

<b>DECISION-MAKER:</b>	CABINET MEMBER FOR COMMUNITY WELLBEING CABINET		
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	COMMUNITY CHEST GRANTS 2018/19 ROUND 2		
<b>DATE OF DECISION:</b>	15 JANUARY 2019		
<b>REPORT OF:</b>	DIRECTOR OF QUALITY AND INTEGRATION		
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<b>STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY</b>	
None	
<b>BRIEF SUMMARY</b>	
<p>Community Chest is the council's small grant scheme and currently awards grants of up to £2,500 to community groups in the city. Grants are awarded twice a year by the Cabinet Member for Community Wellbeing, following consideration of recommendations from the cross-party Community Chest Grant Advisory Panel. The budget for the year is £100,000, which is divided approximately equally between the two rounds.</p> <p>Applications are accepted from local community groups and small voluntary organisations for a wide range of projects which contribute at least one to the council's four priority outcomes.</p>	
<b>RECOMMENDATIONS:</b>	
CABINET MEMBER FOR COMMUNITY WELLBEING	
	(i) To agree the recommendations for round 2 grants made by the cross-party Community Chest Grant Advisory Panel
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	(i) To delegate authority to the Director of Quality and Integration, following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Community Wellbeing, to award the final grants from the remaining Community Chest budget in 2018/19.
<b>REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS</b>	
1.	All the applications have been considered by the cross-party Community Chest Grant Advisory Panel, which has made recommendations on which should receive funding.
2.	Delegating authority to award the final grants from the remaining budget to the Director of Quality and Integration, following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Community Wellbeing, will ensure the remaining budget is allocated by the end of March 2019 while still allowing sufficient time for

	applicants to submit applications and for the applications to be properly assessed.
<b>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED</b>	
3.	Awarding the final grants through the existing Cabinet Member delegation was considered and rejected as that process would not allow sufficient time for applicants to submit applications, for the applications to be properly assessed and grants to be awarded before the end of March. A shorter application period could disadvantage smaller community groups, who are the least likely to have capacity to respond quickly to funding opportunities.
<b>DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)</b>	
4.	Community Chest is the council's small grants scheme and has been running for more than 30 years. It is periodically reviewed to ensure it continues to meet the needs of local community groups. The grant has two rounds each year, six months apart, with the budget split roughly equally between both rounds. In 2018/19 the overall budget available is £100,000. The decision maker for the grants is the Cabinet Member for Community Wellbeing, following recommendations from the cross-party Community Chest Grant Advisory Panel.
5.	Each application is first checked by a technical appraiser to ensure both the project and the applicant meet the Community Chest criteria and minimum standards for grant funding. Further information or clarification is requested where necessary. All applications are then submitted to the cross-party Community Chest Grant Advisory Panel for consideration.
6.	Applications for round two of the 2018/19 Community Chest grant scheme were submitted by 31 October 2018. We received 27 applications, including four applications deferred from the previous round of Community Chest. The Community Chest Grant Advisory Panel met on 5 December 2018 to consider all 27 applications.
7.	<p>The Grant Advisory Panel has recommended full or partial funding for 23 applications, totalling £38,444. Of the 4 applications that are not being recommended for funding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 did not fully meet the grant criteria</li> <li>• 1 did not provide enough information to determine if the group and project are eligible</li> </ul> <p>A full list of the recommendations is attached at Appendix 1.</p>
8.	Following the recommendations for round 2, £21,229 remains unallocated. The Cabinet Member for Community Wellbeing is developing plans for allocating the funding to community organisations, in consultation with the Community Chest Grant Advisory Panel. To ensure the funding can be appropriately allocated before the end of the financial year it is proposed to delegate authority for the final grant awards to the Director for Quality and Integration, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Community Wellbeing.
9.	Details of all Community Chest grants awarded in 2018/19 will be available in the database of grants awarded from April 2019. The database is publically available on the council website: <a href="http://www.southampton.gov.uk/people-places/grants-funding/grants-awarded.aspx">http://www.southampton.gov.uk/people-places/grants-funding/grants-awarded.aspx</a>

<b>RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS</b>							
<b>Revenue</b>							
10.	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Cost Centre</th> <th></th> <th>2018/19 Budget £</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Grants to Voluntary Organisations</td> <td></td> <td>100,000</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>The total Community Chest budget for the year is £100,000, split approximately equally between two rounds.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Round 1 awarded - £40,327</li> <li>• Round 2 recommended - £38,444</li> <li>• Still to be allocated - £21,229</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;">KRP</p>	Cost Centre		2018/19 Budget £	Grants to Voluntary Organisations		100,000
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<b>Property/Other</b>							
11.	None						
<b>LEGAL IMPLICATIONS</b>							
<b>Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:</b>							
12.	The legal power for the Council to establish, administer and make awards from the Community Chest grant fund is provided by the Localism Act 2011. Subject to certain statutory restrictions, none of which apply in this case, Section 1 gives the Council “power to do anything that individuals may do”.						
<b>Other Legal Implications:</b>							
13.	None						
<b>RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS</b>							
14.	The risks of fully funding, part funding or not funding each application were considered as part of the Community Chest Grant Advisory Panel’s discussions. The recommendations listed in Appendix 1 are considered to be low risk.						
<b>POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS</b>							
15.	The recommendations in this paper support the delivery of the Sustainable Community Strategy (City Strategy), the Council Strategy 2016-2020, key partnership strategies such as the Safe City Strategy and the Health and Wellbeing Strategy as well as Level 1 strategies of the Council.						

<b>KEY DECISION?</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:</b>	All
<b><u>SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION</u></b>	
<b>Appendices</b>	
1.	List of recommendations for Community Chest grant 2018/19 Round 2

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**Documents In Members' Rooms**

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**Equality Impact Assessment**

<b>Do the implications/subject of the report require an Equality and Safety Impact Assessment (ESIA) to be carried out.</b>	<b>No</b>
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**Data Protection Impact Assessment**

<b>Do the implications/subject of the report require a Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) to be carried out.</b>	<b>No</b>
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**Other Background Documents**

**Other Background documents available for inspection at:**

<b>Title of Background Paper(s)</b>	<b>Relevant Paragraph of the Access to Information Procedure Rules / Schedule 12A allowing document to be Exempt/Confidential (if applicable)</b>
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