

# **COMMUNITY SAFETY AND HOUSING PORTFOLIO DECISION RECORD**

15 January 2010

The meeting commenced at 10.00 a.m. in the Civic Centre, Hartlepool

**Present:**

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

Officers: Brian Neale, Crime and Disorder Co-ordinator  
Sarah Bird, Democratic Services Officer

## **25. Safer Hartlepool Partnership Community Cohesion Fund Proposals** – *Crime and Disorder Co-ordinator*

**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**

The Portfolio Holder considered the following proposals and recommendations for community cohesion grants:-

Owton Manor West Neighbourhood Watch and Residents Association – Russian and Polish for beginners - £797  
Middle Warren Residents Association – Open day - £300  
Funky World Community Interest Group – Launch of centre and workshops - £5,000  
St Joseph's Church Community Cultural Celebration – Multi-Cultural Event - £1,200  
The Wildlife Foundation – Food growing project - £3,045  
Enterprise Schools in North Hartlepool Partnership – Workshops to learn about culture and history of Hartlepool - £4,600  
Central Area Youth Forum – Portable ice rink - £1,000  
Owton Manor West Neighbourhood Watch and Residents Association – Spanish for beginners - £550

Headland Future Limited – Fishing and robot building projects - £1,212

These grant applications totalled £17,704.

The Portfolio Holder expressed support for intergenerational community cohesion projects. However he had reservations with using public funds to support recently established voluntary groups which had no proven sustainability. It was noted that other Local Authority grants required that groups were established for at least two years before they were eligible for grant funding. The Crime and Disorder Co-ordinator assured the Portfolio Holder that his team monitored projects that received grant aid and if projects did not achieve their aims then there was provision for claw back of the grant aid.

The Portfolio Holder was supportive of the Owton Manor West Neighbourhood Watch and Residents Association's Russian and Polish for beginners lessons but did not think that their application for funding for a Spanish for beginners class fulfilled the community cohesion criteria although he supported the idea of the Spanish for beginners lessons.

### **Decision**

The Portfolio Holder agreed to funding for:-

- Owton Manor West Neighbourhood Watch and Residents Association – Russian and Polish for beginners - £797
- Middle Warren Residents Association – Open day - £300
- St Joseph's Church Community Cultural Celebration – Multi-Cultural Event - £1,200
- Enterprise Schools in North Hartlepool Partnership – Workshops to learn about culture and history of Hartlepool - £4,600
- Central Area Youth Forum – Portable ice rink - £1,000
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The Portfolio Holder deferred pending advice from Council Officers:-

- Funky World Community Interest Group – Launch of centre and workshops - £5,000
- The Wildlife Foundation – Food growing project - £3,045

The Portfolio Holder declined support for:-

- Owton Manor West Neighbourhood Watch and Residents Association – Spanish for beginners - £550

The meeting concluded at 10.10 am.

**PETER DEVLIN**

**CHIEF SOLICITOR**

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