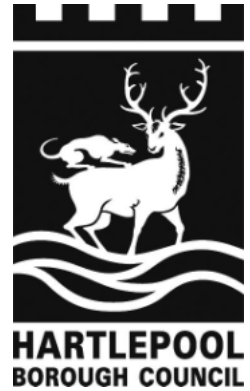


# **COMMUNITY SAFETY AND HOUSING PORTFOLIO DECISION SCHEDULE**



**Wednesday, 30 June 2010**

**at 9.00 am**

**in Committee Room A, Civic Centre, Hartlepool**

The Mayor, Stuart Drummond responsible for Community Safety and Housing will consider the following items.

**1. KEY DECISIONS**

No items

**2. OTHER ITEMS REQUIRING DECISION**

- 2.1 Safer Hartlepool Partnership Community Cohesion Fund Proposals 2010/11 -  
*Assistant Director (Community Safety and Protection)*

**3. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

No items

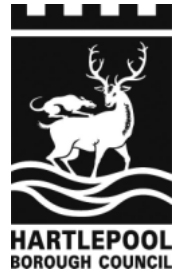
**4. REPORTS FROM OVERVIEW OF SCRUTINY FORUMS**

No items

# COMMUNITY SAFETY & HOUSING PORTFOLIO

Report To Portfolio Holder

30 June 2010



**Report of:** Assistant Director (Community Safety and Protection)

**Subject:** SAFER HARTLEPOOL PARTNERSHIP  
COMMUNITY COHESION FUND PROPOSALS  
2010/11

## SUMMARY

### 1.0 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 in 2010/11.

### 2.0 SUMMARY OF CONTENTS

Proposed awards for community cohesion grants are as follows:

<u>Project</u>	<u>Recommended</u>
Burn Valley North Residents Association	£1,500
Roaring Mouse Community Interest Company	£750
Manor Residents Association/ Ow ton Fens Community Association	£1,990
Hartlepool Townwide Churches Together	£175
Orcel Sea Training	£410
Hartlepool Involved Youth Action Team	£260
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>£5,085</u></b>

**3.0 RELEVANCE TO PORTFOLIO MEMBER**

Portfolio holder has responsibility for community safety, which includes community cohesion grants.

**4.0 TYPE OF DECISION**

Non key.

**5.0 DECISION MAKING ROUTE**

Community Safety & Housing Portfolio on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2010.

**6.0 DECISION(S) REQUIRED**

The Portfolio Holder is asked to endorse the recommendation of the SHP Community Cohesion Grants Panel in respect of the application for funding to support community cohesion related projects totalling: £5,085.

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## **1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To consider the recommendations of the Safer Hartlepool Partnership (SHP) Community Cohesion Grants Panel in respect of applications for community cohesion funding in 2010/11.

## **2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 Community cohesion, as defined by the Department for Communities and Local Government is: "What must happen in all communities to enable different groups of people to get on well together. A key contributor to community cohesion is integration, which is what must happen to enable new residents and existing residents to adjust to one another."
- 2.2 One of the annual priorities for the Safer Hartlepool Partnership under its strategic assessment process is that of public reassurance and community engagement. The lead for delivery of activity under this priority rests with the SHP Reassurance & Community Engagement themed group. This group has the remit to oversee initiatives, which fulfils the criteria for community cohesion funding, a key element of which is positive engagement and integration within communities across Hartlepool. A Community Cohesion grants panel has been formed, which comprises of members from that themed group, with fund administration undertaken by Hartlepool Voluntary Development Agency.
- 2.3 The maximum grant for organisations in one year has been agreed to be £5,000.

- 2.4 The SHP allocated £15,000 in 2008/09 and 2009/10 to be spent on projects which contribute to community cohesion. In 2010/11, £15,000 has also been allocated, although it is possible this may be renewed in light of recent Coalition Government announcements regarding Area Based Grant funding, which includes community cohesion.
- 2.5 The Safer Hartlepool Partnership Community Cohesion Grants Panel has considered the applications submitted and recommended the applications outlined at Paragraph 3 for approval.

### 3. PROPOSALS

#### 3.1 Burn Valley North Residents Association

The group wishes to stage a family fun day within the Bum Valley Gardens. The event will foster cohesion between residents and the associations on the estate and in particular inter-generational and multi-cultural activities are planned.

Total cost of project	£5,700
Grant Panel recommendation	£1,500

#### 3.2 Roaring Mouse Community Interest Company

The group became a Community Interest Company in August 2007 and provides social care for people with learning disabilities through the medium of drama and drama related activities i.e. writing, rehearsing and performing original material which is often issue based around things that are important to members. They also organise social events to raise awareness of people with learning disabilities.

Funding is sought for a Prom Ball to be held at the Town Hall in July. The event celebrates the success of people with learning disabilities whilst inviting the general public to share in the group's achievements. The organisation will be distributing questionnaires at the Ball and will measure if attendees' perception of people with learning disabilities has changed specifically as a result of the event.

The event will allow for people from very different backgrounds and abilities to have an evening of celebration, thus breaking down barriers and changing people's stereotypical perceptions.

Total cost of project	£3,000
Grant Panel recommendation	£750

### 3.3 Manor Residents Association/Owton Fens Community Association

The two groups wish to hold a three day celebration carnival in the Owton area.

Both groups are community based, offering advice and guidance, training, job clubs and drop ins. They work with all sections of the community i.e. youth, elderly etc.

Funding is sought for a carnival to celebrate landmark anniversaries – 21 years for Manor Residents Association and 25 years for OFCA. The event will take place over the period from Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> July and will culminate in a Grand Finale.

The event encourages cross community activities to ensure all members of the community are brought together to engender a sense of belonging to the whole community. The project also aims to build confidence and trust within communities which will lead to greater resilience and a sense of belonging to their neighbourhood.

Total cost of project	£7,395
Grant Panel recommendation	£1,990

### 3.4 Hartlepool Townwide Churches Together

The group wishes to provide an area of 'quiet and reflection' within the Tall ships village for all who wish to utilise it.

The group co-ordinates the ecumenical work done in Hartlepool, providing opportunities for joint worship and social action. They also assist, where necessary, with the work of smaller Churches Together groups in Hartlepool.

Funding is sought for operational, volunteer and publicity costs in order to provide a quiet and calm area within the Tall Shops village. There will also be a large ecumenical service on 8<sup>th</sup> August for which funding is not required.

Whilst the application encourages different churches and their communities to come together, it also improves a greater understanding and cohesion between such communities. Some of the funding requested, i.e. goody bags, does not foster community cohesion in principle; however, by giving the group the opportunity of hiring a plot at the event it is hoped that this could assist in a shared future vision and belonging to the whole community within Hartlepool, and those visiting from outside the area.

Total cost of project	£11,905
Grant Panel recommendation	£175

### 3.5 Orcel Sea Training

The group wishes to hold a 'farewell' party at the end of an 'icebreaker' weekend for the Tall Ships event.

The group encourages local people to participate in sail training, facilitates the development of marine skills within the local workforce, and offers information on local career opportunities at sea.

Funding is sought for a 'farewell' barbecue (including entertainment) for a group of 16 teenagers from across Europe. An 'icebreaker' weekend is to be held in June in preparation for a sailing trip on a Bulgarian tall ship leaving Hartlepool in August.

The project encourages greater cross cultural activities to encourage meaningful interactions between people of different backgrounds

Total cost of project	£760
Grant panel recommendation	£410

### 3.6 Hartlepool Involved Youth Action Team

Funding is sought for a 'Pots of Kindness' project involving young people in spreading kind words and good wishes to elderly people in the community who may be living in isolation. Young people aged 16-25 would place a flowering plant in a miniature flowerpot and decorate the pot with a label with a special message. The group hope to hold four 'planting sessions' during the summer.

At its most basic, this project encourages young people to engage with other members of their community. The project will empower the young person with a deeper sense of community responsibility as they are made more aware of those within our communities who can benefit from something so simple as a kind word. The project will also help to increase trust between two communities that are all too often very separate, the young and the elderly. This will help to reduce the fear that many elderly people have of young people, as their perceptions of young people as a whole are altered.

Total cost of project	£260
Grant Panel recommendation	£260

#### **4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 The applications within this report amount to a total of £5,085. If applications are approved this would leave £9,915 to allocate.

#### **5. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 5.1 The Portfolio Holder is asked to agree the SHP Community Cohesion Grants Panel recommendation in respect of applications for funding to support community cohesion related projects totalling £5,085

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#### **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Individual grant applications.