
REPORT TO:	Housing and Community Services	AGENDA ITEM: 7
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SUBJECT:	Community Partnership Scheme	REF: HCS 07
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	All	TERMS OF REFERENCE: HCS07

1.0 Recommendations

- 1.1 That the Housing and Community Services Committee reopen the Community Partnership Scheme for funding applications.

2.0 Purpose of Report

- 2.1 To highlight that there is £42,000. of capital grant monies remaining within the Community Partnership Scheme.
- 2.2 To request that the Committee confirm that this funding can now be distributed in accordance with the Scheme's guidelines and criteria, addressing Council aims and objectives.

3.0 Executive Summary

- 3.1 There are still monies awaiting allocation from the Community Partnership Scheme that would allow grants to support capital development within the voluntary sector.
- 3.2 An assessment panel of members has been appointed.

4.0 Detail

- 4.1 The Community Partnership Scheme offers capital grants of up to £25,000 to projects brought forward from the voluntary and community sector.
- 4.2 Budget was allocated to the scheme for each year from 2002/03 to 2007/08. The last grants to be made were allocated during 2008/09.
- 4.3 There is currently no annual budget, however the scheme has the potential to operate through under-spend and from situations where grants have been allocated but projects have not managed to progress and awards have been taken back into the scheme. The remaining total budget currently stands at £42,000.

- 4.4 A panel, comprising five Councillors (three from controlling group, two from opposition), with advice from the Culture and Community Manager and the Community Partnerships Officer, assess projects against set criteria and then make recommendations about grant distribution to the Housing and Community Services Committee.
- 4.5 A assessment panel of members has been appointed annually so a panel is already in existence.

5.0 Financial Implications

- 5.1 None arising directly from this report

6.0 Corporate Implications

- 6.1 The scheme contributes to a number of the Council's strategic objectives including enhancing the quality of life of all South Derbyshire Residents; safeguarding and enhancing a sustainable environment; putting residents at the centre of council decision making and creating a climate for good inward investment. In addition each individual project's impact on corporate priorities is assessed as part of the appraisal process.

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.

8.0 Conclusions

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

9.0 Background Papers

- 9.1 Scoring criteria for the CPS