

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Report

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| Committee: | Sub-Committee of the Culture and Communities Select Committee |
| Date: | 5 February 2014 |
| Title: | Community Buildings Capital Grant Scheme |
| Reference: | 5612 |
| Report From: | Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services |

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1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1. This report sets out further detail about the Sub-committee's meeting on 5 February.

2. Contextual Information

- 2.1. On 21 February 2013 the previous Leader of the County Council allocated £1 million to the existing Community Buildings Capital Grant Scheme to be allocated as two or three grants of a maximum of £200,000 each.
- 2.2. The Culture, Communities and Rural Affairs Select Committee set up a Sub-committee on 10 September 2013 to consider and comment on the large grant applications; consisting of Councillors Still (Chairman), Pearce (Vice-Chairman), Humby, Mather, Bailey, Gurden and Rolt.

3. Meeting on 5 February 2014

- 3.1. Fourteen Expressions of Interest were received for a major grant from the Community Buildings Capital Grant Scheme from a wide variety of community organisations from across the county. Using a scoring system, based on the criteria for a grant, six organisations have been shortlisted and they will be presenting their proposals to the Sub-committee on 5 February.
- 3.2. In summary, the proposals consist of:-
 - 1) Eastleigh Youth and Community Trust – requesting a grant of £192,700 towards the costs of building an annexe with a hall, community café, meeting room etc. onto their existing building.

- 2) Emsworth Community Association – requesting a grant of £197,500 towards the costs of making improvements to their existing building.
- 3) Hurstbourne Tarrant Development Trust – requesting a grant of £166,000 towards the costs of building a new Community Centre.
- 4) Micheldever Station Community and Recreation Centre - requesting a grant of £200,000 towards the costs of replacing an old building with an extension to the existing hall.
- 5) Woolton Hill Parochial Church Council – requesting a grant of £200,000 towards the costs of extending and refurbishing the existing Church Hall.
- 6) Gosport Community Association – requesting a grant of £112,600 to install central heating and replacement windows in one of their buildings and to undertake a feasibility study to approve options for the future development of their buildings.

3.3 On 5 February, each organisation will give a 10 minute presentation on their proposals, with 15 minutes for questions.

3.4 The programme for 5 February is:-

10.00 a.m. Sub-committee meets, Chute room, briefing with officers.

10.15 a.m. Eastleigh Youth and Community Trust

10.45 a.m. Emsworth Community Association

Break

11.30 a.m. Hurstbourne Tarrant Development Trust

12.00 noon Micheldever Station Community and Recreation Centre

Lunch

1.00 p.m. Woolton Hill Parochial Church Council

1.30 p.m. Gosport Community Association

2.30 –

3.00 p.m. Sub-committee discussion

3.5 The role of the Sub-committee is to consider officer recommendations on which applications should be supported and to make recommendations to the Executive Member for Culture, Recreation and Countryside for his Decision Day on 6 March 2014.

CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:**Links to the Corporate Strategy**

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| Hampshire safer and more secure for all: | no |
| Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate): | |
| Maximising well-being: | yes |
| Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate): | |
| Enhancing our quality of place: | yes |
| Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate): | |

Other Significant Links

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| Links to previous Member decisions: | | |
| <u>Title</u> Capital Grants Scheme for community buildings – new Sub-committee | <u>Reference</u> 5160 | <u>Date</u> 10 September 2013 |
| Direct links to specific legislation or Government Directives | | |
| <u>Title</u> | <u>Date</u> | |

Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents

The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)

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| <u>Document</u> | <u>Location</u> |
| None | |

IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:

1. Equalities Impact Assessment:

- 1.1. A high level Equalities Impact Assessment was undertaken when the grants were reviewed two years ago. It found that equality impacts were considered as part of the review and that, on balance, the grants scheme improved equality outcomes by opening up the grants to a wider range of organisations.

2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:

- 2.1. Not applicable.

3. Climate Change:

- 3.1. How does what is being proposed impact on our carbon footprint / energy consumption?

Not applicable.

- 3.2. How does what is being proposed consider the need to adapt to climate change, and be resilient to its longer term impacts?

Not applicable.