

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services

Corporate and Efficient Governance Committee – 27 January 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 Dumbarton Common Good, Community Council budgets.

2. Background

- 2.1 The Corporate and Efficient Governance Committee on 26 March 2008 agreed the new grants administration procedures implemented during 2008/09.
- 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.

3. Main Issues

Trust Fund grant applications

- 3.1 A request for funding has been received totalling £4,100. Details are shown in Appendix A, and Members should note officer's recommendation of £nil.

Dumbarton Common Good Fund

- 3.2 One request for funding has been received totalling £10,000. Details are shown in Appendix A, and Members should note officer's recommendation of £10,000.

Community Council Applications

- 3.3 Three requests for funding from Community Councils have been received totalling £6,713.75. Details are shown in Appendix A, and Members should note officer's recommendation of £5,323.75.

4. Personnel Issues

- 4.1 There are no personnel issues.

5. Financial Implications

- 5.1** Assuming approval of grants recommended, the Dumbarton Common Good budgeted spend would increase by a further £10,000 in 2009/10.
- 5.2** Assuming approval of grants recommended, the Community Council budgeted spend would increase by a further £5,323.75 in 2009/10. The current budget is sufficient to pay this.

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. Conclusions and Officers' Recommendations

- 7.1** Grants shown in Appendix A are being recommended following officer's assessment of financial need and favourable impact to residents within the Council area.
- 7.2** The Committee is invited to agree the recommendations for:
- (a) Trust Fund grant applications £nil
 - (b) Dumbarton Common Good Fund £10,000
 - (c) Community Council Applications £5,323.75

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Appendix Appendix A: Detail of applications for assessment

Background Papers: Grant applications

Wards Affected: All