water block and water supply. The grant will be spent on a urinal, materials and guttering. Difference to be paid from fund raising and subscriptions	340.00
ECC	<u>ECCLESHILL VILLAGE STEERING GROUP</u> For a family picnic in an open space. Residents will sit in family groups and there will be activities for kids and stalls. The grant will be spent on insurance and gazebo hire.	246.00
BFD MOOR	<u>KARMAND COMMUNITY CENTRE</u> Activities and stall post covid with the aim of relaxation and supporting the mental well-being of residents. The grant will be spent on stall, circus, music equipment and a generator.	400.00
BFD MOOR	<u>FRIENDS OF BRADFORD MOOR PARK</u> The Group conduct activities and clean ups but have nowhere to store equipment. Parks have helped secure a secure storage unit and the group are applying for planning permission to place this in the park. The grant will be spent on the planning application fee and the removal of the container to the park.	500.00
CITY WARD aimed at LH residents	<u>GIRLINGTON CRICKET CLUB</u> The club are holding a Fun Day for families and under 15s to engage in a day of activities. The grant is for field and equipment hire, refreshments, sports accessories and medals. The club and their local base is in City Ward however they wish to attract residents from the Little Horton area.	479.49
B & B	<u>NEIGHBOURHOOD RESOURCE CENTRE</u> Towards a cricket tournament aimed at bringing communities together. The grant will be spent on cricket equipment, food and trophies. Club can pay the difference in cost.	500.00
ECC	<u>BLOOMIN BUDS THEATRE COMPANY</u> For a performance focussing on climate change. The grant will be used for costumes, materials and resources, printing and volunteer expenses.	400.00
B & B	<u>ROUBAIX CYCLING</u> For making cycling accessible to all with a mobile bike surgery offering free bicycle repairs and affordable safe bikes for sale. The grant would be spent on tools, repair equipment, bikes to sell, paint and parts.	500.00
B & U	<u>ST ANDREWS METHODIST CHURCH</u> Towards a memorial garden for those who lost their lives to covid. The grant would go towards the benches, beds, pathways, memorial	500.00

		plaque and bulbs. £4170 has been donated towards this.	
BFD MOOR		<u>BRADFORD4BETTER CIC</u> For plants and compost to work with local residents adopting street planters improving the look of the area.	494.05
B & U B & B BFD MOOR		<u>HAPPY HEALTHY YOU</u> To take a group of mainly BAME ladies to the Yorkshire Dales and including a long walk. This is for mental health as well as general health benefits.	250.00
BFD MOOR		<u>BRADFORD MOOR PASS FOR ACTION 4BD3</u> For a day of action/clean up at Attock Park.	300.00
	B & U	<u>CARERS RESOURCE</u> Group have secured allotment plot to grow food, have meetings/fun and help reduce isolation. The grant is towards a path, metal shed, tools and volunteer training. The shortfall will be met through another grant and the remaining shortfall the group will pay.	350.00
	B & B	<u>EAST BOWLING PENSIONERS CLUB</u> Requests a contribution towards the annual rent at Leicester Street Club where they meet. The group will pay the difference.	400.00
	I & T	<u>BELDON SPORTS</u> Request help with pitch rental, county affiliation fees and insurance costs to enable them to continue.	250.00
	B & U	<u>UNDERCLIFFE CEMETERY CHARITY</u> Towards a storage container for volunteer's maintenance equipment, hire of machinery and the planning application. The group to pay the difference in cost themselves.	366.00
	B & B	<u>HINDU CULTURAL SOCIETY OF BRADFORD</u> Towards a Deepawali and Christmas Party with music and dance. The grant will go towards decorations, gifts and a healthy Asian meal.	255.00
	I & T	<u>WELLBEING & WHOLENESS COUNSELLING AGENCY</u> Towards a website (£225) and signage (£2600) in order to reach as many people as possible from the local council estate and surrounding areas. The group will pay the difference in cost through.	225.00
	I & T	<u>FRIENDS OF GREENGATES CENOTAPH</u> £120 for a Christmas tree, £350 for the Christmas lights and £30 for gifts IF the Carol Service goes ahead.	120.00
	ECC	<u>ECCLESHILL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY</u> Towards a greenhouse/concrete and electrics. Fundraising will make up the difference in the cost.	305.00
	I & T	<u>THACKLEY CRICKET CLUB</u> For the supply and delivery of the Christmas Tree for the Idle Christmas Light switch on.	250.00
	BFD MOOR	<u>BRADFORD EAST SPORTS ASSOCIATION</u> For a community event to encourage sports. The grant will be spent on sporting equipment, cleaning material, hygiene and covid	300.00

	resources plus refreshments.	
ECC	<u>ECCLESHILL VILLAGE STEERING GROUP</u> For the Christmas light switch on. £300 for the road closure and £180 for the Xmas Tree – paid invoice received.	300.00
B & U	<u>SENSEI SHEIKH SHITO RYU KARATE & KICK BOXING ACADEMY</u> Says £500 room hire and £611.52 for the mats. Sport for exercise, keeping youths off the streets and to gain confidence in themselves is the objective.	495.87
I & T	<u>IDLE BOWLING CLUB</u> Towards building a new shelter; painting and adjustment of the metal bars. They have £1500 from Wrose Community Association towards this and intend using club funds, sponsors, fund raising etc for the difference.	495.90
LH	<u>LIGHT OF THE WORLD COMMUNITY CENTRE</u> Towards providing weekly hot meals and food packs.	495.90
I & T	<u>THE MEMORY TREE CIC</u> A support group for people with dementia and their carer's. Requests a grant for running costs and the shortfall.	495.90
B & B, BFD MOOR	<u>SEYMOUR SPORTS CLUB</u> Towards cricket activities and cricket equipment; cricket sets and balls.	461.84
B & B, BFD MOOR	<u>ROSHNI WOMENS GROUP</u> Towards weekly social cohesion activities for older women.	495.90