

RECORD OF DECISION MADE UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY

PART 1 – PUBLIC DOCUMENT

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[NO]

Any conflict with any Member of the Panel and the bodies concerned **[NO]** *If yes indicate who and what below.*

SERVICE DIRECTORATE: Legal and Community

1. DECISION TAKEN

1.1 The approval of the allocation **Hitchin Community Grant** funding of:

1.1.1 **£2,000** to HITCHIN BID towards the cost of replacement Christmas lights infrastructure in the town centre.

2. DECISION TAKER

2.1 Cllr Alistair Willoughby (Executive Member for Community and Partnerships in consultation with the Service Director – Legal and Community).

3. DATE DECISION TAKEN:

1.8..23

4. REASON FOR DECISION

4.1 The **Hitchin Area Forum** held on 4 July 2023 considered a funding application from Hitchin Bid and recorded their recommendations to the Executive Member for Community and Partnerships for the formal commitment of Community Grant funds via the delegated authority process.

5. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

5.1 There are no other reasonable alternative options.

6. CONSULTATION (INCLUDING THE EFFECT ON STAKEHOLDERS, PARTNERS AND THE PUBLIC)

6.1 Consultation has taken place with the Hitchin Area Forum Members in a public meeting on 4 July 2023. Members are in favour and recommend that the Hitchin Area Community Grant budget should be used for this purpose.

7. FORWARD PLAN

7.1 This decision is not a key Executive decision and has therefore not been referred to in the Forward Plan.

8. BACKGROUND/ RELEVANT CONSIDERATIONS

- 8.1 The grant applications were considered by the Hitchin Area Forum on 4 July 2023. The report with the application details is set out under item 4, available on the Council's website [[CLICK HERE](#)].
- 8.2 This delegated decision confirms that the recommendation made by the Area Forum members was accepted by the Executive Member for Community & Partnerships, and Service Director on application 1.1.1.

9. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 Following the decision of Full Council on 18 April 2023, an Area Forum shall consider applications for community grants in its area and make recommendations to the Executive Member for Community & Partnerships on them. The Executive Member has delegated authority to make these Executive decisions under section 14.6.8(b)(ii)A 5 of the constitution, in consultation with the Service Director: Legal & Community. That decision will be subject to a 5 clear working day call-in period, following publication in the Members Information Service (MIS) and on the Council's website.

10. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1. The 2023/24 base budget is **£11,000** with **£3,705** carried forward from the 2022/23 budget. This leaves a budget available of **£14,705**.
- 10.2. The grant applications for this meeting total **£2,000**. If the grants are awarded as outlined in 1.1.1, and in Appendix 1, the remaining balance will be **£12,705**.

11. RISK IMPLICATIONS

- 11.1 There are no relevant risk entries that have been recorded on Pentana Risk, the Council's performance and risk system. Individual events should have their own risk assessments in place to mitigate any health and safety issues. Whenever a request for grant funding for equipment is received, the recipient of the funding will be advised to obtain insurance for the item to avoid a repeat request for funding in the event of the equipment being stolen or damaged. There are no pertinent risk implications for the Authority associated with any items within this report.

12. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 12.1 In line with the Public Sector Equality Duty, public bodies must, in the exercise of their functions, give due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation, to advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations between those who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.
- 12.2 Community Grant funds are awarded to community groups that clearly demonstrate positive impact on the community and wider environment. The projects outlined in this report seek to advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations.

13. SOCIAL VALUE IMPLICATIONS

- 13.1 The Social Value Act and "go local" policy do not apply to the matters contained within this report, as there are no recommendations on procurement.

14. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

- 14.1. There are no Environmental implications.

15. HUMAN RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

15.1 The activities detailed of the Community & Partnership team are covered by existing budgets.

16. BACKGROUND PAPERS

16.1 Terms of Reference for Area Forums, Section 9 Constitution..

16.2 [Community Grants Policy, 9th May 2023](#)

17. APPENDICES

17.1 See website links above.

NOTIFICATION DATE

Signature of Service Director Consulted  ...

Date1.8.23

Signature of Executive Member for Community and Partnerships



Decision Taker

Please Note: that *unless urgency provisions apply* EXECUTIVE decisions cannot be implemented until 5 clear working days have elapsed after the decision has been taken to allow for scrutiny call-in.

Call-in does not apply to NON-EXECUTIVE DECISIONS