

Report of the Director of Place to the meeting of Bradford West Area Committee to be held on 22nd March 2023

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Subject:

COMMUNITY CHEST 1 APRIL 2022 TO 31 MARCH 2023

Summary statement:

This report details the Community Chest Grants awarded from applications received from 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023 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 April 2022 to 31st March 2023 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 the Bradford West Constituency.
- 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 in consultation with the Grants Advisory Group. The Grants Advisory Group is traditionally made up of the Chair, Vice Chair and two members of the Labour Group who all serve on the Area Committee. In Bradford West in 2022/23 the Grants Advisory Group was the Chair and two Members.
- 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.
- 2.6 The Community Chest budget available for Bradford West Area in the current financial year is £15,500.
- 2.7 Between 1st April 2022 and 31st March 2023 18 Community Chest applications were awarded a total of £9,334.18
- 2.8 The balance of £6,165.82 from Community Chest was allocated towards environmental resources for the Bradford West area, to support initiatives such as 'The Big Bradford Clean' and smaller community projects, as agreed with the Grant Advisory Group.
- 2.9 The summary of Community Chest Grants awarded during 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023, is attached as Appendix A.

3. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1 The maximum amount available to community/voluntary groups from the Community Chest Grant is £500.
- 3.2 With regards to the Community Chest grant allocation for 2022/2023, 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.
- 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.
- 3.5 The Grants Advisory Group at its meeting on 7 February 2023 agreed that organisations requesting Community Chest grant funding must return their completed Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) within a 3 month period from the date it was posted. Failure to do so will make the organisation ineligible for the funding and they will have to reapply.

4. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL

- 4.1 The total number of applications funded in this period was 18 towards activities and projects for the communities in Bradford West (Appendix A).
- 4.2 The Community Chest budget for Bradford West for the financial year April 2022 to March 2023 was £15,500.00.

5. RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES

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

6. LEGAL APPRAISAL

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

7. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

7.1 EQUALITY & DIVERSITY

- 7.1.1 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.

7.2 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

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

7.3 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IMPACTS

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

7.4 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

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

7.5 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

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

7.6 TRADE UNION

7.6.1 There are no implications for Trade Unions.

7.7 WARD IMPLICATIONS

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

7.8 WARD PLAN IMPLICATIONS

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

8. NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS

None

9. OPTIONS

9.1 That members note the report informing providing information about the allocation of Community Chest Grants that were allocated in partnership with the Area Committee for the benefit of communities within Bradford West.

10. RECOMMENDATIONS

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

10.2 That the Bradford West Area Co-ordinator's Office continues 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 from 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023.

12. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

None.

Appendix A		<u>Community Chest Grant</u>	
		<u>April - June 2022</u>	
		<u>Quarter 1</u>	
<u>Ward</u>	<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Amount</u>
City	Mercy Afghan Bradford	Funding for start-up equipment and IT	£936.52
Heaton	Frizinghall Community Group	High viz jackets, sports equipment, swimming sessions, hall hire	£500.00
Mannngham	Cultural Heritage Trust	Consultations and design sessions for local people about erecting an international mother languages monument in Lupton Street play area.	£500.00
Manningham, Thornton & Allerton	Lister Community Action Group	Coach hire for a trip to the beach for elderly, single parents/families living in the community	£500.00
Thornton & Allerton	Café West	Coach fees for football sessions	£500.00
Total Q1 allocated			£2,936.52
		<u>Community Chest Grant</u>	
		<u>July - September 2022</u>	
		<u>Quarter 2</u>	
<u>Ward</u>	<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Heaton, Manningham, Toller, City	Bradford South Asian Heritage Forum	Minibus/taxi hire for community attendance at Bradford South Asian Festival 12-14/08/22	£500.00
Manningham	Hollings Youth Association	Coach hire for a day out at Alton Towers (Theme Park) 16/08/22	£500.00
Clayton & FWG	61st Clayton Parish Scout Group	Group camp at Bradley Woods 30/9/22-2/10/22	£500.00
Total Quarter 2 Allocation			£1,500.00

Appendix A		<u>Community Chest Grant</u>	
		<u>October - December 2022</u>	
		<u>Quarter 3</u>	
<u>Ward</u>	<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Thornton and Allerton	Café West	Community Halloween Party 29 October 2022	£500.00
Manningham	TVR United	Participation in fortnightly over 35's veteran football league	£500.00
Thornton and Allerton	Bradford Community Cinemas	Community Christmas event - screening "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" 10 December 2022, South Square Arts Centre	£345.00
Manningham	Equality Together	Purchase of equipment to offer hot food/filter coffee at coffee mornings within the Manningham Mills Wellbeing Hub	£500.00
City	Moto Walking Wayfarers Group	Equipment for organised walk and overnight camping	£500.00
Total Quarter 3 Allocation			£2,345.00

Appendix A	<u>Community Chest Grant</u>
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January - March 2023

Quarter 4

<u>Ward</u>	<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Amount</u>
City	Great Horton Junior Sports Club	Advertisement/sports clothing and renewal of sports club equipment	£500.00
City	Bradford Central FC	Football pitch hire costs and payment for league registration	£500.00
City	Libyan Women and Families	Libyan International Day 18 March 2023	£500.00
Toller	Bradford Stronger Together	Allotment Project	£552.66
Thornton and Allerton	Thornton Community Centre	Purchase of 5 more chairs for seated exercise classes	£500.00
Ward Wide		To purchase environmental resources for use across the Bradford West area	£6,165.82
Total Quarter 4 Allocation			£8,718.48