

## Item

### AREA COMMITTEE COMMUNITY GRANTS 2018-19

To: **West Central Area Committee - 8th March 2018**  
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#### Non-Key Decision

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#### 1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report details applications received to date for 2018-19 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 3.5.
- 2.2 To agree the proposed awards detailed in Appendix 1 and summarised in the table below:

| Ref | Organisation                           | Purpose                                                   | Award<br>£ |
|-----|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| WC1 | Christ's Pieces Residents' Association | 1 winter evening talk                                     | 290        |
| WC2 | Friends of Histon Road Cemetery        | Information and activities                                | 800        |
| WC3 | Friends of Midsummer Common            | Community activities and maintenance of community orchard | 650        |

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|-------------------------|---------------|
| <b>Budget available</b> | <b>£8,383</b> |
| <b>Total awards</b>     | <b>£1,740</b> |
| <b>Budget remaining</b> | <b>£6,643</b> |

### 3. Background

3.1 Funding has been devolved to Area Committees for local projects meeting the Community Development, Sports and Arts strategic priorities since 2004. This process is managed by the Grants Team in Community Services who promote the funding and bring applications for consideration to one meeting of each of the area committees annually.

3.2 The 2018-19 grants were publicised via neighbourhood workers, in local publications and voluntary organisations newsletters and by posters and publicity leaflets. Recent applicants are also invited to apply.

A briefing was offered to explain the application process and eligibility criteria and priorities.

3.3 There is a total of £70,000 available across the four area committees for 2018-19 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 an additional £2,500 for each area committee.

The amount available for each area is as follows:

| <b>Committee</b>    | <b>Community Grants %</b> | <b>Community Grants £</b> | <b>Safer City £</b> | <b>Total available £</b> |
|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| North               | 34.71                     | 20,824                    | 2,500               | 23,324                   |
| East                | 30.60                     | 18,358                    | 2,500               | 20,858                   |
| South               | 24.89                     | 14,935                    | 2,500               | 17,435                   |
| <b>West Central</b> | <b>9.81</b>               | <b>5,883</b>              | <b>2,500</b>        | <b>8,383</b>             |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>100</b>                | <b>60,000</b>             | <b>10,000</b>       | <b>70,000</b>            |

### 3.5 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

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

3.7 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.

3.8 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

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

3.10 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 Committee in January 2014.

3.11 In October 2018 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.

3.12 After the end of the financial year we will collect the monitoring reports for awards made during 2017-18 and circulate a summary to members. A list of awards to date for 2017-18 is attached as Appendix 2.

## Appendix 1: West Central Area Community Grants – Applications and Recommendations 2018-19

| Ref | Organisation                                                                              | Purpose                                                                                                                                          | Aim + disadvantage outcome                                                                                                                               | Beneficiaries                                                                                    | Budget                                          | Bid  | Award       |
|-----|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|------|-------------|
| WC1 | <b>Christ's Pieces Residents' Association</b>                                             | One winter evening talk for local residents                                                                                                      | Reduce social isolation                                                                                                                                  | 100 Market. Adults                                                                               | Full cost: £290<br>Income: none                 | £290 | <b>£290</b> |
|     | Officer comment: Recommend: £290                                                          |                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                  |                                                 |      |             |
|     | Previous 2 years funding: 17-18: £290 16-17: £290                                         |                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                  |                                                 |      |             |
| WC2 | <b>Friends of Histon Road Cemetery</b>                                                    | Information and activities: newsletters, website, publicity, meetings and events                                                                 | Protect and enhance the Cemetery for public benefit, ensure public access and work with City Council to these aims. Sustain active community involvement | 2,000 (500 Castle), 400 East Chesterton, 800 West Chesterton, 300 Arbury                         | Full cost: £2,871.<br>Income: £1,000 + reserves | £800 | <b>£800</b> |
|     | Officer comment: Recommend: £800 contribution (and £400 from North Area Committee)        |                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                  |                                                 |      |             |
|     | Previous 2 years funding: 17-18: £800 (North) £400 (West) 16-17: £400 (North) £500 (West) |                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                  |                                                 |      |             |
| WC3 | <b>Friends of Midsummer Common</b>                                                        | Maintenance of community orchard, insurance, meetings, monthly volunteer sessions, new push mower, running a children's stall at Strawberry Fair | Reduce social isolation and promote community spirit and wellbeing. Deter anti-social behaviour                                                          | 250 (230 Market), 20 East and West Chesterton. All ages plus thousands of indirect beneficiaries | Full cost: £920<br>Income £170 + reserves       | £650 | <b>£650</b> |
|     | Officer comment: Recommend: £650                                                          |                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                  |                                                 |      |             |
|     | Previous 2 years funding: 17-18: £370 16-17: £445                                         |                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                  |                                                 |      |             |

## Appendix 2: 2017-18 Awards

| Ref | Organisation                             | Purpose                      | Award<br>£ |
|-----|------------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------|
| WC1 | Christ's Pieces Residents' Association   | 1 talk                       | 290        |
| WC2 | Friends of Histon Road Cemetery          | Information and activities   | 400        |
| WC3 | Friends of Histon Road Recreation Ground | Summer event                 | 1,160      |
| WC4 | Friends of Midsummer Common              | Community Orchard            | 370        |
| WC5 | Oblique Arts                             | Older people's art workshops | 1,560      |
| WC6 | Oxford Road Residents Association        | Summer fete                  | 150        |