

Report of the Interim Assistant Director, Neighbourhood and Customer Services to the meeting of Bradford West Area Committee to be held on 21 October 2015

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Subject:

Community Chest 2015/2016

Summary statement:

This report details the Community Chest Grants awarded from applications received from **1st April 2015 – 30th September 2015** 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 2015 – 30th September 2015** 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 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 a member of the Bradford Independent 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 first and second quarter rounds of Community Chest, 34 applications requested a total of £17,910.09.

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

3. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

3.1 At their first meeting, the Grants Advisory Group agreed to reduce the maximum amount of Community Chest Grant made available from £500 to £350.

3.2 With regards to the Community Chest grant allocation for 2015/2016, 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 were 29 towards activities and projects for the communities in Bradford West (**Appendix A**)

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 2015-2016.

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 1 and 2 of 2015/16

APPENDIX A**Community Chest Grant
April – September 2015**

| <u>Ward</u> | <u>Organisation</u> | <u>Details</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|-----------------------------|---|---|----------------------|
| Heaton | Heaton Aerobics. | Tutor for weekly exercise class for elderly people and 10th anniversary celebration on 15 June 2015 | £350 |
| All Wards | Bradford Autism Support. | To provide activities for parent support groups e.g. pamper sessions, activities, arts and crafts trips, workshops etc | £100 |
| Clayton & Fairweather Green | Clayton Community Association. | Exterior painting of 2 sides of Grade II listed village hall, exterior fire exit door and cellar door | £250 |
| Heaton | Upper Heaton Working Together Group. | Premises, banner, rides etc. for a Fun Day for the local community on Saturday 6 June 2015 | £250 |
| Thornton & Allerton | 46th Bradford North Explorer Unit & DOE Award & Training Centre (Scout Association. | Formation of a "library" of essential equipment to enable young people who are not able to afford it to participate in Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme | £250 |
| City | Bradford Deaf Community Association. | Chest freezer to store donated food to make produce to be offered freely to struggling local people, along with a hanging basket/planter day at the end of June | £250 |
| Manningham | Bangladeshi Play Scheme: summer play scheme targeting. | To run a play summer play scheme for approx 70 children and young people aged 8 to 16 years in the local Manningham community between 3 - 13 August 2015 | £250 |
| Toller | Girlington Community Association. | Coach hire for 70 residents to visit Pleasure Island on Saturday 25 July 2015 | £250 |

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| Manningham | Bradford Refugee Week. | Football tournament as part of Bradford Refugee Week on 20 June for young and old to learn about refugees and asylum seekers | £250 |
| Clayton & Fairweather Green | Fairweather Green Neighbourhood Group. | To purchase daffodils and work in partnership with Bradford Council, enhancing environment so people have pride in local community. Includes litter picking with local school children. July 2015 | £350 |
| City | BEACON | Contribution towards 10th Anniversary celebrations - 26 September 2015 | £250 |
| City | Bradford Disability Football Club. | Family fun day summer BBQ for members and families to be held on 2 August 2015 | £200 |
| All Wards | Bradford Hate Crime Alliance. | Community survey (July-December 2015) seeking views from muslim/non-muslim communities. Data will provide insight into community concerns for strategic deliverers. | £200 |
| Thornton & Allerton/City | Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh. | Venue hire for Universal Friendship Event by HSS (Women's Voluntary Group). Programme will address issues affecting women, with speakers, yoga, and music - creating positive community cohesion. Event to be held on 12 September | £350 |
| City | Bradford Central FC. | Purchase of equipment and running costs to develop a junior football team | £250 |
| Manningham | Manningham Youth Action Group. | Young people visit to London including House of Commons, meeting with West MP overnight stay and sight seeing. Experiences to be shared in a celebration night planned for a future date | £250 |
| Heaton | Heaton Gala: | Community cohesion event to be held on 13 June 2015 incorporating food, music, crafts | £350 |
| Manningham | Midland Road Nursery School. | Electroluminescent wire project for Lister's | £250 |

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| | | Lantern / story telling event celebrating the launch of Lister Park Children's Centre Cluster, incorporating 4 workshops - Between July and September 2015 | |
| City | Great Horton Junior Sports Club: | hire of sports hall for multi-sports club for children/young people between 6-16 years running every Sunday at the Khidmat Centre | £250 |
| Manningham | The Sharakat Project. | 'Lister Park Yarn Bomb' project. Request for materials and workshops. Covering Lister Park in knitting, crochet and pom poms - Saturday 15 August, contributing towards social cohesion | £251.10 |
| Heaton | Frizinghall Community Centre. | coach trip to Skegness for a group of elderly Frizinghall residents | £350 |
| First Round awards | | | <u>£5501.10</u> |
| Clayton & Fairweather Green | Clayton Estate Community Action Group | To produce a "Community What's On Guide" for the Clayton community plus a new outside sign and community display board for the Friendship Community Centre | £250 |
| Manningham | St Paul's Elderly Community Association. | venue hire/refreshments etc for monthly health awareness/activities | £350 |
| Manningham | Bradford Synagogue: Rabbi and organist fees/catering for Festival of Lights service. | Rabbi and organist fees/catering for Festival of Lights service | £350 |
| Clayton & Fairweather Green | Lower Grange Community Association. | 12 week Skills for Life programme developed through golf and sport. Providing physical, personal and academic skills through sport including numeracy, Literacy and ICT. Leads to | £350 |

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| | | AQA accredited qualification in PE and Sport. | |
| Manningham | Bradford Association for Zimbabweans: | Family fun day for Zimbabwean community, promoting good citizenship through development and cohesion. | £250 |
| Thornton & Allerton | Creative Flare Yorkshire. | Purchase of materials and fabrics for free taster sessions in 3 local schools and a community centre in sewing, recycling and up cycling | £350 |
| Manningham | Bangladeshi Youth Organisation | Sports hall hire to deliver sports sessions for 50 young people from Manningham every Saturday to prevent ASB. Commencing 25 September 2015 | £250 |
| Heaton | CHACH Cricket Club. | Contributions towards equipment and running costs for cricket club. | £250 |
| Second Round Awards | | | <u>£2,400</u> |
| Total round 1 and 2 allocation. | | | <u>£7,901.10</u> |
| Under spend returned by 2 organisations. | | | <u>£230.66</u> |
| Balance | | | <u>£3829.56</u> |