

# **Report of the Assistant Director Neighbourhood and Customer Services to the meeting of Bradford West Area Committee to be held on 24 February 2016**

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## **Subject:**

**Community Chest 2015/2016**

## **Summary statement:**

This report details the Community Chest Grants awarded from applications received from **1<sup>st</sup> October 2015 – 31<sup>st</sup> December 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 **1<sup>st</sup> October 2015 – 31<sup>st</sup> December 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 third round of Community Chest, 24 applications requested a total of £8,142.94.

2.8 The summary of Community Chest Grants awarded during the third 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.

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## **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 16 towards activities and projects for the communities in Bradford West (**Appendix A**).

5.2 The balance available to use in the third quarter, as reported at the Bradford West Area Committee meeting held on 21 October 2015 was £3,829.56.

## **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.

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## **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 3 of 2015/16

**Community Chest Grant  
October - December 2015**

<b>Ward</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Amount</b>
City	<b>Shearbridge Residents' Association</b>	Hire of Grange Interlink for 10 week football training sessions for youths/young adults from the local area	£250.00
Manningham	<b>Manningham Healthy Living Initiative</b>	Equipment for a series of physical activities to improve health and well being	£250.00
All Wards	<b>Shree Krishna Community Centre</b>	Massage and art/craft sessions for older people	£188.00
Thornton & Allerton	<b>Thornton Community Partnership</b>	'Thornton Goes Wild'. Purchase of stock for nesting and feeding opportunities for birds encouraging the public to watch and learn	£250.00
City	<b>University of Bradford Union of Students</b>	Contribution towards the purchase/maintenance of wheelchairs for wheelchair rugby league sessions	£100.00
Manningham	<b>UK Butterfly Child In Need LTD</b>	Polish celebration of Santa Claus Day on 5 December 2015 at Shapla Community Hall including venue hire; arts/crafts; musical performance; gifts etc.	£200.00
Manningham	<b>WISE Women's Group</b>	Assistance with room hire for the weekly volunteer-led self-help group at the Milan Centre (Thursdays 10.30am - 1.00pm)	£200.00
City	<b>EXCEED</b>	Contribution towards the entertainment for a planned City Ward Awards Event - 23 March 2016 at Rio Grande	£300.00
Heaton	<b>Frizinghall Community Association</b>	'Activity Group' project offering physical activities every Monday for 12 weeks	£225.00
Manningham	<b>The Sharakat Project</b>	The purchase of two laptops for sessions around health, employability, CVs, Universal Credit, job search etc to engage the Eastern European community	£200.00
Manningham	<b>3E Academy</b>	Trip to Go Karting at York Motor Sport village and Laserquest in Rochdale for residents involved in the community clean up	£225.00
District-wide	<b>Bradford Asian Radio</b>	Contribution towards catering, venue, speaker fees for open evening with famous Pakistani poet Wasi Shah for all communities throughout the District	£100.00

City	<b>Bradford Deaf Community Association</b>	Materials and equipment for Christmas Tree Festival/cake baking for isolated people between 25 November to 5 December	£250.00
Toller	<b>Gotyasize Fighting Fit</b>	Tutor, refreshments, publicity, room hire for a community event for involvement in a healthier lifestyle - 16 November 2015	£250.00
Toller	<b>Mr Fix It DIY CC</b>	Cost of cricket ground fees, balls, league registration	£250.00
Manningham	<b>White Abbey Road FC</b>	Football kit/equipment for 'White Abbey Sports Engagement Project' football league involving NEET/disadvantaged young people 16-25 years	£250.00
<b>Total Round 3 Allocation</b>			<b>£3,488.00</b>
ALL WARDS	Dog fouling posters for all wards		£341.56
Total			£3,829.56
Balance B/F			£3,829.56
<b>Remaining Balance</b>			<b>£0.00</b>