

OFFICER DECISION RECORD 2 FORM

This form should be used to record Officer Decisions which have a financial impact (income/expenditure) between £25k - £100k.

ODR Reference Number: CR/436/12/20

APPLICATIONS FOR:

DONCASTER COMMUNITY FUND – WARD MEMBER BUDGET

BOX 1.

DIRECTORATE: Corporate Resources DATE: 01/12/2020

Contact Name: Andrew Sercombe, Governance Manager; 734354

Subject Matter: Approval of Funding from the Doncaster Community Fund – Ward Member Budget No 35, 36, 37, 38, 39

BOX 2

DECISION TAKEN:

To approve the following application for grant funding from the Doncaster Community Fund – Ward Member Budget

- a. **The Glass Park Millennium Trust**
Reference No: 35/DCF/MWB/Ed&Ks
Supported by: Councillor Robinson and Councillor Nevett
Cost £900.00 (£450 x 2 Councillors)
- b. **Friends of Edenthorpe Community Park**
Reference No: 36/DCF/MWB/Ed&Ks
Supported by: Councillor Robinson
Cost £300.00
- c. **Intake Monday**
Reference No: 37/DCF/MWB/WH&Int
Supported by: Councillor Kidd
Cost £300.00
- d. **Hexthorpe Monarchs Junior Football Team**
Reference No: 38/DCF/MWB/Hex&BN
Supported by: Councillor Jones and Councillor Wilkinson
Cost £500.00 (£250 x 2 Councillors)
- e. **Joint Christmas initiative**
Reference No: 39/DCF/MWB/Th&Mo
Supported by: Councillor Houlbrook
Cost £500.00

BOX 3

REASON FOR DECISION AND ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED:

Doncaster Community Fund Ward Member Budget 2020/21

Approval of Applications

Further to the establishment of a ward Members Budget of upto £3k per Councillor (ODR No: CR/352/04/20,) a number of applications have been received and assessed in line with the application criteria and supported by the relevant ward Councillor (s).

Legal Considerations:

Section 236 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 provides that an authority may make arrangements for individual Members to exercise functions of the authority in relation to the electoral division or ward for which the Member is elected.

In implementing the scheme and agreeing grant applications the Council must ensure this is in accordance with its Financial Procedure Rules. Any parties accepting the grant must formally agree to the terms and conditions of the grant funding. Appropriate monitoring of activities and expenses will be undertaken where necessary to ensure compliance.

In accordance with section 13 (4) of The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012, the following interests have been recorded:

Application 35: Councillor Robinson has declared a non disclosable pecuniary interest as a non-remunerated imminent Trustee of The Glass Park Millennium Trust. Councillor Nevett has declared a non disclosable pecuniary interest as a non-remunerated Trustee of The Glass Park Millennium Trust. Councillors Robinson and Nevett have complied with their obligations under the law and the Member Code of Conduct and this does not prevent the grant being awarded.

Financial Considerations

The Doncaster Community Fund Elected Members Ward Budget is included as part of the £280k Locality Budgets contained within the 2020/21 Revenue Budget. Within this allocation each elected Member is allocated up to £3k (£165k in total across all 55 elected Members) to support local groups and organisations.

A central record of grants allocated will be maintained by the Corporate Governance Team within Legal and Democratic Services – this will reconcile to the grant payments made and record the outcomes achieved through the use of the grant funding.

This is an allocation of existing 2020/21 revenue budget and so is contained within the Council's current budget envelope.

The individual applications below, detail the extent to which the initiative will seek to make a positive impact in the community and ensure the most vulnerable people within Doncaster Communities are supported in a safe and responsible way during the Covid 19 pandemic.

- a. **The Glass Park Millennium Trust**
Reference No: 35/DCF/MWB/Ed&Ks
Supported by: Councillor Robinson and Councillor Nevett
Cost £900 (£450 x 2 Councillors)

To commission a series of short videos with an expert commentary of The Glass Park through different seasons of the year. The videos are to be made publicly available without charge for the Trust to use as promotional material showing to schools and community groups thereby encouraging people of all ages to use the facility.

- b. Edenthorpe Parish Council c/o Friends of Edenthorpe Community Park**
Reference No: 36/DCF/MWB/Ed&Ks
Supported by: Councillor Robinson
Cost £300

To purchase Bluebell bulbs plus other varieties for members of the community to plant on the copses throughout the public open space known as Far Field thereby enhancing the natural environment for current users and in turn attracting a greater level of usage.

- c. Intake Monday**
Reference No: 37/DCF/MWB/WH&Int
Supported by: Councillor Kidd
Cost £300

For provision of approximately 150 activity packs eg colouring books, colour pencils, scratch art packs, selection box and tube of blowing bubbles for children in the Intake area. Providing some vulnerable children with a gift they may not normally get. There will also be a colouring competition with a prize for the winner.

- d. Hexthorpe Monarchs Junior Football Team**
Reference No: 38/DCF/MWB/Hex&BN
Supported by: Councillor Jones and Councillor Wilkinson
Cost £500.00 (£250 x 2 Councillors)

Purchase a storage container needed to enable the team to continue to play on Oswin Avenue field, as the pitch at Hexthorpe Park has become unsafe.

- e. Joint Christmas Initiative**
Reference No: 39/DCF/MWB/Th&Mo
Supported by: Councillor Houlbrook
Cost £500.00

Provide a selection box to the most vulnerable service users in high-risk settings e.g. such as care homes/high dependency units/social groups that have all been hit hardest by the Covid-19 restrictions.

BOX 4
BACKGROUND PAPERS
None.

BOX 5
INFORMATION NOT FOR PUBLICATION:

This decision may be published on the Council's website. The individual grant application forms are not available for publication as they contain personal and financial information in respect of the applicant.

Name: Sarah Corbett_ Signature: via email. Date: 06/05/20

Signature of FOI Lead Officer for service area where ODR originates

**BOX 6
AUTHORISATION:**

Name:
Scott Fawcus
Assistant Director Legal and Democratic Services

Signature:



Date: 1/12/20

Does this decision require authorisation by the Chief Financial Officer or other Officer?

Yes/No

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