



## AGENDA ITEM: 13

### SUMMARY

<b>Report for:</b>	<b>Cabinet</b>
<b>Date of meeting:</b>	<b>17<sup>th</sup> September 2013</b>
<b>PART:</b>	<b>1</b>
If Part II, reason:	

<b>Title of report:</b>	<b>Destination Dacorum (Performance Reward Grant)</b>
Contact:	<p>CIlr Andrew Williams, Portfolio Holder for Community Leadership</p> <p>Author/Responsible Officer: Natalie Webb, Team Leader Policy, Partnerships &amp; Innovation</p>
Purpose of report:	This report sets out proposals to make the Performance Reward Grant balances accessible to the Destination Dacorum Board to spend on projects supporting the delivery of the Sustainable Community Strategy.
Recommendations	Delegate approval of further draw downs from the earmarked Performance Reward Grant reserve for revenue and capital expenditure to the Section 151 Officer/Deputy Section 151 Officer in consultation with the Leader of the Council.
Corporate objectives:	The Council's core vision is: <i>Working in partnership, to create a borough which enables the communities of Dacorum to thrive and prosper</i> – the Destination Dacorum Plan is the strategic method of achieving this. The Destination Dacorum Board intend to use outstanding PRG balances to support delivery of the Plan
Implications:	<u>Financial</u> PRG funds spent.
'Value For Money Implications'	<u>Value for Money</u> Working strategically with key organisations/sectors in Dacorum will help us to spend this money while delivering best possible value for money to our community.
Risk Implications	Dacorum Borough Council has a statutory requirement to have a Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS): The Destination

	Dacorum Plan is our SCS. PRG has already been ring fenced for the delivery of the SCS and as the SCS was approved in 2012.
Equalities Implications	There are no specific equalities implications related to this report.
Health And Safety Implications	There are no specific health and safety implications related to this report.
Monitoring Officer/S.151 Officer Comments	<p><b>Deputy Monitoring Officer:</b></p> <p>No further comments.</p> <p><b>Deputy S.151 Officer</b></p> <p>This recommendation will speed up the delivery of initiatives funded by this earmarked grant, and ensure that Cabinet and Full Council are not required to approve what could be numerous low value transactions.</p>
Consultees:	<p>David Gill – Group Manager, Partnerships and Citizen Insight</p> <p>Shane Flynn – Assistant Director (Project Governance), Financial Services</p> <p>Richard Baker – Team Leader Regulatory and Financial Accounting</p>
Background papers:	<p>Destination Dacorum Plan</p> <p>Cabinet report: Destination Dacorum (Sustainable Community Strategy), 24th July 2012</p> <p>Cabinet report: Local Area Agreement (LAA) performance, Performance Reward Grant (PRG) Project Proposals, 27<sup>th</sup> July 2010</p>
Glossary of acronyms and any other abbreviations used in this report:	<p><i>LSP – Local Strategic Partnership</i></p> <p><i>SCS – Sustainable Community Strategy</i></p> <p><i>PRG – Performance Reward Grant</i></p> <p><i>LAA – Local Area Agreement</i></p>

## BACKGROUND

1. Destination Dacorum acts as Dacorum's Local Strategic Partnership (LSP). The Destination Dacorum Board is chaired by Cllr Williams and includes representatives from:
  - a. Dacorum Borough Council
  - b. Hertfordshire County Council
  - c. Police
  - d. Health
  - e. Public Sector
  - f. Private Sector

2. In 2012, Full Council adopted the Destination Dacorum Plan as Dacorum Borough Council's Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS), for which it remains a statutory requirement for the Council to produce.

#### **PERFORMANCE REWARD GRANT (PRG)**

3. Performance Reward Grant (PRG) was provided to Dacorum in two allocations in 2010.
4. In March 2010, Cabinet approved spend of PRG money via The Dacorum Partnership (our previous LSP).
5. The money was allocated as follows:

<b><u>Description</u></b>	<b><u>Capital £</u></b>	<b><u>Revenue £</u></b>
Initial PRG allocation	217,206	217,206
Second PRG allocation	30,790	71,843
<b>Total PRG allocation</b>	<b>247,996</b>	<b>289,049</b>
<b>Dacorum Partnership spend (appendix 1)</b>	<b>200,000</b>	<b>208,481</b>
<b>Balance</b>	<b>47,996</b>	<b>80,568</b>

6. At the Dacorum Partnership Board meeting, 15th June 2011, the following recommendations were agreed for the remaining uncommitted PRG:
  - a. the Partnership do not start a second 'open bidding' process for community projects,
  - b. that the Sustainable Community Strategy be used to identify the major priority areas for action
  - c. that the remaining PRG be used to commission work that meets those priorities
  - d. that Officers work with appropriate agencies, partners and community groups to identify and bring forward a programme of work for consideration by the board.
7. The Destination Dacorum Board has since taken responsibility for the remaining PRG balances currently held by Dacorum Borough Council.
8. The remaining revenue grant balance is held within the Performance Reward Grant Earmarked Reserve. The capital grant balance is held within the Capital Grants and Contributions Unapplied Account.

#### **THIS REPORT:**

9. The Destination Dacorum Board have considered potential options for spending the outstanding PRG money and continue to discuss areas of their Plan where resources are, or will be, required.
10. At present, in order to spend outstanding PRG balances, Officers are required to prepare a report on each element of spend. Projects can be very small in nature and all supplementary estimates would require Full Council approval.
11. To enable quicker delivery of projects and initiatives which contribute to delivery of the Sustainable Community Strategy, approval is being sought to delegate authority from Full Council.
12. Any spend of the funds will enable delivery of the Sustainable Community Strategy (please see the Sustainable Community Strategy for specific work areas and priorities) and will focus on economic wellbeing in Dacorum.
13. It is recommended that supplementary estimates for expenditure funded from the Performance Reward Grant Balances be delegated to the Section 151 Officer / Deputy Section 151 Officer in consultation with the Leader of the Council.

**APPENDIX ONE**

**DACORUM PARTNERSHIP PRG SPEND**

<b><u>Description</u></b>		<b><u>Capital £</u></b>	<b><u>Revenue £</u></b>
1	Building Community Resilience (Passport to Go)	50,000	98,481
2	Marlowes Shopping Zone	125,000	
3	Dacorum Festival of Culture		50,000
4	Partnership Development Officer		60,000
5	Small projects Grant Aid Allocation	25,000	
<b>6</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>200,000</b>	<b>208,481</b>

For further detail if required: Cabinet report: Local Area Agreement (LAA) performance, Performance Reward Grant (PRG) Project Proposals, 27th July 2010