

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services

Corporate and Efficient Governance Committee – 27 October 2010

Subject: Grant Applications

1. Purpose

- 1.1** The purpose of this report is to provide Committee with an update on grants to voluntary organisations from the Trust Fund and Dumbarton Common Good budgets.

2. Background

- 2.1** Community Chest grants are administered by the West Dunbartonshire Community Volunteer Service (CVS) and are reported to Committee at the year end.
- 2.2** The Council continues to administer grants for Strategic Partner identification, Community Councils, Dumbarton Common Good and Trust Funds and the Elderly Welfare Christmas payout.
- 2.3** The Dumbarton Common Good budget was approved at Committee on 24 March 2010, with grant funding agreed for a number of organisations at that time.

3. Main Issues

Dumbarton Common Good Fund

- 3.1** An application for funding has been received for the Common Good Fund. Details are shown in Appendix A, and Members should note officer's recommendation of £6,500.

Community Council Applications

- 3.2** An application for funding has been received from a Community Council requesting £400. Details are shown in Appendix A, and Members should note officer's recommendation of £400.

Vale of Leven Trust Fund

- 3.3** An application for funding has been received for the Vale of Leven Trust fund. Details are shown in Appendix A, and Members should note officer's recommendation of £nil.

4. People Implications

- 4.1** There are no people implications.

5. Financial Implications

- 5.1** The approval of the recommendation of Common Good grant funding would affect the current probable outturn reported by £6,500.
- 5.2** The approval of the community council grants are within the budget available.
- 5.3** The Vale of Leven Trust Fund balance currently lies at approximately £9,000 with annual interest of £89. To pay out any more than the interest element of a Trust Fund depletes the capital element.

6. Risk Analysis

- 6.1** The Council must consider financial and reputational risks when considering grant applications. The financial risk is not only that the Council and Common Good Fund remain within budget, but also that the voluntary organisation is in a long term viable position. Organisations funded by the Council and the Common Good Fund must also comply with conditions of grant which cover issues such as discrimination, health and safety, insurance, etc.

7. Equalities Impact

- 7.1** No significant issues were identified in a screening for potential equality impact of this report

8. Conclusions and Recommendations

- 8.1** Grants shown in Appendix A are being recommended following officer's assessment of financial need and favourable impact to residents within the Council area. The Committee is asked to:-

- agree the recommendation for Dumbarton Common Good Fund application of £6,500.
- agree the recommendation for Community Council application of £400.
- agree the recommendation for Vale of Leven Trust Fund application of £nil.

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Appendix Appendix A: Detail of applications for assessment

Background Papers: Grant applications

Wards Affected: All