

Chichester District Council

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New Homes Bonus (Parish Allocations) Scheme - Awards

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2. Recommendation

2.1. That Cabinet consider the recommendation (to be reported orally) of the Grants and Concessions Panel in relation to the one application received under the New Homes Bonus (Parish Allocations) Scheme that exceeds the Cabinet Member for Community Services' £25,000 delegation limit.

3. Background

- 3.1. At their meeting on 1 April 2014, Cabinet approved the New Homes Bonus (Parish Allocations) Scheme which, subject to receipt of award from Government, has up to £400,000 available each year from 2014 to 2017 to eligible Parish Councils.
- 3.2. The deadline for applications for 2015 was 31 July, and at that date the Council had received 47 applications totalling approximately £310,000.
- 3.3. Applications were assessed and presented to a special meeting of the Grants and Concessions Panel on 24 September 2015, and the total sum awarded by the Panel will be reported orally.
- 3.4. One application from Chidham and Hambrook Parish Council for £42,430 exceeds the £25,000 delegation limit of the Cabinet Member for Community Services. Accordingly it is presented to Cabinet for determination.

4. Proposal

- 4.1. Chidham and Hambrook Parish Council, working with their identified delivery partner, Chidham and Hambrook Village Hall (Management Committee) seek the award of 100% of their indicative allocation towards creating disabled access to the first floor of the hall. a disabled toilet, storage, replacement staircase and timber cladding to part of façade.

4.2. A full assessment was prepared for the special meeting of the Grants and Concessions Panel and is detailed in the exempt Appendix for members of the Committee and senior officers only.

5. Resource and legal implications

5.1. The special meeting of the Grants and Concessions Panel will agree allocations from the available £400,000 for 2015/16. The amount allocated will be reported orally to Cabinet. This application can be fully funded from the balance of the available NHB (Parish Allocations) budget.

6. Consultation

6.1. Applications have been assessed by officers, and have been discussed by a special meeting of the Grants and Concessions Panel on 24 September 2015. The Panel are recommended to allocate the funds requested to the project, subject to confirmation of the final costs and the sources of the balance of funding required. The deliberations of the Panel will be reported orally to Cabinet.

7. Community impact and corporate risks

7.1. Each application received was assessed in line with the NHB (Parish Allocations) policy and the guidance developed by the Grants and Concessions Panel. A range of issues were considered, on a case by case basis.

8. Other Implications

Crime & Disorder:		None
Climate Change:		None
Human Rights and Equality Impact: If approved this scheme will have a positive impact on access for the disabled	Yes	
Safeguarding:		None

9. Appendix

9.1. Grant Application Summary Details ref NHB 15/15 Chidham and Hambrook Village Hall – Disabled access to first floor (Exempt under Paragraph 3 (business affairs) of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972)

10. Background Papers

10.1. None