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<b>REPORT TO:</b>	<b>Housing and Community Services Committee</b>	<b>AGENDA ITEM:</b> 12
<b>DATE OF MEETING:</b>	<b>11 March 2004</b>	<b>CATEGORY:</b>
<b>REPORT FROM:</b>	<b>Head of Community Services</b>	<b>DELEGATED OPEN</b>
<b>MEMBERS' CONTACT POINT:</b>	<b>M Roseburgh</b>	<b>DOC:</b>
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>Community Partnerships Scheme</b>	<b>REF:</b>
<b>WARD(S) AFFECTED:</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>TERMS OF REFERENCE: HCS07</b>

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### **1.0 Recommendations**

- 1.1 That members consider the recommendations of the Community Partnerships Scheme Assessment Panel and award a grant of £7,000 to Netherseal Tennis Club.

### **2.0 Purpose of Report**

- 2.1 To update members on an application for funding received by the Community Partnerships Scheme and seek approval for a recommendations from the assessment panel for an award from the scheme.

### **3.0 Executive Summary**

- 3.1 The Housing and Community Services committee of February 5<sup>th</sup> requested an additional meeting of the Community Partnerships Scheme assessment panel to consider resubmitted projects from previous rounds and to review scheme processes and procedures.
- 3.2 The panel received one application from Netherseal Tennis Club, which after assessment scored high enough for the panel to recommend a grant of £7,000 subject to 2 conditions. A full review of processes and procedures was deferred to the next panel meeting due to time constraints. As previously agreed the remaining budget from 2003/04 will be carried forward into next years scheme.

### **4.0 Detail**

- 4.1 At the Housing and Community Services committee meeting on February 5<sup>th</sup> 2004 committee requested that an additional meeting of the Community Partnership Scheme assessment panel should be held within the 2003/4 financial year. The reason for this additional, non-scheduled meeting, was to offer previous unsuccessful applicants the opportunity to resubmit updated and improved applications. Further, committee requested that the panel review the processes and procedures related to the scheme.

- 4.2 All eligible applicants were contacted and offered both feedback about their original application and the opportunity to resubmit an improved application to either this or future meetings of the panel.
- 4.3 The only application received was that from Netherseal Tennis Club, requesting £9,657 to rebuild their clubhouse following an arson attack in which the original wooden clubhouse was destroyed in December 2003.
- 4.4 The total project cost of the rebuild is £59,110. To date the club have in place £9,820 of their own funds, and an insurance payout of £31,933. Further their project has been approved a grant of £7,700 by Derbyshire Environmental Trust who now need to secure the funding from a landfill operator. The club have therefore requested a grant of £9,657 which would bridge the shortfall in funding assuming a grant from a landfill operator is secured.
- 4.5 The clubs application also contained details of their membership profile, management structure, general activities, tennis development plan, building requirements, self-help, community support and risk management.
- 4.6 The Community Partnerships Scheme Assessment Panel met on Monday February 23rd and scored the application against the questions and weightings previously agreed during the relaunch of the scheme. The weighted criteria include links with corporate priorities, sustainability, value of other contributions, value for money, community involvement, risk and commitment to equal opportunities.
- 4.7 The project scored 5.19, which is above the 4.67 figure previously used by the panel as a cut off point for positive recommendations to committee. As previously reported to committee £31,203 remains from this year's budget of £150,000.
- 4.8 As a result of their assessment and the budget information the panel's recommendation was that a grant of £7,000 be made to Netherseal Tennis Club. However the panel felt the grant should be conditional, firstly, on the club implementing a child protection policy including a requirement for coaches to be checked by the Criminal Records Bureau and secondly that they should work in partnership with the District Council's sports development service particularly to develop coaching programmes for young people.
- 4.9 As previously agreed the remaining budget of £24,203 will be carried forward into next years scheme. Applicants who were eligible to resubmit to this round but did not choose to do so can resubmit to future rounds in 2004/5 if they wish.
- 4.10 When committee has agreed the allocation of resources the tennis club will be contacted and informed of the decision. They will then have 12 months in which to spend their award. If the grant is not spent within this time period then they will need to reapply unless otherwise agreed. Grant payments will be released upon receipt of invoices or independently certified completion reports. The project will also be monitored to ensure that the aims and objectives of the project have been met.
- 4.11 In addition to making a recommendation for the allocation of grant the panel were also tasked with reviewing the scheme's processes and procedures. Time constraints at the meeting prevented a formal review. However an informal assessment found no major issues and a formal review was deferred to the next panel meeting.

## **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 key aims including safeguarding and enhancing the natural and built environment, promoting the health and welfare of all sections of the community, managing resources efficiently and effectively and supporting the development of the National Forest. In addition each individual project's impact on corporate priorities has been 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 that had been lost since the demise of the former Community Partnership Scheme.

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 reintroduced 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 4 2003/04

