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COMMUNITY GRANTS – CAPITAL AWARDS 2008-2009

REPORT OF HEAD OF PARTNERSHIPS AND COMMUNICATIONS

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RECENT REFERENCES:

WT0106 – Community Grants Capital Awards – 15 January 2008

CAB1510 – Community Grants Capital Awards 2007-2008 – 19 September 2007

CAB1401 – Community Grants Capital Awards 2007-2008 – 13 February 2007

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report contains details of applications for capital grant aid in 2008/09 and recommends appropriate levels of support based on the policies and criteria currently in force and the availability of resources.

This report was omitted from the Forward Plan of Key Decisions due to an oversight. It needs to be considered as part of the budget discussions occurring elsewhere on this agenda. The Chairman of Principal Scrutiny Committee has been informed.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1 That a carry forward of £17,560 be approved from unspent capital grant awarded in previous years towards new applications in 2008/09.
- 2 That consideration of the application from the Chesil Theatre be deferred to a future Cabinet meeting.

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That subject to approval by Council of the 2008/09 capital budget provision:

3 The following capital grants for 2008/09 be approved, subject to compliance with the conditions of grant currently in force and any additional conditions specified in Appendix 1:

(i)	Alresford & District Community Association	£12,500
(ii)	Boarhunt Memorial Hall Planning & Management Committee	£28,000
(iii)	Crawley Village Hall Trust	£2,750
(iv)	Durley Memorial Hall	£2,840
(v)	East Stratton Village Hall	£20,000
(vi)	Hursley Parish Hall Management Committee	£10,000
(vii)	Meon Hall	£1,500
(viii)	Wickham Community Association	£15,590
(ix)	Winnall Community Association	£4,380

4 Cabinet expresses regret that it is unable to support the following applications:

- (i) Soberton Parish Council
- (ii) St. Peter's Soberton Church Extension
- (iii) Winchester Judo & Martial Arts Club
- (iv) Winchester Lido Sports Association

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DETAIL:

1 Introduction

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to present details of the community capital grant applications for 2008/09 and to recommend appropriate levels of support for each, as outlined in Appendix 1.
- 1.2 The original application forms and supporting documents are held in the Partnerships and Communications Division. Any Member wishing to study the forms prior to the meeting should contact the Partnership and External Funding Officer who will make the necessary arrangements.

2 Resources

- 2.1 Budget provision of £80,000 has been made in the Council's capital programme to support eligible applications for grant aid in 2008/09.
- 2.2 There are two projects previously awarded a capital grant that have declined the grant offer in 2007/08, meaning that a sum totalling £18,747 will be unspent. It is requested that £17,560 of this unspent money is carried forward to 2008/09 for use in supporting new applications. The remaining £1,187 will remain unclaimed and will be removed from the grant budget. This means that a total of £97,560 is available for allocation.
- 2.3 In addition to this budget, a grants reserve is maintained. This is primarily to support emergency grant requests (both capital and revenue) that may arise during the course of the year. The current balance on this reserve is £46,591 after taking into account further allocations for capital grants during the year.
- 2.4 Fourteen applications for capital grant were received and the total amount of grant requested for 2008/09 was £432,323.50 which is in excess of the available budget. This report recommends grant awards totalling £97,560 for 2008/09. This could be met using the carry forward of £17,560 detailed above.
- 2.5 One of these applications was for a significantly large grant which cannot be managed within the capital grant budget. See item 3.4(i) below.

3 Application Details

- 3.1 Details of all the applications received are shown in Appendix 1. Each project has been subject to a rigorous evaluation to assess the level of community benefit, compliance with the policies and criteria currently in force, the level of external

funding already secured, and sustainability. The recommended grant levels reflect the results of these considerations.

- 3.2 Members are reminded that the maximum level of City Council grant aid available to each project is double the contribution from the local parish council or the Winchester Town Account. There is an exception where the tax base for the Parish is 150 or below, which does not apply to any of the applications received.
- 3.3 Four requests for capital grant have been received from groups within the Town Forum area.
- 3.4 Four applications have not been recommended for support:
- (i) Soberton Parish Council – not able to support from this scheme as application is from the Parish Council and therefore not eligible for funding. Application needs to be from a properly constituted management committee.
 - (ii) St. Peter's Soberton Church Extension – not able to support this scheme as church groups are not eligible. Application needs to be from a properly constituted management committee.
 - (iii) Winchester Judo & Martial Arts Club – an application was received from this group for an extension to the building owned by the Winchester Lido Sports Association. In view of the application below requesting a grant for the same building concerns were raised about the viability and appropriateness of this project.
 - (iv) Winchester Lido Sports Association – this application is for external redecoration and therefore is not eligible within the capital grant scheme. This organisation is to be encouraged to submit a more coherent application for the 2009-2010 capital grant scheme.
- 3.5 Chesil Theatre Application - the size of this grant request means that it is beyond the scope of the community capital grant scheme. This application will be passed to Cultural Services for further evaluation and a report will be submitted to Cabinet in due course.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

4 CORPORATE STRATEGY (RELEVANCE TO):

- 4.1 The priority areas for capital grant funding are in line with the Winchester City Council Corporate Strategy 2007 - 2012, and the Winchester District Community Strategy (updated March 2007).
- 4.2 The community capital grants scheme helps address many of the Council's priorities for the District and in particular those under Health and Wellbeing, and Inclusive Societies.

- 4.3 The provision of grants to village halls and recreational facilities is authorised by S 19 Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976.

5 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

- 5.1 The recommendations in this report demand a total capital commitment of £97,560.
- 5.2 The proposed capital programme allocation for grants in 2008/09, which will be decided upon as part of the budget consideration taking place elsewhere on the agenda for this meeting, is £80,000 but support all of the recommendations within the report can be met using the carry forward of £17,560 of unspent grant in 2007/08. Detailed debate on the resource issues is included in Section 2 of this report.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:

Completed grant application forms and supporting documentation held in the Partnerships & Communications Team files.

APPENDICES:

Appendix I

Capital Grant Applications 2008/09

Name of Organisation	Alresford & District Community Association
Parish Council	New Alresford
Tax Base & Precept (Band D)	Tax Base: 2,221.47 Precept : £80.58
Project Details	Provision of ambulant toilet, adjustment of present kitchen walls to accommodate this addition. Installation of new kitchen equipment.
Comments (if any)	
Total Project Cost	£37,900
Parish Council Contribution	£6,250
Amount Requested from WCC	£12,500
Recommendation	£12,500
Conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The organisation must secure building regulations consent and planning permission as required prior to commencing works. • Subject to PC funding

Name of Organisation	Boarhunt Memorial Hall Planning & Management Committee
Parish Council	Boarhunt
Tax Base & Precept (Band D)	Tax Base: 234.61 Precept : £38.36
Project Details	Demolish and rebuild of hall
Comments (if any)	
Total Project Cost	£650,000
Parish Council Contribution	£14,000
Amount Requested from WCC	£28,000
Recommendation	£28,000
Conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The organisation must secure building regulations consent and planning permission as required prior to commencing works. • Subject to PC funding

Name of Organisation	Chesil Theatre
Parish Council	Town Area
Tax Base & Precept (Band D)	
Project Details	Extension to provide multi purpose room
Comments (if any)	The size of the grant requested means that it is beyond the scope of the community capital grant scheme and it is recommended that this application be considered for a grant from the General Fund.
Total Project Cost	£1,118,700
Parish Council Contribution	N/A
Amount Requested from WCC	£300,000
Recommendation	Nil
Conditions	•

Name of Organisation	Crawley Village Hall Trust
Parish Council	Crawley
Tax Base & Precept (Band D)	Tax Base: 208.53 Precept: £55.15
Project Details	To create secure external fenced area for children. Improve terrace and grass area.
Comments (if any)	
Total Project Cost	£5,500
Parish Council Contribution	£1,375
Amount Requested from WCC	£2,750
Recommendation	£2,750
Conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The organisation must secure building regulations consent and planning permission as required prior to commencing works. • Subject to PC funding

Name of Organisation	Durley Memorial Hall
Parish Council	Durley
Tax Base & Precept (Band D)	Tax Base: 439.41 Precept: £29.59
Project Details	Tarmac to car park area
Comments (if any)	
Total Project Cost	£6,674
Parish Council Contribution	£1,688.50
Amount Requested from WCC	£3,337
Recommendation	£2,8400
Conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The organisation must secure building regulations consent and planning permission as required prior to commencing works. • Subject to PC funding

Name of Organisation	East Stratton Village Hall
Parish Council	Micheldever
Tax Base & Precept (Band D)	Tax Base: 582.11 Precept: £42.95
Project Details	Demolish and Rebuild of Hall
Comments (if any)	Group were awarded a grant of £30,000 last year
Total Project Cost	£310,800
Parish Council Contribution	£30,000
Amount Requested from WCC	£30,000
Recommendation	£20,000
Conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The organisation must secure building regulations consent and planning permission as required prior to commencing works. • Subject to PC funding

Name of Organisation	Hursley Parish Hall Management Committee
Parish Council	Hursley
Tax Base & Precept (Band D)	Tax Base: 20,000 Precept: £48.23
Project Details	Enlarge and refurbish to hall, including creation of a larger room which can be split into two, a larger refurbished kitchen, a restored committee room, new toilets and entrance hall. Improved outside area.
Comments (if any)	
Total Project Cost	£628,000
Parish Council Contribution	£60,000
Amount Requested from WCC	£10,000
Recommendation	£10,000
Conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The organisation must secure building regulations consent and planning permission as required prior to commencing works. • Subject to PC funding

Name of Organisation	Meon Hall
Parish Council	Corhampton & Meonstoke
Tax Base & Precept (Band D)	Tax Base: 8,000 Precept: £22.41
Project Details	Installation of night storage heating
Comments (if any)	
Total Project Cost	£5,476.30
Parish Council Contribution	£500 from Corhampton and Meonstoke PC, and £250 Exton PC)
Amount Requested from WCC	£1,500
Recommendation	£1,500
Conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The organisation must secure building regulations consent and planning permission as required prior to commencing works. • Subject to PC funding

Name of Organisation	Soberton Parish Council
Parish Council	Soberton
Tax Base & Precept (Band D)	Tax Base: 15,500 Precept: £19.31
Project Details	Replacement of roof, provision of disabled toilet facilities and new showers and toilets; improved security, dedicated provision for referee's changing/shower facilities.
Comments (if any)	Not able to support from this scheme as application is from the Parish Council and therefore not eligible for funding. Application needs to be from a properly constituted management committee.
Total Project Cost	£80,000
Parish Council Contribution	£15,000
Amount Requested from WCC	£15,000
Recommendation	Nil
Conditions	•

Name of Organisation	St. Peter's Soberton Church Extension Appeal
Parish Council	Soberton
Tax Base & Precept (Band D)	Tax Base: 15,500 Precept: £19.31
Project Details	Extension to provide toilets including disabled; baby change area, small kitchen, small 1:1 room, and meeting room.
Comments (if any)	Not able to support this scheme as church groups are not eligible. Application needs to be from a properly constituted management committee.
Total Project Cost	£322,348
Parish Council Contribution	To be agreed
Amount Requested from WCC	£10,000
Recommendation	Nil
Conditions	•

Name of Organisation	Wickham Community Association
Parish Council	Wickham
Tax Base & Precept (Band D)	Tax Base: 77,563 Precept: £48.07
Project Details	To increase accessibility to building facilities by improving front door access and providing lift to first floor.
Comments (if any)	
Total Project Cost	£49,983
Parish Council Contribution	£7,795
Amount Requested from WCC	£15,590
Recommendation	£15,590
Conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The organisation must secure building regulations consent and planning permission as required prior to commencing works. • Subject to PC funding

Name of Organisation	Winchester Judo & Martial Arts club
Parish Council	Town Area
Tax Base & Precept (Band D)	
Project Details	Extension to building to increase matted area and to include funding for additional mats, heating and ventilation.
Comments (if any)	The building is owned by the Winchester Lido Sports Association. In view of the application below requesting a grant for the same building concerns were raised about the viability and appropriateness of this project.
Total Project Cost	£72,980
Parish Council Contribution	N/A
Amount Requested from WCC	£6,000
Recommendation	Nil
Conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •

Name of Organisation	Winchester Lido Sports Association
Parish Council	Town Area
Tax Base & Precept (Band D)	
Project Details	Redecoration of external lido building to include repairing and replacing fascia board to whole building, painting windows, doors and walls.
Comments (if any)	General repair and maintenance is not eligible under this scheme. In view of the application received from the Winchester Judo & Martial Arts Club this organisation should be encouraged to submit a more coherent application for the 2009-2010 capital grant scheme.
Total Project Cost	£11,000
Parish Council Contribution	N/A
Amount Requested from WCC	£5,000
Recommendation	Nil
Conditions	•

Name of Organisation	Winnall Community Association
Parish Council	Town Area
Tax Base & Precept (Band D)	
Project Details	To enclose a timber framed wall with brick cladding and upgrade to fire door.
Comments (if any)	Group is able to reclaim VAT and therefore the level of grant awarded has been reduced for this reason.
Total Project Cost	£10,293
Town Forum Contribution	£2,190
Amount Requested from WCC	£5,146.50
Recommendation	£4,380
Conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The organisation must secure building regulations consent and planning permission as required prior to commencing works. • Subject to Town Forum funding

Summary:

Total level of grants requested	£432,323.50
Budget available to support requests in 2008/09	£80,000
Carry forward of grants unspent in 2007/08	£17,560

Total level of grants recommended for 2008/09

£97,560