

GRANTS COMMITTEE AGENDA



Thursday 25th January 2007

at 10.00 am

in Committee Room C

MEMBERS: GRANTS COMMITTEE:

The Mayor, Stuart Drummond,

Councillors Payne and Tumilty.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
2. **TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS**
3. **MINUTES**
 - 3.1 To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 22nd November 2006 (*attached*)
4. **KEY DECISIONS**

No items
5. **OTHER ITEMS REQUIRING DECISION**
 - 5.1 Community Safety Capital Grants Allocations – *Head of Community Safety and Prevention*
6. **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

No items

GRANTS COMMITTEE

MINUTES AND DECISION RECORD

22nd November 2006

Present:

Councillors The Mayor, Stuart Drummond and Victor Tumilty

Officers: John Mennear, Assistant Director (Community Services)
Alison Mawson, Head of Community Safety and Prevention
Sue Rybak, Grants Officer
Joe Hogan, Crime and Disorder Co-ordinator
Tracy Liveras, Young People and Play Co-ordinator
Penny Thompson, Children's Centre and Childcare Co-ordinator
Amanda Whitaker, Democratic Services Team Leader
Jo Wilson, Democratic Services Officer

7. Appointment of Chair

In the absence of Councillor Payne Councillor Tumilty was appointed Chair for this meeting.

8. Apologies for Absence

None

9. Declarations of interest by members

None

10. Confirmation of the minutes of the meeting held on 31st July 2006

Agreed

11. Civic Lottery Grant Applications (*Assistant Chief Executive*)

Type of decision

Non-key

Purpose of report

To consider Civic Lottery Grant Applications.

Issue(s) for consideration by the Committee

The report sought the Committee's consideration of the following:-

- applications where no previous grants had been awarded.
- applications where grants had previously been awarded

Following consideration of the information provided Members expressed support for the applications.

Decision

- (i) The following allocation of grants was approved:-

Application number	Organisation	£
3179	Hartlepool Snooker Centre	
	Sunday Football League	480*
3203	Headland Pastimes Association	500
3211	Hartlepool Handy Crafts	500
3212	Serenity	500
3213	High Flyers Trampoline Group	500
3214	Hartlepool Kids Combat Club	500
3217	Preston Simpson Scholarship in Music	500*
3219	Hartlepool Headland Amateur Boxing Club	435*
3221	Hartlepool Special Needs Support Group	500*
3222	Hartlepool Boys Brigade Old Boys	500
3223	Manor West Youth Project	500

(* Organisations that have previously received Civic Lottery Grants)

12. Play Opportunities Pool Award 2006/2007 *(Director of Children's Services)*

Type of decision

Non-key

Purpose of report

To advise members of applications to the Play Opportunities Pool and to seek approval for recommended grant awards.

Issue(s) for consideration by the Committee

Grant aid totalling £18,000 annually is available to community groups and voluntary organisations to enable them to provide play opportunities throughout the year, thereby complimenting the Authority's play provision. The provision of play grants also enables groups to provide play to meet local needs, especially in areas of disadvantage to assist local people on limited incomes.

Grant Awards are used as a contribution towards the cost of a play opportunity, with the Authority's funding acting as a magnet to attract match funding. In total, two applications have been assessed with requests from the Grants Pool towards staff, volunteers, transport, equipment etc. Grant aid of £20,571.50, in total was available for the year 2006/2007. This was made up of £18,000 from the grants' budget and £2571.50 relating to an under spend of grant aid to Hartlepool Families First awarded in 2005/2006 and approved to be accrued to this financial year..

Details of the groups requesting funding were set out in the report together with an outline of what schemes the groups were proposing that the grant would be utilised for.

Decision

That the grant awards below totalling £1,472.71 be approved: -

Greatham Playgroup - A contribution of £483.00 towards the cost of toys and resources

Buzzy Bees Fun Club - A contribution of £989.71 to contribute towards staff, administration and management costs.

13. Community Pool 2006/2007 *(Director of Adult and Community Services)*

Type of decision

Non-key.

Purpose of report

To advise members of 5 applications to the Community Pool and to seek approval for grant awards for 4 groups from remaining funds.

Issue(s) for consideration by the Committee

The Community Pool provides financial assistance to community groups and voluntary organisations with £455,540 being available during 2006/2007. To date, grants had been awarded to 29 groups totalling £346,472.75 leaving a balance of £109,067.

Hartlepool Voluntary Development Agency (HVDA)

The HVDA was established in 1986 and provides a wide range of support and development including working with volunteers and voluntary and community groups, building links and developing partnerships with agencies and distributing funding through Community Chests. HVDA have supported 372 groups in this current year, assisting them to raise £641,718 from external sources. However, this work was now under threat as HVDA had a shortfall in core funding.

At the Grants Committee on 3rd March 2006 Members awarded HVDA a grant of £28,403 as a contribution towards the core costs of the group, including a 50% contribution towards the salary costs of 2 key posts, Manager and Finance Officer. Additional grant aid of £19,041 had been requested, representing the shortfall in core funding that HVDA had identified and made up of a contribution to the salary cost of 3 posts, Manager, Finance Officer and Resource and Regeneration Officer. However when processing applications to the Community Pool usually 2 key posts within an organisation were identified for funding. A change in this approach would require member approval. Officers recommended that given the posts in question make up the core activity of the group this could warrant additional support from the Community Pool and that a contribution to the salary costs of the Resources and Regeneration Officer be awarded with no precedent set for future applications.

Headland Development Trust (HDT)

Headland Development Trust (HDT) is a community led organisation which promotes for the public benefit urban or rural regeneration in areas of social and economic deprivation (in particular the Headland) by a variety of means. They are currently taper funded through the Community Pool for their Capacity Building Project which provides Capacity Building support to other groups working in the Headland area providing services for the benefit of local people.

An application of £16,166 had been made to the Community Pool for the provision of an information, advice and guidance services. The need for this service had been identified through the Capacity Building Project with staff having dealt with over 1,000 enquiries in the last year. The plan was to gain quality assurance status via the Matrix Assessment to ensure the service was provided in a professional manner. The costs for this were included in the

application.

At the Grants Committee meeting on 3rd March 2006 an award of £7,339 was approved for HDT as a contribution towards the costs of the Capacity Building Project. Given that the application was for funding for a new initiative and the HDT were already in receipt of a grant from the Community Pool in this financial year, officers recommended that this application be refused.

Officers would signpost HDT to other sources of funding to enable them to undergo the matrix assessment.

Hartlepool People

Hartlepool People is a townwide voluntary organisation running a large community resource centre dedicated to promoting and addressing the needs of the people of Hartlepool. Their main aim is to develop personal skills, self confidence and quality of life of local residents. In the period April 2005 to March 2006 Hartlepool People recorded over 23,000 visits to the centre, with 55 different groups making use of the facilities on offer.

At the Grants Committee meeting on 3rd March 2006 a grant of £12,719 was approved as a contribution towards the Managers salary costs. Although fundraising had been ongoing since then Hartlepool People had only been successful in securing a small amount of additional grant aid to make up the shortfall. They had therefore applied to the Community Pool for £15,770 for the unsecured portion of the Manager's salary and other core running costs. Other issues relating to the application were highlighted to members. Officers recommended approval of a grant of £7,376.

Hartlepool Community Studio (The Studio)

Hartlepool Community Studio seeks to promote, maintain and advance the education of the public in the appreciation and practice of participatory arts and associated disciplines. The Studio provides rehearsal and recording facilities for musicians and has a venue where all genres of music are performed. In the period April 2005 to March 2006 220 people accessed the recording studios, 174 of whom were unwaged. In addition the Studio has provided a venue for approximately 1,200 performing artists attracting 14,358 attendances. Training in sound recording is also provided.

An award of £11,868 had been approved at the Grants Committee meeting on 3rd March 2006 as a contribution towards the core costs of Hartlepool Community Studio, including a contribution to the salary costs of a Manager's post and an administrator's post. Earlier in the year a "root and branch" review of The Studio had been commissioned by Hartlepool Borough Council when it became obvious that there were financial and organisational difficulties. A subsequent report had highlighted the main areas of concern and offered a non-nonsense approach to dealing with the group's difficulties. Changes had been implemented in response to these findings and the result was savings of approximately £30,000, leaving a shortfall of £21,900.

Hartlepool Community Studio had applied to the Community Pool for £21,900 and members were recommended to approve £10,950 which would be a 50% contribution to this shortfall. This would contribute towards staffing costs, ensuring that the core operation of The Studio be maintained. Officers highlighted that without this funding it was likely The Studio would not survive.

Epilepsy Outlook

The Mayor, Stuart Drummond, declared a non-prejudicial interest as a family member worked as a volunteer for this organisation.

Epilepsy Outlook has been established for 19 years with the aim of providing support, advice and information to people with epilepsy, their families and carers within a confidential and supportive environment. They also provide Epilepsy Awareness sessions to other agencies and groups. Epilepsy Outlook has one paid member of staff, the Volunteer Co-ordinator, and 34 unpaid volunteers.

In the period April 2006 to September 2006 Epilepsy Outlook received 161 enquiries for advice information or ongoing support. Four awareness sessions were delivered to 43 health and social care workers and 34 volunteers are currently being supported through the Volunteer Development Programme. On 3rd March 2006 Grants Committee members awarded the group a £6,902 grant as a contribution towards their core costs, a 40% contribution towards the salary costs of the Volunteer Co-ordinator.

Epilepsy Outlook had applied to the Community Pool for £9,855, the shortfall for core costs in this financial year. This represented £5,255 salary costs and £4,600 running costs. Officers recommended that £5,255 be approved as a contribution to the salary costs of the Volunteer Co-ordinator.

Decision

1. That the applications for the following awards be approved

i.	Hartlepool Voluntary Development Agency	£14,243
ii.	Hartlepool People	£7,376
iii.	Hartlepool Community Studio	£10,950
iv.	Epilepsy Outlook	£5,255
2. That the application by the Headland Development Trust be refused
3. That the balance of the 2006/2007 Community Pool, £71,243, be accrued into the 2007/2008 financial year, subject to any further demands on the Community Pool.

14. **Community Safety Capital Grant Allocation** *(Head of Community Safety and Prevention)*

Type of decision

Non-Key

Purpose of report

To advise Members of applications to the Community Safety Capital Fund and seek approval for recommended grant awards

Issue(s) for consideration by the Committee

The Council had decided that its capital budget for 2006/07 would include an allocation of £150,000 to implement community safety projects associated with and contributing to Safer Hartlepool Partnership's strategy covering crime, disorder and drugs. Following an overspend of £14,321 in 2005/06 this had been reduced to £135,679.

Details of the objectives contained in the Safer Hartlepool Partnership's strategy and the criteria against which project proposals were judged, were outlined and attention drawn to the following applications for grant funding each of which had been recommended for approval by the Community Safety Officer Group:

- **Burbank 'Reclaim your back lane' project** – funding for fencing of the open space in to the backstreet opposite the industrial estate to provide a safe environment for children to play as well as protecting homes from rear entry break-ins. Members expressed their support for the scheme.
- **Stranton Garth Gardens Regeneration** – funding for design improvement to Stranton Garth Gardens and associated remodelling improvements to the highway. Members expressed their support for the scheme.
- **Church Street Environmental Improvements** – funding for the removal of four concrete planters on Church Street. Members expressed their support for the scheme.

Decision

i) The following Community Safety capital contributions were approved.

- **Burbank 'Reclaim your back lane' project** – funding of £7,000 toward fencing of the open space in to the backstreet opposite the industrial estate to provide a safe environment for children to play as well as protecting homes from rear entry break-ins.
- **Stranton Garth Gardens Regeneration** – funding of £20,000 toward

design improvements to Stranton Garth Gardens and associated
remodelling improvements to the highway

- **Church Street Environmental Improvements** – funding of £15,000 toward the removal of four concrete planters on Church Street.

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CHIEF SOLICITOR

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GRANTS COMMITTEE

25th January 2007



Report of: Head of Community Safety and Prevention

Subject: COMMUNITY SAFETY CAPITAL GRANTS
ALLOCATIONS

SUMMARY

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to advise Members of applications to the Community Safety Capital Fund and seek approval for recommended grant awards.

2. SUMMARY OF CONTENTS

Proposed awards for the Community Safety Capital fund are as follows:

<u>Project</u>	<u>Recommended</u>
North Cemetery	£9,500
Browning Avenue Baptist Church	£4,000
Longhill CCTV Project	£31,200
Milton Road/Tankerville Street	£41,000

This leaves 15,717 to allocate.

3. RELEVANCE TO THE GRANTS COMMITTEE

Grants Committee has responsibility for determining the levels of grant awarded.

4. TYPE OF DECISION

Non - Key

5. DECISION MAKING ROUTE

Grants Committee on 25 January 2007

6. DECISION(S) REQUIRED

Members of the Grants Committee are requested:

To approve grant awards to four projects totalling £85,700

Report of: Head of Community Safety and Prevention

Subject: COMMUNITY SAFETY CAPITAL GRANTS
ALLOCATIONS

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to advise Members of applications to the Community Safety Capital Fund and seek approval for recommended grant awards.

2. BACKGROUND

The Council has decided that its capital budget for 2006/07 would include an allocation £150,000 to implement community safety projects which are associated with and contribute to Safer Hartlepool Partnership's strategy covering crime, disorder and drugs. Following an overspend of £14,321 in 2005/06, this has been reduced by £14,321 to £135,679. However, there was slippage of £7,738 in 2005/06 into 2006/07, therefore the capital budget is £143,417 for 2006/07.

The Safer Hartlepool strategy comprises seven primary objectives based on:

- Drugs treatment
- Acquisitive crime (covering burglary, theft and vehicle crime)
- Domestic Violence
- Violence in the Town Centre associated with alcohol
- Anti Social Behaviour
- Reassurance (fear of crime)
- Prevention of offending

The Community Services and Safety Board at its meeting in August 2000, approved criteria against which to judge project proposals as follows:

1. Clearly identify the link to Action Plans for each objective
2. Outline the problem and proposals to remedy it
3. Identify the cost and contribution from the Department budget
4. Include an approximate timescale for implementation
5. Include further information which is appropriate for officers/members to know about

Matched funding of between 20% and 50% is generally requested. All projects are considered first by the Community Safety Officer Group – which comprises senior officer representatives from all Council Departments.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The Community Safety Capital Fund in total for 2006/2007 is £143,417. On 22 November 2006, the Grants Committee awarded grants to the total of £42,000 from the Community Safety Capital Fund. This leaves a total of £101,417 to allocate.

4. APPLICATIONS

4.1 North Cemetery

The North Cemetery is situated within the Dyke House ward in Hartlepool and is bounded by Raby Road, Chester Road, Jesmond Road and Hart Lane.

The cemetery has been highlighted as a problem hotspot for local residents and the local Neighbourhood Policing Team. It has been raised for attention as a priority through North Joint Action Group (JAG).

In the last 12 months there have been 23 recorded incidents ranging from gangs drinking alcohol and rowdy behaviour to assaults.

Along with the issues surrounding disorder, other areas highlighted include drugs paraphernalia, broken glass and rubbish constantly being left. This constituted a risk to the public and the fear of intimidation by those members of the public attending to family graves.

Certain areas have been highlighted by the police as being of particular concern and this includes poor lighting, which affects both public safety and causes difficulty in identifying offenders and locating them during the hours of darkness.

It should be noted that isolating an area of the cemetery is essential if associated problems are to be addressed. Within the boundary walls of the cemetery is an electricity substation. This is sited several feet from the wall that divides the cemetery itself and the small grove of residential properties known as Jesmond Mews.

The substation is situated away from the boundary wall allowing easy pedestrian access. This area is frequented by youths, who when accessing this area are out of view from the mews and the cemetery. Many individuals use this area to scale the wall and enter Jesmond Mews either for access or for other reasons. Reports from Police Officers, PCSO's and residents indicate that youths also gather behind the station where they partake in the underage consumption of alcohol and drug taking. This also leads to some

individuals using the area as a public toilet and urinating against the wall. These reports are substantiated by the amounts of alcohol debris and drugs paraphernalia frequently left at the scene.

Since 25th September 2003 to 16th November 2006 it is relevant to note that the residents of Jesmond Mews have made 24 calls to the police. Disregarding 10 of the calls as either Domestic issues or unrelated to crime or disorder the following are worthy of consideration:

- (ii) 8 calls were in relation to Motor vehicle crime.
- (iii) 4 calls related to youths congregating, throwing objects and fireworks
- (iv) 1 call reported youths setting fires
- (v) 1 call reported the assault on a 9-year-old boy by youths.

This application is to improve street lighting by providing 6 new lights, in ornate style, to match existing columns, plus fencing works to the electricity substation to make its area more secure.

Financial Implications

A contribution of £9,500 from the Neighbourhood Renewal Fund (Neighbourhood Element) (SSCF) has been approved for this project. The total cost of the project will be £19,000.

The running costs of the street lighting will be covered by the Borough Council's Engineers. The maintenance costs of the fence will be taken on board by the Council's Neighbourhood Services Department who have the overall responsibility for the maintenance of North Cemetery.

Recommendation

Members are asked to approve a grant of £9,500 to the project.

4.2 Longhill CCTV Project

This project forms one part of a comprehensive package of projects identified in the ARUP Longhill/Sandgate Industrial Estates Improvement Strategy (Autumn 2002). The Strategy was commissioned by New Deal for Communities (NDC). The purpose of the strategy was to evaluate issues apparent in the Longhill/Sandgate Industrial Estates and make recommendations on how to address these issues. An estate wide CCTV system was recommended in order to combat the high crime rate suffered by the 200+ businesses on the estate.

The Longhill / Sandgate Industrial Estates site is an established industrial area, and was formerly a British Steel Plant before the site was sold and the ownership fragmented. The area contains a range of businesses and uses, with major occupiers such as Expanded Metal, however there is a predominance of small and medium sized firms on the estate. The uses include commercial showrooms, manufacturing, engineering, waste handling and environmental industries. The Longhill/Sandgate Industrial Estates area occupies a central location in Hartlepool, close to the A689 and the Town Centre. Some characteristics of the estate make it more susceptible to high

crime rates, such as the proximity to housing estates as escape routes, the mix of businesses, and roads being used as public thoroughfares.

During December 2001, ARUP conducted a survey of the Longhill/Sandgate Industrial Estates. 29% of the 137 businesses contacted responded to the survey. Respondents were asked if they had experienced any particular problems on the site in relation to security / crime, the findings are as follows:

- 80% of firms felt that crime is a significant problem in the area.
- The theft of diesel was a common occurrence.
- 20% of firms seem to feel unsettled by the facilities and the provisions of the area and state that they would move because of this in the near future.
- Just 1% of businesses felt that their property was secure.
- The majority of respondents said that they would like to see CCTV and better lighting.
- Three quarters of all businesses in the Longhill / Sandgate Improvement Strategy study had suffered some form of crime in the twelve months leading up to the ARUP survey.

Although significant improvements have been made in the area through grants (building modernisation and security) and environmental works, crime on the Longhill/Sandgate Industrial Estates is still regarded as one of the most persistent problems. Repeated break-ins, the subsequent loss of equipment and inconvenience have threatened the viability of some businesses and crime is a deterrent for future investment in the area. The Longhill/Sandgate Industrial Estates district also has the highest level of deliberate fires of all the industrial estates in Hartlepool.

A specialist feasibility study was subsequently commissioned by the Longhill NDC Management Group in order to investigate a suitable and effective CCTV system for the estate, this study was prepared by Optimum Security. The recommendations from this report underpinned the development of the project.

It is anticipated that a "trap protection" system will be installed which is likely to include up to 13 cameras covering all main vehicular and pedestrian routes in and out of the estate plus key problem areas. The cameras will be actively monitored, by a monitoring company selected through a competitive tender process, at set times (12hrs a day in the week and 24hrs a day at the weekends) and the images produced will be of sufficient quality to be used as evidence in court.

The system is designed to complement the individual security improvements businesses are making to their premises, such as alarms, CCTV, fencing and lighting.

Financial Implications

The total cost of the project will be £181,000. A bid for £149,800 to New Deal for Communities has been approved. A sum of £31,200 is being requested from the Community Safety Capital Fund.

It is estimated that the revenue costs for the maintenance and monitoring of the CCTV system will be £22,000 per year. The revenue costs for the initial 2 year project will be covered by a contribution of £85,365.72 by TESCO as part of their planning application under the Section 106 agreement, any underspend after the two year project will be used to fund additional years. The Tesco contribution is not yet secure and is dependant on their planning application. If this does not get approved further project development will take place using voluntary support from businesses, written support from 67 businesses already exists.

After the initial 2 years, if successful, the Business Improvement District will fund the continued revenue costs of the project.

Recommendation

Members are asked to approve a grant of £31,200 to the project.

4.3 Milton Road/Tankerville Street CCTV

In 2002 the NDC CCTV project added eleven cameras to the town wide CCTV network. The purchase, installation, and monitoring and maintenance costs of the cameras have to date been completely funded by the NDC Partnership at a cost of £238,630. However an evaluation, and thorough review of the current CCTV system has revealed that in order to improve the effectiveness of the system some of the existing cameras need upgrading. The need for an additional camera at the junction of Milton Road and Tankerville Street has also been identified through consultation with the local community and Hartlepool Police.

This project will upgrade the current system, purchase and install a new camera at the Milton Road/Tankerville Street Junction, and pay for the ongoing monitoring and maintenance costs of all cameras within the system for the next two years. The project aims to contribute towards:-

- A reduction in crime and anti-social behaviour through the deterrent effect of CCTV
- Assistance in the apprehension and conviction of offenders through the gathering of evidential footage
- A reduction in the fear of crime and increased reassurance within the local community.

The cameras to be upgraded, and the new camera to be installed in the Milton Road area, are located in the heart of Grange and Stranton Wards. Both Wards experience consistently higher than average levels of crime and disorder compared to the rest of the town and they remain a priority for Neighbourhood Policing. The overall crime rate in the NDC area (which is largely made up of Grange and Stranton Wards) remains at 66% above the town average and incidents of anti-social behaviour are over 90% above the town average. The area is well used by residents, visitors, and by the local business community, and being centrally located and close to the town centre

the area suffers many of the problems associated with the night time economy.

Both Milton Road and Tankerville Street, and the surrounding adjacent areas also house the majority of the town's Asian Community. This community over the last year has experienced an increase in racially motivated incidents including criminal damage to property, racial abuse, intimidation of witnesses and arson attacks etc. The local Mosque is situated in Milton Road and has also been the target of a racially motivated arson attack. Of particular note are increases at and around the time of international difficulties and extremist attacks, which lead to disquiet amongst the local Muslim community and a need to help alleviate the fear of crime. Cleveland Police report that crime in this area is an issue, it being situated at the heart of an area identified through National Intelligence Model assessment and being targeted in recent operations. The Police Inspector in charge of Neighbourhood Safety for Hartlepool advises that the project aims are consistent with Cleveland Police objectives.

Financial Implications

The total cost of the project is £131,000. New Deal for Communities has contributed £76,000.

A sum of £41,000 is being requested from the Community Safety Capital Fund. To complete the project, a further bid for £14,000 to Capital Fund will be submitted in the financial year 2007/08.

There is money identified within the NDC current action plan to fund CCTV monitoring and maintenance costs for a further two years as a matter of priority. This is subject to formal approval in January but is highly likely to go ahead particularly if the effectiveness of the current system is upgraded with the assistance of the Community Safety Capital Fund.

4.4 Browning Avenue Baptist Church

Browning Avenue Baptist Church in Browning Avenue has continually faced problems with anti-social behaviour and as a result of this, the premises have suffered numerous acts of vandalism and graffiti. The land adjacent to the premises is frequently covered in broken glass and is also prone to dog fouling which makes the area unsuitable for use.

The application is to seek match funding to erect 1.8 metre high vertical railings to create a safe public space for the use of the local community, community / voluntary groups and church members etc. The installation of the fence will improve the appearance of the area as it will prevent vandalism, graffiti (criminal damage), anti-social behaviour (underage drinking and associated litter) and will also maximise the use of the open space. Advice has been sought from the Crime Prevention Officer with regard to the intended works and Planning Permission has been approved.

In addition to the above, the project will address the lack of safe youth facilities throughout the area as it will provide a safe and secure environment for recreational and educational purposes. It is important to note that the utilisation of the space is for the whole community and not only those associated with Browning Avenue Baptist Church. The creation of the physical community space will enhance the quality of life for the local community by providing a space where people can meet and be involved in activities that encourage physical and social health, community pride, relaxation and enjoyment.

The Rift House/Burn Valley Neighbourhood Action Plan (NAP) which has been developed in consultation with local residents, community/voluntary organisations, Councillors, children and young people and service providers, identifies anti-social behaviour, vandalism and graffiti as a problem in the neighbourhood. Other priority concerns include the maximisation of open space as well as the lack of safe youth facilities in the area.

The Rift House/Burn Valley Forum welcomed an application from Browning Avenue Baptist Church and the Rift House/Burn Valley Forum has approved £4,000.00 towards the proposed work.

Financial Implications

Total cost of the work £8,300.00 (Planning Permission has been obtained separately and funded by the organisation). £4000 has been contributed by the Rift House/Burn Valley Forum (NRF Residents Priorities Budget). An application for £300 has been submitted to the Community Safety Grants Pool. This application is to request £4,000 towards the installation of the fence. Browning Avenue Baptist Church will be responsible for the maintenance/ upkeep of the fence.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Members are requested to approve grant awards totalling £85,700

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

Bids to S17 Officer Group