



**CORPORATE AND
ENVIRONMENTAL OVERVIEW &
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**MEMBERS UPDATE 2017/18
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Article of: Director of Housing and Inclusion

Relevant Portfolio Holder: Councillor Cooper

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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 second tranche of bids for the financial year 2017/18.
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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 2017/18 is to the Portfolio Holder for Communities and Older People.
- 2.2 In reaching the decisions on Community Chest Applications, the Portfolio Holder, in consultation with Councillors, the Chief Executive and Directors, has 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 on 27 November 2017 by Councillor Cooper, Portfolio Holder for Communities and Older People.
- 3.2 The following grants were awarded from the General Fund.

40 th Ormskirk Scouts	£500
Skelmersdale Prize Band	£470
Parbold Tree Warden Group	£200
Parent & Carers Support Network (PCSN)	£500
Four Lane Ends Mission Management	£500

1026 (Ormskirk) Squadron Ari Cadets	£500
Burscough Community Farm	£500
Ormskirk Tennis Club	£250
Liverpool Road Allotment Society	£300
Hesketh Bank Silver Band	£500
Parbold Flood Action Group	£500
Skelmersdale Horticultural Society	£500
Parkinsons UK Ormskirk Branch	£500

3.3 The following grant was awarded from the Sports and Talented Athletes Fund

William Ord	£500
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3.4 An application received from West Lancashire Pensioners Forum was not proceeded with as this organisation had submitted an identical funding request to the Older People's Champion Fund. The Portfolio Holder considered the application was more appropriate to be determined from the Older People's Champion Fund.

3.5 Two further applications were presented to the Portfolio Holder which had been submitted for Revenue Grant funding. The Portfolio Holder considered that it was more appropriate for them to be determined within the Community Chest Grants Scheme and made the following grants:-

Rufford Village Society	£500
Churches Together in Ormskirk	£350

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 2017/18 is £10,055.00

5.2 The total spent in each category in 2017/18 so far is as follows:-

General	£7,195
Play	£4,150
Arts	£1,440
Sports/Talented Athlete	£1,000

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:

40 TH Ormskirk Scouts	22/09/17
Skelmersdale Prize Band	05/10/17
Parbold Tree Warden Group	10/08/17
Parent & Carer Support Network (PCSN)	01/10/17
Four Lane Ends Mission	11/10/17
1026 (Ormskirk) Squadron Air Cadets	10/08/17
Burscough Community Farm	22/09/17
Ormskirk Tennis Club	20/10/17
Liverpool Road Allotment Society	23/10/17
West Lancashire Pensioners Forum	26/10/17
Hesketh Bank Silver Band	03/11/17
Parbold Residents Flood Action Group	09/11/17
Skelmersdale Horticultural Society	23/11/17
Parkinsons UK Ormskirk Branch	22/11/17
William Ord	23/11/17
Rufford Village Society	14/11/17
Churches Together in Ormskirk	24/11/17

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.

Equality Impact Assessment Form



Directorate: Legal and Democratic Services		Service: Member Services
Completed by: Jill Ryan		Date: November 2017
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):		
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	Yes
Gender	Yes
Disability	Yes
Race and Culture	Yes
Sexual Orientation	Yes
Religion or Belief	Yes
Gender Reassignment	Yes
Marriage and Civil Partnership	Yes
Pregnancy and Maternity	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 desirable to take actions to reduce the impact, explain why this is the case (e.g. legislative or financial drivers etc.).	No
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?	

