

# **GRANTS COMMITTEE**

## **MINUTES AND DECISION RECORD**

1 March 2010

The meeting commenced at 11.00 am in the Civic Centre, Hartlepool

### **Present:**

Councillor Robbie Payne (In the Chair)

The Mayor, Stuart Drummond and Councillor Victor Tumilty

Officers: John Mennear, Assistant Director, Community Services  
Susan Rybak, Community Resources Manager  
Pat Wormald, Senior Clerical Officer  
Peter Gouldsbro, Community Safety Officer  
Sarah Bird, Democratic Services Officer

Others: Chair and Treasurer of Hartlepool Community Studio

### **22. Apologies for Absence**

None.

### **23. Declarations of interest by members**

None.

### **24. Confirmation of the minutes of the meeting held on 13 January 2010**

Agreed.

### **25. Community Safety Capital Grants Allocations** (Community Safety Officer)

#### **Type of Decision**

Non key

#### **Purpose of Report**

To advise Members of applications to the Community Safety Capital Fund

and seek consideration/approval for recommended grant awards

### **Issues for Consideration**

The revised sum available for allocation in 2009/2010 was £107,295. Grants totalling £93,025 had been awarded during the currently year leaving £14,270 available.

An application had been received from Hartlepool Business Security Fund. The Business Security Grant scheme had been running for a number of years and had been successful in assisting small businesses vulnerable to crime, to secure their premises. Manufacturing businesses would be able to apply for up to 50% of the cost of security installation to a maximum of £2,500 and other businesses up to 75% of the cost of security installation to a maximum of £2,500. It was anticipated that the grant application together with matched funding including business contribution would enable security needs of up to a further 9 businesses to be met. The Business Security Grant scheme had requested £14,000 from the Community Safety Capital Grant Allocation and would provide the necessary 35% match funding.

### **Decision**

Members approved the grant award to the Hartlepool Business Security Fund of £14,000.

## **26. Community Pool 2010/2011** *(Assistant Director, Community Services)*

### **Type of Decision**

Non key.

### **Purpose of Report**

The report advised members and sought approval for the level of grant awards to community groups and voluntary organisations from the Community Pool for 2010/2011.

### **Issues for Consideration**

Members were reminded that the balance for distribution at this meeting was £480,087 after £3,200 had been put aside for Directed Lettings and £11,371 for a tapered award for RESPECT. An application from Owton Manor Neighbourhood Watch and Residents' Association was not recommended for funding as this did not fulfil the criteria. The following amounts were however, recommended for approval.

<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Amount Recommended 2010/2011 up to</u>
West View Advice & Resource Centre	£29,118
Hartlepool Citizens Advice Bureau	£80,289
Harbour: SEARCH	£15,760
Hartlepool Access Group: Shopmobility	£23,949
Hartlepool Credit Union Forum	£37,318
Owton Fens Community Association	£22,926
Hartlepool Voluntary Development Agency	£28,396
Hartlepool People	£27,008
The Wharton Trust	£18,797
Headland Development Trust	£9,360
The Salaam Centre	£15,850
West View Project	£20,862
The Orb Centre	£5,000
Headland Future	£12,600
Hartlepool Community Studio	£21,250
Epilepsy Outlook	£9,283
Hartlepool Catholic Boxing Club	£5,000
Hart Gables	£11,556
Making A Difference	£8,587
Voluntary Wheels	£6,296
Hartlepool Families First	£15,986
ADDvance	£8,608
Wynyard Café.com	£5,000

Members were reminded of the measures that had been put in place to assist the Hartlepool Access Group (Shopmobility). Members were also informed that the Wharton Trust was currently undergoing Capital works to the premises it used and therefore it was proposed to pay any grant approved in monthly instalments until completion of the building works and the Trust was in a more viable position. Members were re-assured that appropriate support was ongoing for these two groups.

Two applications had been recommended for deferral. These were from Manor Residents Association and Hartlepool Radio as these groups had not been able to provide the additional information required to enable Officers to make an informed recommendation at this time.

Members were informed that the Belle Vue Community Sports and Youth Centre had not, as yet, submitted a bid for grant funding for 2010/11 and that their bid for funding for the current financial year is still outstanding. As the 2009/10 financial year is almost at an end Officers feel that it is now inappropriate to process the 2009/10 application from Belle Vue Community Sports and Youth Centre, therefore Officers recommended that the balance of the Community Pool for 2009/10 be rolled forward into the 2010/11 Community Pool budget.

An update was provided on Hartlepool Community Studio and its current financial position.

### **Decision**

Members approved:-

- The levels of budget allocated for Directed Lettings
- Grant aid to those organisations as recommended and detailed in Appendix 2 of the report
- Recommendations to defer those applications as detailed in Appendix 2 of the report
- Any allocation of grant aid to groups known to be experiencing financial difficulties to be released in monthly/quarterly instalments, as appropriate in order to safeguard the Council's investment and minimise risk
- The rejection of the application from Owton Manor West Neighbourhood Watch and Residents Association as detailed in paragraph 4.4 of the report
- The balance of the Community Pool, £41,288 to be considered for allocation against bids at future meetings within the 2010/2011 financial year
- The balance of the 2009/2010 Community Pool, £50,814 to be rolled forward into the 2010/2011 Community Pool budget

The meeting concluded at 11.27 am

**P J DEVLIN**  
**CHIEF SOLICITOR**

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