

# EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD SHEET

<b>Name of Portfolio Holder:</b>	Councillor Julie Banks
<b>Portfolio:</b>	Community and Regulatory Services
<b>Date of Report:</b>	9 <sup>th</sup> February 2021
<b><u>Heritage Funding Levels</u></b>	
<b>Recommendation made and reasons:</b>	
1. To award Dacorum Heritage Trust a grant of £58,000 for the 2021/22 financial year.	
<b>Background</b>	
<p>Dacorum Heritage Trust have been funded by DBC from 2011, originally as part of the Strategic Partner Programme. This programme no longer exists, but it is widely recognised that the support provided by the Dacorum Heritage trust is of great cultural and historical value to the area, providing unique opportunities for residents, visitors and schools to understand the rich and diverse past in Dacorum.</p> <p>The Council is proposing to extend the arrangement for the Dacorum Heritage Trust, which will see the current funding levels continue for 2021/22, under a Service Level Agreement. This decision supersedes portfolio holder decision on Heritage funding (PH-010-18).</p>	
<b><u>Financial Analysis</u></b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Existing funding of £58,000 to be granted to Dacorum Heritage Trust for 2021/22</li></ul>	
<b>Officers / Councillors / Ward Councillors / Stakeholders Consulted:</b> Linda Roberts, Assistant Director, People, Performance and Innovation Matthew Rawdon, Group Manager People and Communities Alex Care, Community Partnerships Team Leader Cllr Julie Banks (Residents & Corporate Services)	
<b>Deputy Monitoring Officer/Chief Financial Officer Comments:</b>	
<p>Deputy Monitoring Officer: Further to section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Council has the power to incur expenditure, which in its opinion is in the interest of and will bring direct benefit to its area or any part of it or all or some of its residents.</p> <p>Officers should ensure that all the conditions relating to use of the grant funding are included in the service level agreement.</p>	
<b>Deputy Section 151 Officer:</b> The 2021/22 approved budget has provided for this funding agreement.	

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**Implications:**

**Risk:** failure to approve the recommendations in this report will result in a reduction in financial support of the heritage community in Dacorum. This could have a negative impact on the delivery of heritage in Dacorum. There is also a reputational consequence to the Council.

**Value for Money:** Dacorum Heritage Trust is uniquely positioned to ensure Heritage plays an important part to the community and the Council ensures value for money by monitoring their outcomes/performance against Council objectives.

**Options Considered and reasons for rejection:**

To not fund any heritage organisations/projects: This is rejected because there will be a significant detrimental impact on the local heritage community and on local residents,

**Portfolio Holders Signature:**

**Date: 06 April 2021**

**Details of any interests declared and any dispensations given by the Standards Committee:****For Member Support Officer use only**

Date Decision Record Sheet received from portfolio holder: 06 April 2021

Date Decision Published: 07 April 2021 Decision No: PH-010-21

Date of Expiry of Call-In Period: 14 April 2021

Date any Call-In received or decision implemented: