



To: **West Central Area Committee - 20th April 2016**

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Wards affected: Castle, Market, Newnham

AREA COMMITTEE COMMUNITY GRANTS 2016-17

1. Executive summary

- 1.1 This report details applications received to date for 2016-17 funding for projects in the West Central Area makes recommendations for awards and provides information on the eligibility and funding criteria.

2. Recommendations

The West Central Area Committee Councillors are recommended:

- 2.1 To consider the grant applications received, officer comments and proposed awards detailed in Appendix 1, in line with the Area Committee Community Grants criteria detailed in paragraph 3.6.
- 2.2 To agree the proposed awards detailed in Appendix 1 and summarised in the table below:

Ref	Organisation	Purpose	Award £
WC1	Christ's Piece Residents' Association	Cost of 1 talk	290
WC2	Friends of Histon Road Cemetery	Running costs	500
WC3	Friends of Midsummer Common	Maintenance of Community Orchard	445
WC4	Sustrans	Fortnightly social walks	1,500

Budget available	£8,520
Total awards	£2,735
Budget remaining	£5,785

3. Background

- 3.1 Funding has been devolved to Area Committees for local projects meeting the Community Development, Sports or Arts strategic priorities since 2004. This process is managed by the Grants Team in Communities, Arts and Recreation who promote the funding and bring applications for consideration to one meeting of each of the area committees annually.
- 3.2 The 2016-17 grants were publicised, via neighbourhood workers, in local publications and voluntary organisations newsletters, by posters and publicity leaflets and previous applicants were also invited to apply. 16 people representing 12 organisations attended a briefing held to explain the application process and revised eligibility criteria and priorities.
- 3.3 There is a total of £70,000 available across the four area committees for 2016-17 made up as follows:
- £60,000 Community Grants
 - £10,000 Safer City
- 3.4 The budgets have been divided between the area committees in accordance with population and poverty calculations. The Safer City allocation has provided £2,500 for each area committee. The amount available for each area is as follows:

Committee	Community Grants %	Community Grants £	Safer City £	Total available £
North	37.37	22,420	2,500	24,920
East	31.95	19,170	2,500	21,670
South	20.65	12,390	2,500	14,890
West Central	10.03	6,020	2,500	8,520
Total	100	60,000	10,000	70,000

- 3.5 In July 2014 the Community Services Scrutiny Committee considered revised priorities and outcomes for community, arts and recreation development funding which was renamed ‘Community Grants’ and agreed by the Executive Councillor for Community, Arts and Recreation. In addition to the Community Grants priorities the Area Committee Grants also have priorities reflecting the financial contribution made from the Safer City budget.

3.6 Area Community Grant Priorities and Outcomes

Projects and activities should have a targeted approach and make a difference to people in one of the areas (North, South, East or West Central) by either:

- **reducing social or economic inequality or**
- **tackling crime, the fear of crime or anti-social behaviour**

and by undertaking one of the following funding priorities:

- sporting activities
- arts and cultural activities
- community development activities
- legal and/or financial advice (*organisations applying to give legal advice and support must have The Advice Quality Standard (AQS) or equivalent*)
- employment support
- capacity building of the voluntary sector to achieve the above
- community projects aiming to tackle crime, the fear of crime or anti-social behaviour

3.7 Applications are invited from voluntary organisations, community groups and groupings of local residents that are able to meet basic accountability requirements.

3.8 The maximum any one organisation can apply for is £5,000 per area committee and grants cannot be made retrospectively. Full details of the eligibility criteria are available on request.

3.9 Where no funding is proposed it will be due to one or more of the following not being adequately met:

- grant scheme priorities
- grant scheme outcomes
- identifying need
- quality or viability of the project
- or
- proposals were the remit of another service or organisation such as the County Council, Health, Housing etc
- organisations did not demonstrate the beneficiaries could not fund the activity themselves, or that reserves could not be used to fund the activity

3.10 All awards are subject to funding agreements and monitoring reports. We consider proportionate requirements dependent on the size of the organisation, project and award.

3.11 Applications made after the main grants round will be considered on an individual basis until all the funding is spent. Officers will make decisions on awards up to £5,000 as approved by the Community Services Scrutiny in January 2014.

- 3.12 In December 2016 the area budgets will be merged and any funding remaining will be allocated across the areas as applications are received, to ensure effective use of the funds available.
- 3.13 After the end of the financial year we will collect the monitoring reports for awards made during 2015-16 and circulate a summary to members. A list of awards to date for 2015-16 is attached as Appendix 2.

Appendix 1 – West Central Area Committee Grant Applications and Recommendations 2016-17

Ref	Organisation	Purpose	Aim & disadvantage outcome	Beneficiaries	Budget	Bid	Award
W1	Christ's Piece Residents' Association	Pay for venue hire, speaker's fee, publicity and refreshments for one talk for local people.	Reduce social isolation	60 Market	Full cost: £290 Income: £0	£290	£290
	Officer comment	Recommend full amount					
	Previous 2 years funding: 15-16: £220 14-15: £300						
W2	Friends of Histon Road Cemetery	Running costs (including newsletters, website, publicity, insurance, meeting and event costs).	To protect and enhance the cemetery for public benefit; to ensure public access to the cemetery; need to sustain active community awareness and involvement in on-going care and maintenance.	800 Castle (1,200 North)	Full cost: £3,148 Income: £1,948	£1,200	£500
	Officer comment	Recommend contribution of £500 from West Central. North awarded £400					
	Previous 2 years funding: 15-16: £1,200 14-15: £1,200						
W3	Friends of Midsummer Common	Cost of maintaining the community orchard	Improve the well-being of local people. Reduce social isolation and promote community spirit and wellbeing through the working parties. Deter anti-social behaviour and improve the natural environment.	80 West/Central, 20 North (these are members plus there are visitors to the Orchard).	Full cost: £995 Income: £250	£445	£445
	Officer comment	Recommend full amount					
	Previous 2 years funding: 15-16: £405, 14-15: £1,458						

W4	Sustrans	Continue to support fortnightly social walks	Improve health and wellbeing, reduce isolation, improve mental health, inclusive activity.	70 (30 Castle, 10 Market, 30 Newnham)	Full cost: £5,600 Income: £4,100	£1,500	£1,500
	Officer comment	Recommend full amount					
	Previous 2 years funding: 15-16: £1,000 14-15: no bid						

Appendix 2 – 2015-16 Awards

Organisation	Purpose	Award £
Christ's Pieces Residents' Association	Talks for local residents	220
Friends of Midsummer Common	Community Orchard projects and maintenance	405
St Augustine's Church with Richmond, Oxford and Windsor Road Residents' Associations	2 all day social events ;12 Friday night talks and 6 Saturday evening concerts	1,500
St Augustine's Church	Weekend events programme celebrating new community facilities	500
St Giles' Church	Annual Christmas tree festival	367
Sustrans	Recruit and train volunteer walk leaders to run regular free social walks in the area	1,000
Under-fives Roundabout	2 wildlife and outdoor discovery trips	500
Newnham Croft	Intergeneration community activities	325
St Mark's Church	Induction loop & PA system	1,900