

**HINCKLEY COMMUNITY INITIATIVE FUND**  
**REPORT OF DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE (COMMUNITY**  
**DIRECTION)**



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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To request that Hinckley Area Committee support the allocation of grant funding through the Hinckley Community Initiative Fund 2015/16.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 That the Hinckley Area Committee supports the funding allocation of £980, as detailed in section 4, Hinckley Community Initiative Fund 2015/16.

3. BACKGROUND TO THE REPORT

- 3.1 A grant fund of £20,000 was made available to community groups in Hinckley in August 2014 with a maximum of £20,000 set aside for projects. The following bids have been discussed and agreed through SLB and Hinckley Area Committee.

Historic Information sign – St Mary’s Church, Hinckley. (Castle Ward). Grant £419.

St. Mary’s Church Clock & Tune Playing Machine Restoration – St Mary’s Church PCC (Castle Ward) Grant £10,000.

Emmaus Recycle and Reuse – Emmaus Leicestershire and Rutland (homeless charity). (De Montfort Ward) Grant £3,900

Timing and recording equipment – Hinckley Swimming Club. (Castle Ward). Grant £4,700

IT Upgrade – West Leicestershire Mind. (Castle Ward). Grant £981

Since awarding these amounts to the above schemes, West Leicestershire Mind have contacted us to say they wished to withdraw their application, as they were unable to provide the necessary matched funding, we therefore now have a further £981 available from the agreed £20,000 budget.

A further application has been received from St Francis Community Centre for £1,439 towards some new seating.

4. APPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The table in Appendix 1 of this report provides an objective scoring summary from the assessments made of the applications by the Green Space Team.
- 4.2 The assessment panel then determined grants to be allocated. This panel consisted of Ian Pinfold – Green Space Manager and Paul Scragg – Senior Green Space Officer.
- 4.3 The maximum amount of funding available to each group is £10,000. The grant will fund a maximum of 50% of the project costs. Each applicant must seek support from their ward Councillor. Only capital items are funded, the lowest submitted quote has

been used to calculate the maximum eligible grant, unless a good reason has been provided for using a higher quote.

#### 4.4 Summary of Applications.

##### 4.4.1 Safer Seating Scheme -St Francis Community Centre.

Total cost of scheme: £2,352 including VAT (based on quotes provided). Grant requested: £1,490 (De Montfort Ward) Supported by Councillor Nichols.

Outline: The purchase of 80 new chairs for use at the centre to improve comfort and safety, particularly for elderly users and those with a disability.

Community catchment: St Francis Community centre is located on Tudor Road in the De Montfort ward of Hinckley, it provides a venue for a variety of community projects, community and support groups and private room hire for the local community and groups. It is located away from the main town centre, in a mainly residential area.

Community benefit: The charity has indicated that they have 40 members of the senior lunch club who meet weekly, and approximately 250 people using the club on a weekly basis using the club for a variety of different activities.

Recommended grant - £980, this will cover 50% of the cost of the chairs excluding the VAT, this is also the remaining amount left in the fund from the original £20,000 allocated. *NB: The group have indicated they are unable to reclaim VAT (in the grant criteria if an organisation is unable to reclaim VAT, it is included in the 50% funding) in which case a 50% grant would be £1,176.*

#### 5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS [CS]

There is currently £980 remaining from the £20,000 Hinckley Community Initiative Fund. If £1,176 is approved this will cause a slight overspend of £196. The £20,196 will be funded from SEA reserves.

#### 6. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS [JB]

6.1 None

#### 7. CORPORATE PLAN IMPLICATIONS

7.1 The Hinckley Community Initiative fund supports community groups to achieve the following aims and objectives of the Corporate Performance Plan:

- Creating a vibrant place to work and live
- Empowering Communities
- Providing value for money and pro-active services

#### 8. CONSULTATION

8.1 Discussions were held with Hinckley Community Action in May 2015 to establish which groups may qualify for this funding, they also assisted with the distribution of information to local community groups and charities.

#### 9. RISK IMPLICATIONS

9.1 It is the Council's policy to proactively identify and manage significant risks which may prevent delivery of business objectives.

- 9.2 It is not possible to eliminate or manage all risks all of the time and risks will remain which have not been identified. However, it is the officer's opinion based on the information available, that the significant risks associated with this decision / project have been identified, assessed and that controls are in place to manage them effectively.
- 9.3 The following significant risks associated with this report / decisions were identified from this assessment:

Management of significant (Net Red) Risks		
Risk Description	Mitigating actions	Owner
The projects rely on third party delivery and there is therefore a risk that some of the projects may not be delivered	Only projects that are likely to be completed in the following 12 months are recommended for funding	Paul Scragg
Misuse of funds	Funding for projects is only released once scheme is completed and evidence of completion and payment of the works is received.	Paul Scragg

## 10. KNOWING YOUR COMMUNITY – EQUALITY AND RURAL IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1 All grants are awarded to constituted community groups in Hinckley, Ward Councillor support is sought for each application.

## 11. CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

- 11.1 By submitting this report, the report author has taken the following into account:

- Community Safety implications
- Environmental implications
- ICT implications
- Asset Management implications
- Procurement implications
- Human Resources implications
- Planning implications
- Data Protection implications
- Voluntary Sector

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Background papers: Appendix 1 – Objective Scoring Summary

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## APPENDIX 1 – HCIF allocation of grants 2015/2016

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