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WELWYN HATFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL GRANTS BOARD – 08 MARCH 2017 REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (RESOURCES, ENVIRONMENT AND CULTURAL SERVICES

GRANT APPLICATIONS – 08 MARCH 2017

1 Executive Summary

- 1.1 Nine applications have been received for Small Community Grants (Appendix A).
- 1.2 Small community grant awards are limited to £2,000 per application (September 2011 meeting decision).

2 Recommendation(s)

2.1 Members of the panel to agree which applications for small community grants meet the Council's priorities and criteria, and how much grant funding they should each receive.

3 Financial Implication(s)

3.1 The 2016/17 budget for Small Community Grants is £20,025. At the first meeting in June the Grants Board awarded £8,000. At the second meeting £3,850 was awarded meaning that there is a remaining budget of £8,175 for the 2016/17 financial year. The nine applications received amount to £16,276 which is £8,101 more than is available.

4 Link to Corporate Priorities

- 4.1 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:

5 Legal Implication(s)

5.1 There are none arising from this report.

6 Climate Change Implication(s)

6.1 There are none arising from this report.

7 Risk Management Implications

7.1 There are none arising from this report.

8 Explanation

8.1 Please see Appendix A for summary of new Community Grant applications and project details.

9 Equality and Diversity

9.1 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

Community grants applications March 2017

Background papers: Community Grant Applications