

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by the Interim Executive Director of Corporate Services Corporate & Efficient Governance Committee – 18 January 2012

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 Older people's grant 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. Amount due is based upon the lower amount requested or the formula set by the Scottish Government. Details are shown in Appendix A and Members should note £2,028 is due to be paid.

4. People Implications

- 4.1 There are no people implications.

5. Financial Implications

- 5.1 The amount due to be paid from the Community Council Budget totals £2,028. This will be contained within the appropriate budget.

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 Assessment

- 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 due, following officer's assessment of financial need and favourable impact to residents within the Council area. The Committee is asked to:-

(a) note the grants due to be awarded for Community Councils (totalling £2,028)

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Appendix Appendix A: Detail of applications for assessment

Background Papers: Grant applications

Wards Affected: Wards 1 and 3