



## Portfolio Holder Decision Notice

Title of decision:	To award a grant of £9,000 to Dacorum Bangladeshi Welfare Association
Name of Portfolio Holder:	Portfolio Holder for Community and Regulatory Services
Name of Lead Officer	Niamh Thomas, Community Partnerships and Wellbeing Officer (Funding and Partnerships)
Proposed date of Decision to be made:	15 October 2021

If part 2, the reason:

Decision:	<p>The Dacorum Bangladeshi Welfare Association (DBWA), based in Hemel Hempstead, was formed in 2005 with the primary aim of supporting the growing Bangladeshi community in the town. They are a non-profit organisation and registered charity who have actively sought to bring together the community providing regular organised activities to cater for all genders and age groups. These activities include classes for children and adults (men and women), congregational prayers, annual fun days and tuition classes primarily focussed on English and Maths. The success and maturity of the organisation means that focus of the organisation is no longer limited to solely the Bangladeshi community. They welcome people from all backgrounds and there is now a significant number of people attending classes and events that are from diverse backgrounds.</p> <p>The proposed improvements to the building will improve the flexibility of the building's internal space to allow a wide range of groups to meet. They are proposing to remove some of the internal walls to turn small office spaces into a larger multipurpose room and to include folding partition walls to aid with the flexibility of the space.</p> <p>The application was assessed through the Community Grant Scheme, which is specifically set up to support Community, Voluntary, Arts and Sporting groups that benefit the residents of Dacorum. There are three rounds of Community Grant funding per financial year.</p>
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Charities are invited to apply for funding and the applications are assessed by a panel of officers, who will be looking at how well it meets the criteria of the fund; whether the project supports the Councils objectives and how it supports the following five ways to well-being: be active, take notice, learn, give and connect.