

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services

Corporate and Efficient Governance Committee – 24 June 2009

Subject: Grants Update

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.
- 1.2 The report also provides an update of the local grants budget administered by the Community and Volunteering Service (CVS) during 2009/10.

2. Background

- 2.1 The Corporate and Efficient Governance Committee on 26 March 2008 agreed the new grants administration procedures implemented during 2008/09. The Council agreed that the CVS would administer the Community Chest grants budget, with an update reported to the Committee on a regular basis.
- 2.2 The CVS has been allocated a voluntary group grants budget of £105,560 and a play scheme grants budget of £5,000 for allocation during 2009/10.
- 2.3 The Council continue to administer grants for Community Councils, Dumbarton Common Good and Trust Funds and the Elderly Welfare Christmas Payout.

3. Main Issues

Community Council Applications 2009/2010

- 3.1 Three requests for funding have been received with regards to Community Councils which are shown in Appendix A. Members should note officer's recommendation totalling £13,292.

Local Grants Assessed applications by the CVS 2009/10

- 3.2 To date, the CVS has received 19 applications for the first round of the grants budget allocation, which will be considered on 16 June 2009.

4. Personnel Issues

4.1 There are no personnel issues.

5. Financial Implications

5.1 The general grants budget remaining for the year 2009/10 is £105,560 and £5,000 for play scheme grants, there has been no grants approved during 2009/10 to date.

5.2 There are three outstanding Community Council grants, recommendations totalling £13,292. If approved, the remaining budget in 2009/10 for Community Councils would be £3,776.77.

6. Risk Analysis

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

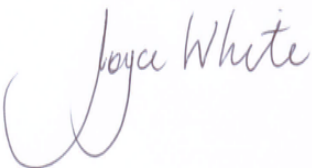
7. Conclusions and Officers' Recommendations

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) Community Councils (2009/2010)- £13,292

7.3 The Committee is invited to note that to date 19 applications have been received by the CVS and are due considered on 16 June 2009.



Joyce White
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Wards Affected: All

Appendix Appendix A: Detailed breakdown of Grants

Background Papers: Grant applications

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