

WELWYN HATFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL
GRANTS BOARD – 19 OCTOBER 2016
REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR (FINANCE & OPERATIONS)

COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATIONS - 19 OCTOBER 2016

1 Executive Summary

- 1.1 Eight applications from voluntary groups have been received for Annual Community Grants (Appendix A).

2 Recommendation(s)

- 2.1 Members of the Grants Board are asked to consider the Annual Community Grant applications (Appendix A) and allocate the funding in accordance with the Council's priorities and criteria.

3 Explanation

- 3.1 Members of the Grants Board are asked to decide how the provisional grants budget of £198,270 will be allocated between the Annual Grants and Small Community Grants for 2017/18.
- 3.2 There is a proposed growth item in the budget for 2017/18 for an additional £4,000 to fund Small Community Grants to bring the total Small Community Grants budget to £24,000 of the total allocation. There has also been a proposal as part of the budget setting work for 2017/18 that £75,000 be ring fenced as a Grant to the Citizens Advice Bureau.
- 3.3 This is subject to formal approval by Cabinet and Full Council in January and February 2016 respectively. Should there be any changes to the 2017/18 budgets on Community Grants, the Grants Committee will review the decisions taken on the awards in the March 2017 Committee.
- 3.4 This leaves a remaining budget of £99,270 to be allocation for Annual Community Grants.

4 Financial Implication(s)

- 4.1 Of the 2017/18 budget is £198,270 for Annual and Small community grants, once removing the ring fenced £75,000 for Citizens Advice Bureau and the £24,000 for the Small Grant Budget this will leave an available budget of £99,270.
- 4.2 Annual Community Grant applications total £176,151 exceeding budget for Annual Community grants by £76,881.

5 Link to Corporate Priorities

5.1 Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council Grants Board looks to support projects which help achieve Council's Corporate Priorities. Applications for community grants need to contribute to at least one of the following:

- 1. Maintain a safe and healthy community:
- 2. Protect and enhance the environment:
- 3. Meet the borough's housing needs:
- 4. Help build a strong local economy:
- 5. Engage with our communities and provide value for money:

6 Legal Implication(s)

6.1 There are none arising from this report.

7 Climate Change Implication(s)

7.1 There are none arising from this report.

8 Risk Management Implications

8.1 There are none arising from this report.

9 Explanation

9.1 Please see Appendix A for the summary of Annual Community Grant applications and project details.

10 Equality and Diversity

10.1 I confirm that an Equality Impact Assessment has been carried out of the Council's Community Grant policy. In addition, all applications submit a Diversity monitoring form along with stating in their applications that they are committed to equal opportunities and have an equalities policy in place.

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Appendices	
A	Application Annual Community Grants

Background papers:
Annual Community Grant Applications