
REPORT TO:	Housing and Community Services	AGENDA ITEM: 10
DATE OF MEETING:	16 October 2008	CATEGORY:
REPORT FROM:	Director of Community Services	DELEGATED OPEN
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SUBJECT:	Community Partnerships Scheme	REF:
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	All	TERMS OF REFERENCE: HCS 07

1.0 Recommendations

- 1.1 That Members consider the recommendation of the Community Partnerships Scheme Assessment Panel and award grants of:
- £2,664 to Barrow on Trent Village Hall - Grant to support the refurbishment of the hall. Work to include addition of double-glazing, installation of non-slip safety flooring in the kitchen and remodelling of the stage area to enable more flexible use of the hall.
 - £5,250 to Eureka Park Bowls Club - Grant to support the development of facilities for the bowls club. The club have secured permission to move the pavilion from Gresley Park. The grant will contribute to moving the building and improvement works at the new site.
- 1.2 That members note the progress of the Community Partnership Scheme to date.

2.0 Purpose of Report

- 2.1 To update members on applications for funding received by the Community Partnerships Scheme and seek approval for recommendations from the assessment panel in relation to the scheme.

3.0 Executive Summary

- 3.1 The Community Partnerships Scheme for 2008/09 is continuing according to the same processes and procedures as previously agreed and reported to Committee.
- 3.2 In total 3 applications were received for the first bidding round of 2008/09 asking for £22,914 against a remaining lifetime budget of £55,656.

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. The scheme has previously had an annual budget of between £50,000 and £150,000 since its reintroduction in 2002/3. However there is currently no annual budget and the scheme is operating this year through scheme or project underspend 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 £55,656. A panel comprising five Councillors, with advice from the Partnership and Development Manager and the Community Partnerships Officer, assess projects against set criteria and then make recommendations about grant distribution to the Committee.

- 4.2 The following applications were received and considered for the first round of the scheme in 2008/09:

Barrow on Trent Village Hall

The Village Hall committee is looking to secure funding to carry out a second phase of refurbishment. The first stage saw the installation of disability access toilets.

The second phase that the committee are looking to carry out will add greatly to the usability of the hall. There are three elements to the work each of which are supported, or have been asked for, by users of the hall.

1. Double-glazed windows. The current windows are constructed with metal frames. These are not thermally efficient, make the hall cold and inhospitable for users and add to the running costs of the hall.
2. Installation of non-slip safety flooring in the kitchen. The current flooring is not compatible with the area being used as a kitchen for a variety of community groups.
3. Removal and remodelling of the stage area. The hall is fairly small with no surrounding land to extend. The remodelling of the stage area will allow additional usage of the hall by local groups that are struggle with the current space limitations.

The Hall are submitting additional applications for funding to Cemex Community Fund and the LaFarge Landfill Community Fund to secure the balance of the estimated costs (£15,093).

Etwall Primary Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

The PTA of Etwall Primary has applied for funding to support the redevelopment of a teaching pool in the school grounds. This complements the development of the Leisure Centre at Etwall, as the new centre does not have a dedicated training pool.

The aim is to house the pool in a permanent brick-built structure. Once reopened it will be made available for the use of the local community as well as the primary school.

Additional funds have been secured through community fundraising (£30,000) and the Cemex Community Fund (£15,000). A further application to Derbyshire Environmental Trust for £20,000 has been submitted.

Eureka Bowls Club

The bowls club has applied for funding to support the development of a pavilion at Eureka Park. They have been offered the building that is currently sited at Maurice Lea Park. This application, together with additional funding would enable the club to move the building and refurbish it once on site at Eureka Park.

This is a family oriented club with members' ages ranging between 14 and 80. The development of the project will require a high level of voluntary support preparing the site and refurbishing the building. [Funding support](#) has already been secured.

The club has committed £3,000 of its own funds and has applied to Awards for All for £10,000.

- 4.3 The Community Partnership Scheme Assessment Panel met on 11th September 2008 to score the applications against the questions and weightings previously agreed. The weighted criteria include links with corporate priorities, security of external funding, sustainability, value of other contributions, value for money, community involvement, risk and commitment to equal opportunities.

Cllr Lane declared an interest in the applications submitted by Eureka Park Bowls Club. Having declared an interest Cllr Lane left the meeting whilst the application was discussed.

Once the weightings had been applied the final score of the projects was as follows:

Barrow on Trent Village Hall	7.00
Etwall Primary School PTA	

The panel have requested that the application be developed further prior to resubmission at a later date.

Eureka Bowls Club	5.67
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The point previously used, as a cut off in terms of making positive recommendations to committee was 4.67. The panel's recommendation was therefore to distribute grants to Barrow on Trent Village Hall and Eureka Bowls Club.

- 4.4 Prior to making a recommendation the panel considered the scheme's past performance, current budget position of £55,656 and projected receipt of applications.
- 4.5 In light of the above information and the fact that the point previously used as a cut off in terms of making positive recommendations to committee was 4.67 the panel's recommendation for distribution of grant was therefore as follows:

- £2,664 to Barrow on Trent Village Hall
- £5,250 to Eureka Bowls Club

5.0 Financial Implications

- 5.1 The award of grants falls within the Community Partnerships budget allocation.

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.
- 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 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 File: CPS – Returned applications and assessments Round 1 2008-2009