

# **WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL**

## **Report by the Interim Executive Director of Corporate Services**

**Corporate & Efficient Governance Committee: 21 March 2012**

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### **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 for 2012/13 has still to be approved and is subject of a separate report.

#### **3. Main Issues**

##### Community Council Applications

- 3.1** Three applications have been received for funding. The 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 £4,656.84 is recommended to be paid.

##### **3.2** Dumbarton Common Good Fund

Two applications have been received for funding. Details are shown in Appendix A and Members should note £9,250.00 is recommended to be paid.

In terms of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, Dumbarton Common Good monies can only be legally used for purposes which benefit Dumbarton or its inhabitants. Information provided with the grant application forms suggests that Dumbarton and its residents do receive benefit from this project.

#### **4. People Implications**

- 4.1** There are no people implications.

## **5. Financial Implications**

- 5.1** The amount recommended to be paid from the Community Council Budget totals £4,656.84. This will be contained within the appropriate budget.
- 5.2** The amount recommended to be paid from the Dumbarton Common Good Fund Budget totals £9,250.00. 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 equalities impact assessment was required in relation to 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 the Community Council grants has an indirect impact on regeneration as they assist the public, through Community Councils, in making representation to the Council on behalf of the community.

## **9. Conclusions and Recommendations**

- 9.1** The grants shown in Appendix A are recommended to be paid, following officer's assessment of financial need and favourable impact to residents within the Council area. The Committee is therefore asked to:
  - (a) agree the grants recommended to be awarded for Community Councils (totaling £4,656.84)
  - (b) agree the grants recommended to be awarded for the Dumbarton Common Good Fund (totaling £9,250)

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**Appendix:** Appendix A: Detail of applications for assessment

**Background Papers:** Grant applications

**Wards Affected:** All wards