

REPORT TO:	HOUSING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM: 9
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SUBJECT:	COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS SCHEME	REF:
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	ALL	TERMS OF REFERENCE:

1.0 Recommendations

- 1.1 That the Committee accepts the recommendation of the Community Partnership Scheme Assessment Panel to award £3,621, the remaining balance of grant monies allocated for 2018/19 as detailed in section 4.8 of this report.

2.0 Purpose of Report

- 2.1 To inform the Committee of the applications received by the Council requesting grant support through the Community Partnership Scheme (CPS).
- 2.2 To seek approval to award a grant in line with the recommendation of the Committee's appointed Assessment Panel established to consider such applications.

3.0 Executive Summary

- 3.1 The CPS is continuing to operate according to processes and procedures as previously agreed and reported to the Committee.
- 3.2 In total, two new capital grant applications were received in respect of the remaining £3,621. The panel had previously identified that the remaining grant funds should be allocated towards a project to support the installation of additional play equipment or similar.
- 3.3 Both Projects submitted applications for the remaining amount of £3,621.
- 3.4 The Panel were asked to assess the applications and make a recommendation regarding how the remaining funds should be allocated.
- 3.5 The two applications received were as follows:
- Barrow upon Trent Parish Council: An application to support the installation of play equipment targeting younger children on a piece of land close to the primary school.

- Melbourne Parish Council: An application to provide play equipment targeted at 7-11 year olds at Lothian Gardens in Melbourne.

4.0 Detail

- 4.1 The CPS offers capital grants of up to £25,000 to support projects brought forward from the voluntary and community sector. A sum of £250,000 has been allocated to the Scheme to enable grants to be made in support of applications received during 2018/19.
- 4.2 To date grants with a total of £246,397 have been awarded. A balance of £3,621 remains to be allocated. The panel tasked the Community Partnership Officer with supporting an additional project to come forward for the remaining £3,621.
- 4.3 The Assessment Panel with support from the Community Partnership Officer has reviewed the two applications.
- 4.4 Submitted applications were assessed against set criteria and recommendations about grant distribution were identified to forward to the Housing and Community Services Committee.

Applications

- 4.5 The following applications were received and considered for capital funding:

Barrow upon Trent Parish Council. Project Value £7,660, Grant applied for £3,621

The application is to fund equipment to develop a site for the small children to use. It can be walked to from any part of the village and is situated directly behind the primary school. The groups specifically targeted by this are the children who are under 8. Families and friends will also benefit from this as it will improve the park for the younger children to play especially at school drop-off and collection times as the parents with small children like to congregate there.

It has been highlighted by South Derbyshire District Council in its 2018 Play Audit condition survey 2018 as an area that requires improvement.

All matched funding is in place.

Melbourne Parish Council. Project Value £19,834, Grant applied for £3,621

The application is for funds to be used to support the purchase of a major piece of play equipment for the Lothian Gardens. The previous piece of equipment that attracted the older child aged 7-11 to this designated play area was removed as it was no longer safe.

The need is supported by local consultation and would address People and Place indicators within the Council's Corporate Plan.

All matched funding is in place.

Assessment Panel

- 4.6 The CPS Assessment Panel reviewed the applications against the questions and criteria previously agreed. The criteria included links with corporate priorities, security of external funding, sustainability, value of other contributions, value for money, community involvement, risk and commitment to equal opportunities.
- 4.7 Prior to making a recommendation, the Assessment Panel considered the Scheme's current budget position regarding capital monies. The Scheme has a remaining allocation of £3,621.

Assessment Panel Recommendations

- 4.8 The Assessment Panel's recommendation for distribution of grant is as follows:

Barrow upon Trent Parish Council - £3,621.

The project submitted by Melbourne Parish Council met funding criteria; however in the current round of Community Partnership Scheme funding, grants had already been allocated to four separate projects within Melbourne whilst no applications had been received from Barrow on Trent. In the interests of equity and a wide geographical distribution of the grant monies it was felt that the scheme in Barrow should, therefore, receive the funding.

5.0 Financial Implications

- 5.1 The award of grants falls within the CPS's remaining budget allocation of £3,621.

6.0 Corporate Implications

- 6.1 The scheme contributes to priority areas in the Council's Corporate Plan, specifically People, Place, and Outcomes through delivering inward investment, leisure and cultural activity and focus on the community as customers.
- 6.2 The project that is recommended for support will also address outcomes that contribute to the Sustainable Community Strategy themes of Children and Young People, Healthier Communities, Safer and Stronger Communities, as well as Sustainable Development.

7.0 Community Implications

- 7.1 The scheme maximises funding available for community investment by providing both direct funding and enabling leverage from other funding sources. It also continues to offer a direct line of communication with the voluntary and community sector.
- 7.2 The impact on the community and amount of community involvement in each individual project has been assessed as part of the appraisal process.

8.0 Conclusions

8.1 The CPS continues to provide the Council with an excellent means to support a variety of community partners in improving the quality of life for local residents. It also enables community partners to lever in additional external funding to the District.