

DECISION-MAKER:	CABINET MEMBER FOR COMMUNITIES, CULTURE AND LEISURE		
SUBJECT:	COMMUNITY CHEST GRANTS 2017/18		
DATE OF DECISION:	18 JULY 2017		
REPORT OF:	DIRECTOR OF QUALITY AND INTEGRATION		
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STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY	
None	
BRIEF SUMMARY	
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 under delegated authority to the Cabinet Member for Communities, Culture and Leisure, following 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.	
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.	
RECOMMENDATIONS:	
	(i) To agree the recommendations made by the cross-party Community Chest Grant Advisory Panel
REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS	
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.
ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED	
2.	None
DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)	
3.	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. In 2016 it was proposed to create a cross-party panel of councillors to make Community Chest grant recommendations to the Cabinet Member for Communities, Culture and Leisure and to increase the budget to £100,000. Following public consultation between November 2017 and February 2018, these changes have been

	implemented for 2017/18.
4.	Each application is first checked by an officer 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. This is the first round of Community Chest grants to follow this new process.
5.	Applications for round one of the 2017/18 Community Chest grant scheme were submitted by 15 May 2017. We received 27 applications totalling £56,954. The Community Chest Grant Advisory Panel met on 21 June 2017 to consider all 27 applications.
6.	The Grant Advisory Panel has recommended full or partial funding for 25 applications, totalling £48,816. Of the two applications that are not being recommended for funding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One did not supply the requested supporting documents, despite an additional reminder to do so • One has been deferred to the next round for consideration as the project has not yet started.
7.	A full list of the recommendations is attached at Appendix 1.
8.	The second round of Community Chest grants 2017/18 is open for applications, with a deadline of 31 October 2017.
RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS	
<u>Capital/Revenue</u>	
9.	The total Community Chest budget for the year is £100,000, split approximately equally between two rounds. The recommendations for round one total £48,816, leaving £51,184 for the second round of grants. This is within the allocated budget.
<u>Property/Other</u>	
10.	None
LEGAL IMPLICATIONS	
<u>Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:</u>	
11.	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”.
<u>Other Legal Implications:</u>	
12.	None
RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS	
13.	The risks of fully funding, part funding or not funding each application were considered as part of the Grant Advisory Panel’s discussions. The recommendations listed in Appendix 1 are considered to be low risk.
POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS	

14.	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.
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KEY DECISION?	No
WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:	All

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<u>SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION</u>

Appendices

1.	List of recommendations for Community Chest grant 2017/18 Round 1
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Documents In Members' Rooms

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Equality Impact Assessment

Do the implications/subject of the report require an Equality and Safety Impact Assessment (ESIA) to be carried out.	No
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Privacy Impact Assessment

Do the implications/subject of the report require a Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA) to be carried out.	No
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Other Background Documents

Other Background documents available for inspection at:
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Title of Background Paper(s)	Relevant Paragraph of the Access to Information Procedure Rules / Schedule 12A allowing document to be Exempt/Confidential (if applicable)
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