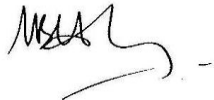




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| Report to: | Carshalton and Clockhouse Local Committee | Date: | 8 December 2015 |
| Report title: | Neighbourhood Grants 2015-2016 | | |
| Report from: | Mary Morrissey Strategic Director, Environment, Housing and Regeneration | | |
| Ward/Areas affected: | Carshalton Central, Carshalton South and Clockhouse | | |
| Chair of Committee/Lead Member: | Councillor Hamish Pollock | | |
| Author(s)/Contact Number(s): | Will Solly Community Development Officer 0208 770 4391 | | |
| Corporate Plan Priorities: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An Open Council • A Green Council • A Fair Council | | |
| Open/Exempt: | Open | | |
| Signed: |  | Date: | 26 November 2015 |

1. Summary

- 1.1 This report asks the Local Committee to agree any new neighbourhood grant applications since the last meeting and asks the Committee to reinstate the delegation for the approval of neighbourhood grants.

2. Recommendations

The Carshalton and Clockhouse Local Committee is recommended to:

- 2.1 Award "South Carshalton Seniors Centre" £1000 for their IT project upgrade
- 2.2 Note "Carshalton Beeches Baptist Free Church" have been awarded £1000 for the "Banstead Road Community Yulefest" under the urgency procedures.
- 2.3 Note "Friends of Honeywood Museum" have been awarded £150 for the "Carshalton Frost Fair" under the urgency procedures.
- 2.4 Delegate the authority to take the decision on neighbourhood grants to the Strategic Director of Environment, Housing and Regeneration in consultation with all Carshalton and Clockhouse Committee Councillors.

3. Background

- 3.1 Following a review of the Neighbourhood Grants Programme, groups can now apply for £50-£1000 each financial year. This will provide local groups with flexibility to submit a single or multiple applications.

- 3.2 Each Local Committee can allocate Neighbourhood Grants to clubs and community groups delivering projects that benefit residents of their local area. Applications are welcome from voluntary, community and self-help groups who are formally constituted.
- 3.3 Neighbourhood Grants promote community and voluntary activity in the local area, foster sustainable projects and identify activities that the whole community can participate in.
- 3.4 More information on Neighbourhood Grants is published on the Council's website: www.sutton.gov.uk/neighbourhoodgrants

4. Issues

- 4.1 The Committee is asked to consider the following Neighbourhood Grant application.

| Applicant | Proposal | Funds sought |
|---------------------------------|---|--------------|
| South Carshalton Seniors centre | The community centre provides preventative care for elderly residents in the local community. The group are looking to have an IT upgrade project to better assist the organisation and their clients. The grant will contribute towards the project upgrade costs. | £1000 |

- 4.2 The Committee is asked to note that the following application has been approved.

| Applicant | Proposal | Funds attained |
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| Carshalton Beeches Baptist Free Church on behalf of Banstead Road Community Yulefest | The Yulefest in Banstead Road took place on the 4 December. The festival brought Christmas cheer to the area with dancing, singing and music with decorated stalls in the church, and in the street, and face painting. It helped to bring together residents, businesses and local organisations. | £980.55 |
| Friends of Honeywood Museum Carshalton Frost Fair | The 2015 Frost Fair was the fourth one organised by the friends group. It is a pre-Christmas event held in Honeywood museum and all around the Carshalton Ponds area. The event was held on Saturday 5 December. In previous years 3-4,000 local people have attended and it has become an extremely popular community event. The funding supported the cost of the facility for the event. | £150 |



- 4.3 Following the award of a grant, recipients will be required to complete and return a grant completion report within one year telling us the difference the project has made. Organisations can be invited to Local Committee meetings to give feedback on completed projects. Completion reports can be viewed by the committee upon request.

5. Options Considered

- 5.1 The applications listed meet the criteria adopted for consideration of Neighbourhood grants.

6. Impacts and Implications

Financial

- 6.1 Neighbourhood Grant funds are specifically allocated to each Committee. Grant payments will be monitored against each Committee's allocation, to facilitate efficient budgetary control.
- 6.2 Funds for allocation to the Neighbourhood Grant have been identified in the base budget and carry forward from 2014/15. The Committee has a budget of £9,254 to spend in 2015/16.
- 6.3 If the grant for the South Carshalton Senior Centre is approved the Committee will have £1,343.45 remaining to spend in 2015/16.
- 6.4 Applications approved in 2015/16 are shown in Appendix A.

Legal

- 6.5 There are no specific legal implications arising from this report.

Risk

- 6.6 Safeguarding Policy, Health and Safety Policy and Procedures and Public Liability Insurance are a priority; the application process has verified that the grantees have robust risk mitigation processes in place. Where relevant, copies of supporting documents have been submitted.

Equalities

- 6.7 Many of the schemes that are approved have a positive effect by promoting community activity and providing shared spaces that everyone can enjoy.

Community

- 6.8 Local Committee Neighbourhood Grants are one of the best ways that the Council can support local groups that want to get involved in shaping their neighbourhoods. By working with residents in this way we will ensure that funding is spent on improvements that local people want to see in their area.

7. Appendices and Background Documents

| Appendix Letter | Title |
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| A | Breakdown of Neighbourhood Grants approved in 2015-6 |

| Background Documents |
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| None |



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| Audit Trail | | |
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| Consultation with other officers | | |
| Officer | Comments Sought | Comments checked by |
| Finance | Yes | Peter May |
| Legal | No | n/a |
| Other Officers: | Yes | Victoria Jeffrey, Head of Local Place and Engagement |



Appendix A- Breakdown of Approved Neighbourhood Grants approved in 2015-16

| Organisation | Proposal | Amount | Date of decision |
|---|-------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Carshalton Fields Residents Association | Newsletters | £500 | 28/04/2015 |
| Helpp | Sound equipment and library books | £500 | 25/04/2015 |
| Friends of Honeywood Museum | 'Carshalton on Sea' summer festival | £850 | 28/04/2015 |
| Carshalton Fields Resident Association | Coach trip to RAF museum, Hendon | £430 | 16/06/2015 |
| Friends of Oaks Park | Newsletter 2015-16 | £500 | 16/06/2015 |
| Friends of Oaks Park | Tree Planting | £500 | 16/06/2015 |
| Sutton Ecology Centre | Pond shed renewal | £1000 | 16/06/2015 |
| Little League | Supporting local residents | £500 | 14/07/2015 |
| Clockhouse Community Association | Kitchen improvements | £1000 | 03/08/2015 |
| Carshalton Beeches Baptist Free Church | Banstead Road Community Yulefest | £980.55 | 06/11/2015 |
| Friends of Honeywood Museum | Carshalton Frost Fair | £150 | 25/11/2015 |
| Total | | £6,910.55 | |

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