

COMMUNITY SAFETY AND HOUSING PORTFOLIO DECISION RECORD

24 August 2009

The meeting commenced at 8.30 a.m. in the Civic Centre, Hartlepool

Present:

The Mayor, Stuart Drummond (Community Safety and Housing Portfolio Holder)

Officers: Dave Stubbs, Director of Neighbourhood Services
Brian Neale, Crime and Disorder Co-ordinator
Fiona Riley, Regeneration Officer
Sarah Bird, Democratic Services Officer

7. Church Street Grants – Approval Arrangements (Assistant Director (Planning and Economic Development))

Type of decision

Non-key

Purpose of report

To seek endorsement of the approval arrangements for a small scale grants scheme focused on Church Street.

Issue(s) for consideration by Portfolio Holder

The Church Street grant scheme had £55,000 allocated for small scale improvements to business properties for the financial year 2009/10 from capital funds. This had been mainly aimed at small scale repairs and redecoration so as to allow the maximum number of owners to benefit.

A grant report would be submitted to the Assistant Director (Planning and Economic Development) and the Community Safety and Housing Portfolio Holder for agreement.

The Portfolio Holder asked whether there was a possibility of match funding from English Heritage and was informed that a bid had been submitted but it was expected that English Heritage would prefer to focus on the Stranton area. The Portfolio Holder asked whether this grant was likely to be fully used up and was informed that a meeting had been held with business owners and there had been a lot of interest. If there was any grant remaining, then this would be advertised to local businesses in the area.

Decision

The Portfolio Holder endorsed the suggested approval arrangements for the Church Street grant scheme.

8. Safer Hartlepool Partnership Community Cohesion Fund Proposals *(Head of Community Safety and Prevention)*

Type of decision

Non-key

Purpose of report

To consider the recommendations of the Safer Hartlepool Partnership (SHP) Community Cohesion Grants Panel in respect of applications for community cohesion funding.

Issues for consideration by Portfolio Holder

One of the Safer Hartlepool Partnership's priorities is public reassurance and community engagement. Their Reassurance and Community Engagement group had the remit to oversee initiatives fulfilling the criteria for community cohesion. £15,000 had been allocated by SHP in 2008/09 and 2009/10 to spend on projects contributing to community cohesion. A grants panel had been formed comprising of members of the Reassurance and Community Engagement group, to consider applications for this funding and make recommendations to the Portfolio Holder. Three applications were recommended for funding. These were:-

Manor West Youth Project

To fund two students currently on the Global Exchange Programme to attend summer camp at Peat Rigg along with 26 youths from the Owton area.

Total cost - £6,160

Grant Panel recommendation - £440

Dent/Derwent Area Residents Association

To fund an afternoon tea activity whereby children and parents would host afternoon tea activities for approximately 20 elderly residents.

Total cost - £308

Grant Panel recommendation - £308

Hart Gables

To fund publicity costs and workshop costs for alternative therapies, circus skills, art, drumming and Tai Chi to be held at 'The Gaymes' event in September.

Total cost – £2,500

Grant Panel recommendation - £1,000

Decision

The Portfolio Holder agreed the recommendations of the Safer Hartlepool Community Cohesion Grants Panel in respect of three applications for funding to support community cohesion related projects totalling £1,748.

The meeting concluded at 8.35 am.

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