



**CORPORATE AND
ENVIRONMENTAL OVERVIEW &
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**MEMBERS UPDATE 2023/24
ISSUE: 1**

Article of: Corporate Director of Transformation, Housing and Resources.

Relevant Portfolio Holder: Councillor Dowling

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SUBJECT: COMMUNITY CHEST GRANTS

Wards affected: Borough wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF ARTICLE

1.1 To inform Members of the mechanism for dealing with grant applications from the Community Chest and advise of the grants awarded in the first tranche of bids for the financial year 2023/24.

2.0 BACKGROUND

2.1 Applications for grants from the Community Chest are dealt with through the delegation procedures (see Constitution 4.3). The delegation in 2023/24 is to the Portfolio Holder for Communities and Community Safety and the Older Peoples Champion.

2.2 In reaching the decisions on Community Chest Applications the Portfolio Holder, in consultation with Councillors, the Chief Operating Officer and Corporate Directors, have considered the criteria set out on the application form to ensure the appropriate use of funding.

3.0 CURRENT POSITION

3.1 Applications were considered under delegated authority by the Portfolio Holder for Communities and Community Safety, Councillor Gareth Dowling.

3.2 The following grants were awarded from the General Fund.

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Crawford Village Scout Group	£500
Greenhill Community Club	£500
West Lancs Cricket Development Group	£500
Skelmersdale Veteran's Association	£500
Social Wellbeing CIC	£500
Amelia Upjohn	£250
Ben Whitehead	£250
Ciara Patton	£250
Elizabeth Lowrey-Owen	£500
Eva Styles	£250
Grace Rowles	£250
Hollie Goldson	£250
Isla Sharrock	£250
Joseph Whitehead	£250
Kirsty Fairhurst	£500
Maggie Taylor-Woods	£250
Obi Birkett	£250

4.0 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are no significant sustainability implications associated with this update and in particular, no significant impact on crime and disorder. Applications received are from individuals and groups and the allocation of funding provide opportunities for culture, leisure and sport, including opportunities for education, training and life-long learning.

5.0 FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The total remaining balance in the financial year 2023/24 is £18,990.00
- 5.2 The total spent in 2023/24 so far is £5,500

6.0 RISK ASSESSMENT

- 6.1 The actions referred to in this Article are covered by the Scheme of Delegation to Cabinet and Portfolio Holders and any necessary changes have been made in the relevant risk registers.

Background Documents

The following background documents (as defined in Section 100D (5) of the Local Government Act 1972) have been relied on to a material extent in preparing this Report.

Application forms from:

Crawford Village Scout Group
Greenhill Community Club
West Lancs Cricket Development Group
Skelmersdale Veteran's Association
Social Wellbeing CIC
Amelia Upjohn
Ben Whitehead
Ciara Patton
Elizabeth Lowrey-Owen
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Equality Impact Assessment

There is a direct impact on members of the public, and stakeholders, therefore an Equality Impact Assessment is required. A formal Equality Impact Assessment is attached as an Appendix to this report, the results of which have been taken into account when undertaking the actions detailed within this Article.

Appendices

1. Equality Impact Assessment.

<h1>Equality Impact Assessment Form</h1>	
Directorate: Legal and Democratic Services	Service: Member Services
Completed by: Kirsty Breakell	Date: May 2023
Subject Title: Community Chest grants	
1. DESCRIPTION	
Is a policy or strategy being produced or revised:	No
Is a service being designed, redesigned or cutback:	No
Is a commissioning plan or contract specification being developed:	No
Is a budget being set or funding allocated:	Yes
Is a programme or project being planned:	No
Are recommendations being presented to senior managers and/or Councillors:	No
Does the activity contribute to meeting our duties under the Equality Act 2010 and Public Sector Equality Duty (Eliminating unlawful discrimination/harassment, advancing equality of opportunity, fostering good relations):	Yes
Details of the matter under consideration:	Outcome of Community Chest Grant Applications
<p><i>If you answered Yes to any of the above go straight to Section 3</i> <i>If you answered No to all the above please complete Section 2</i></p>	
2. RELEVANCE	
Does the work being carried out impact on service users, staff or Councillors (stakeholders):	No
If Yes , provide details of how this impacts on service users, staff or Councillors (stakeholders): <i>If you answered Yes go to Section 3</i>	
If you answered No to both Sections 1 and 2 provide details of why there is no impact on these three groups: <i>You do not need to complete the rest of this form.</i>	
3. EVIDENCE COLLECTION	
Who does the work being carried out impact on, i.e. who is/are the stakeholder(s)?	Voluntary Organisations and Individuals under the age of 18.



If the work being carried out relates to a universal service, who needs or uses it most? (Is there any particular group affected more than others)?	Voluntary Organisations and Individuals under the age of 18.
Which of the protected characteristics are most relevant to the work being carried out? Age Gender Disability Race and Culture Sexual Orientation Religion or Belief Gender Reassignment Marriage and Civil Partnership Pregnancy and Maternity	Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes
4. DATA ANALYSIS	
In relation to the work being carried out, and the service/function in question, who is actually or currently using the service and why?	Residents who are recipients of a service provided by a voluntary/community organisation
What will the impact of the work being carried out be on usage/the stakeholders?	A grant will assist the voluntary/community organisation in its activities
What are people's views about the services? Are some customers more satisfied than others, and if so what are the reasons? Can these be affected by the proposals?	Not known
What sources of data including consultation results have you used to analyse the impact of the work being carried out on users/stakeholders with protected characteristics?	Sought data on the application forms submitted by the voluntary/community organisations
If any further data/consultation is needed and is to be gathered, please specify:	None
5. IMPACT OF DECISIONS	
In what way will the changes impact on people with particular protected characteristics (either positively or negatively or in terms of disproportionate impact)?	A grant to a voluntary/community group will assist it in undertaking its activities within the Borough
6. CONSIDERING THE IMPACT	
If there is a negative impact what action can be taken to mitigate it? (If it is not possible or	No

desirable to take actions to reduce the impact, explain why this is the case (e.g. legislative or financial drivers etc.).	
What actions do you plan to take to address any other issues above?	No actions
7. MONITORING AND REVIEWING	
When will this assessment be reviewed and who will review it?	