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Name of decision maker: Matt Rawdon

Service Area: People

Title of Decision:

To approve Community Grants for the Summer 2015 round

Decision made and reasons:

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To make grants to the following organisations for the summer 2015 round of bidding:

1. Caring Dads - Hertfordshire Association for the Care and resettlement of Offenders (HACRO) To run a 17 week 'caring dads' course for 16 offenders - £4500
2. Astley Cooper Arts Appreciation project (Upstairs Gallery) The project is to provide training by professional artists to the students and teachers of Astley Cooper School in Grove hill Hemel Hempstead - £2000
3. Tring Together £10,000 (£5,000 towards, running the Nora Grace Hall). They have taken over this hall from the Red Cross to ensure it remains a community asset. The money will be used to market the hall and organise an efficient booking process. Another £5,000 for working with Community Groups. The money will be used to bring the groups together for mutual benefit, e.g. free networking meetings, organising training sessions.)
4. Coach Development (Berkhamsted Bowmen) - To train two coaches (the club currently only has two qualified coaches and requires two new level one coaches to meet the demand for coaching its members.) - £340
5. Dacorum Indian Society - To offer older people social and cultural events and activities; To encourage the younger members to appreciate their language and cultural heritage; Arrange events and activities for all members and the wider community - £2000
6. Christmas Day Meals (Salvation Army) - To provide Christmas Day lunches and teas to members of the community who are isolated, homeless, or unable to provide for themselves - £1500
7. Heather Club - Project is to train volunteers with chair exercises and craft activities so they can carry out these activities with the members. And for new equipment e.g. jigsaw puzzles. - £1250

The Community Grant Scheme is specifically set up to support Community, Voluntary, Arts and Sporting groups that benefit the residents of Dacorum. There are three rounds of Community Grant funding per financial year. Charities are invited to apply for funding and the applications are assessed by a panel of officers, who will be looking at whether the project supports the Councils objectives and how it supports the following key themes:

- Improving health and wellbeing
- Helping to look after the interests of vulnerable and deprived people and

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communities

- Encouraging people from all backgrounds to get involved in their community and promote a sense of belonging
- Developing social enterprise and a sustainable voluntary sector
- Ensuring that Dacorum is an excellent place to live, work and visit.

Reports considered:

n/a

Officers/Councillors/Ward Councillors/Stakeholders Consulted:

Officers on the grants panel present:

Eli Tweed, Community Partnerships Officer

Claire Lynch, Community Partnerships Team Leader

Neil Braysher, Assistant Accountant, Finance

Jackie Doyle, Senior Accountant, Finance

Rebecca Oblein, Team Leader, Strategic Planning and Regeneration

Julie Still Group Manager (Resident Services) Neighbourhood Action

Marion Rawdon, Assistant PA to the Chief Executive

Kim Gioiosa, Administration Manager, Chief Executives Unit

Financial Comments:

Two financial officers were present at the grants panel meeting and gave their detailed comments to each application as it was discussed. These are written on the grants portal for staff. The finance officers also approved the applications.

Deputy Monitoring Officer Comments:

No comments to add to the report

Deputy S151 Officers Comments:

These commitments can be contained within existing budgets.

Implications:

Value for Money: The community grants helps voluntary and community organisations with projects that benefit the local community. Each application considered is scrutinised by Finance and other officers to ensure value for money.

Financial: The community grant pot is protected for allocating to community and voluntary organisations and the budget is allocated for 2015/2016 financial year

Risk: If we did not fund these community projects through the community grant scheme, they may not be able to go ahead.

Officer Signature:

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Date – 29 October 2015