

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services

Corporate & Efficient Governance Committee – 21 September 2011

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 organisations identified as Strategic Partners, Community Councils, Dumbarton Common Good and Trust Funds and the Elderly Welfare Christmas payout.
- 2.3** The Dumbarton Common Good budget 2011/12 was approved at Committee on 23 February 2011, with grant funding agreed for a number of organisations at that time.

3. Main Issues

Community Council Applications

- 3.1** Two applications have been received for funding. Details of officer recommendations (totalling £7,125) are shown in Appendix A.
- 3.2** The amount of grant due for administration is based upon the lower of the amount requested or the formula set by the Scottish Government. The amount due for property costs is based upon historic spend and assessed need.

4. People Implications

- 4.1** There are no people implications.

5. Financial Implications

5.1 The amount recommended to be paid to the Community Councils totals £7,125.

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, Health & Human Rights Impact Assessment (EIA)

7.1 No issues were identified in a screening for potential equality impact of this report.

8. Strategic Assessment

8.1 The Council has identified four main strategic priorities for 2011/2012, namely Social & Economic Regeneration; Financial Strategy; Asset Management Strategy; and Fit for Purpose Services.

8.2 The award of these grants has an indirect impact on regeneration as it ensures the public, through community councils, make representation to the council on behalf of the community.

9. Conclusions and Recommendations

9.1 The grants shown in Appendix A are recommended for approval following officer's assessment of financial need and favourable impact to residents within the Council area. The Committee is asked to approved the grants for community councils (totalling £7,125)

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Appendix Appendix A: Detail of applications for assessment

Background Papers: Grant applications
Wards Affected: Wards 2 and 3