

## OFFICER DECISION RECORD SHEET

**Name of decision maker: Allison Westray - Chapman**

**Service Area: Place, Communities & Enterprise**

### **Title of Decision:**

To approve Community Grants for the Spring 22-23 round

### **Decision made and reasons:**

**To make grants to the following organisations for the Spring 2022-23 round of bidding:**

1. *Dacorum Heritage: The Virtual Visitor Project:* Funding towards the creation of a new website to highlight stories volunteer opportunities. £2000
2. *'Tring Together: Music for Everybody Project:* This project aims to create a strong connected community and support the wellbeing of residents of Tring and Dacorum. The project will provide three all day workshops for children and young musicians to learn the art of signing and performance and provide the confidence and skills to play in live performances. £3000
3. *'West Herts Wizzards: Dacorum Pickleball Association Project:* Funding to support court hire, paddles, nets and balls. Funding will also support players in becoming trained to lead sessions. £3000
4. *'Gobstoppers Education: The Shakespeare Circus Project:* Funding to deliver Shakespeare workshops in local primary schools, and a live Shakespeare performance. £3000
5. *'Neurokinex: a Plinth for Paralysis Project:* Funding to purchase new equipment to help safely get people out of a wheelchair so that they can do exercise to maintain help and improve recovery £750
6. *'Berkhamsted Music Society':* Funding for website developments in order to attract new audiences. £3000

### **Small Grants:**

1. *'St Roses School Project:* Funding to start a manageable wildflower meadow. £500
2. *'Berkhamsted & Hemel Hempstead Hockey Club:* Funding towards the costs of mouth guards to enable children to participate in their school hockey programme. £150
3. *'Sunnyside Community Playgroup:* Funding to increase the selection of role play equipment available for children in the group. £450
4. *Kings Langley Carnival Committee:* Funding to improve the reach and quality of their PA system £300
5. *Kings Langley Bowling Club:* Funding to purchase and install hand dryers in the ladies and men's toilets

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6. *Dacorum Dolphins*: Funding for extra floats toggles and toys. £500
7. *Tring & District Local History & Museum Society*: Funding to produce and print a book on the history of Long Marston, Puttenham and Wilstone.
8. *Berkhamsted Art Society*: Funding for resources to help facilitate an art exhibition at Berkhamsted Civic Centre. £100
9. *Hemel Community Fridge*: Funding for new storage racks and tables. £350
10. *Hemel Warriors Amateur Boxing Club*: Funding towards new boxing gloves. £500
11. *Hemel Hempstead Child Contact Centre*: Funding to create an art area for visitors to the centre: £273

### Reports considered:

n/a

### Officers/Councillors/Ward Councillors/Stakeholders Consulted:

Officers on the grants panel present:

Fraser Willcox, Economic Development Officer

Fay Murphy, Assistant Accountant, Finance

Darren Flanagan, Accountant, Finance

Claire Foster, Community Partnerships and Wellbeing Officer (Physical Activity and Sport)

Joe Guiton, Community Safety and Children's Services Team Leader

Alex Care, Community Partnerships and Wellbeing Team Leader

### Financial Comments:

Fay Murphy gave detailed comments to each application on the grants portal and scored each application. The comments and scores are written on the grants portal for staff. The Finance officer also approved the applications.

### Deputy Monitoring Officer Comments:

Under 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.

Further to section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 a local authority has the power to make grants to voluntary organisations providing recreational facilities.

### Deputy S151 Officers Comments:

The cost of the grant awards is within the approved budget levels.

### Implications:

Value for Money: The community grants helps voluntary and community

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organisations with projects that benefit the local community. Each application considered is scrutinised by Finance and other officers to ensure value for money. Each organisation awarded a grant must provide a written report of the project within 12 months of receipt of funds.

Financial: The community grant pot is protected for allocating to community and voluntary organisations and the budget is allocated for the 2020/21 financial year

Risk: If we did not fund these community projects through the community grant scheme, they may not be able to go ahead.

**Officer Signature:**

Allison Westray Chapman

**Date – 19<sup>th</sup> July 2022**