

EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD SHEET

Name of Portfolio Holder: Councillor Neil Harden
Portfolio: Portfolio Holder for Residents and Corporate Services
Date of Background Report: 18 November 2015 (date of notification of Portfolio Holder Decision):

Community Grant application

Recommendations made and reasons:

To award a grant of £10,000 from Community Partnerships assessed approved by the community grant panel

In the summer round 2015 a community grant application was made from Tring Together which achieved approval from the grants panel.

Tring Together has requested grant of £10,000 to support their project which has an overall value of £54,700

£5000 of the grant will be used to market the Nora Grace hall (which Tring Together have taken over the running of from The Red Cross) and organising an efficient booking process.

Tring Together also work with community groups and the other £5000 will be used to bring the groups together for mutual benefit, e.g. free networking meetings, organising training sessions.

The application was assessed by through the Community Grant Scheme which is specifically set up to support Community, Voluntary, Arts and Sporting groups that benefit the residents of Dacorum. There are three rounds of Community Grant funding per financial year. Charities are invited to apply for funding and the applications are assessed by a panel of officers, who will be looking at whether the project supports the Councils objectives and how it supports the following key themes:

- Improving health and wellbeing
- Helping to look after the interests of vulnerable and deprived people and communities
- Encouraging people from all backgrounds to get involved in their community and promote a sense of belonging
- Developing social enterprise and a sustainable voluntary sector
- Ensuring that Dacorum is an excellent place to live, work and visit.

Agree recommendation []
Request further information []

Financial Implications:

The money will be taken from the community grant budget which has sufficient funds to cover the costs.

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Reports considered:

Tring Together Grant Application Form

Officers / Councillors / Ward Councillors / Stakeholders Consulted:

Grants Panel

Monitoring Officer/S151 Officer Comments:

Monitoring Officer: No comments to add to the report.

Deputy Section 151 Officer: The grant being awarded can be contained within approved budgets.

Implications:

Risk: there are no specific risks identified that relate to the allocation of funding as described in this report

Value for Money: the community grants criteria looks to gain additional value from supporting community projects with a small amount of resource which yields maximum community benefit. It therefore provides good value for money. Many of the projects and activities are also directed towards external funding sources.

Options Considered and reasons for rejection:

Not to award the grant as detailed - This has been rejected because the application meets the Council's scoring criteria.

Portfolio Holders Signature:

Date:

Details of any interests declared and any dispensations given by the Standards Committee:**For Member Support Officer use only**

Date Decision Record Sheet received from portfolio holder: 18/11/2015

Date Decision Published: 18/12/2015 Decision No: PH-027-15

Date of Expiry of Call-In Period: 29/12/2015

Date any Call-In received or decision implemented: