



**Hinckley & Bosworth  
Borough Council**

**FORWARD TIMETABLE OF CONSULTATION AND DECISION MAKING**

HINCKLEY AREA COMMITTEE 11 July

WARDS AFFECTED: ALL HINCKLEY WARDS

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**HINCKLEY COMMUNITY INITIATIVE FUND**

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**Report of Director of (Environment and Planning)**

1. **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To request that Hinckley Area committee support the allocation of grant funding through the Hinckley Community Initiative Fund 2018/19.

2. **RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 That Hinckley Area Committee supports the funding allocation of £10,000 from the Hinckley Community Initiative Fund 2018/19, as detailed in section 3.2, pending approval from the Hinckley Area Committee.
- 2.2 That Hinckley Area Committee consider the option of funding a further £1,724 as detailed in 3.3.
- 2.3 That Hinckley Area Committee support the carry forward request of £520 allowing one previous years scheme to be completed as detailed in 3.4.

3. **BACKGROUND TO THE REPORT**

- 3.1 In 2017/18 six schemes were awarded a total of £13,735 from this grant fund a further £10,000 was agreed to be made available in 2018/19 offering 50% towards capital projects for community groups in Hinckley.

3.2 Applications for 2018/19:

The table in Appendix 1 of this report provides an objective scoring summary from the assessments made of the applications by scoring panel.  
This panel consisted of Ian Pinfold – Green Space Manager and Paul Scragg – Senior Green Space Officer.

The maximum amount of funding available to each Project is £10,000, a total grant fund of £10,000 has also been agreed. 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 applications have been received requesting a total of £11,709.

Based on the information in Appendix 1 the assessment panel recommends funding the following schemes totalling £10,000.

1. Community Café in Hollycroft Park – Friends of Hollycroft Park (Castle)  
Outline: New kitchen equipment for a new community café at Hollycroft park pavilion. (£300)
2. Replacement heaters at Hinckley Museum – Hinckley and District Museum (Castle)  
Outline: New heaters for the museum (2,979)
3. Facility Improvements for Community Tennis – Hinckley Tennis Club (Demontfort)  
Outline: New tennis nets and equipment (1,930)
4. Collection & Delivery Van for Worklink Services – Worklink, Hinckley (Clarendon)  
Outline: The purchase of a new van to replace an old one which has come to the end of its use (£4,791)

3.3 That SLT consider recommending to Hinckley Area Committee that a further £1,709 be allocated to the scheme 'Collection & Delivery van for Worklink Services', this will allow the full 50% funding for this scheme. (**This scheme scored lowest out of those received**)

3.4 There is 1 scheme which was approved in 2017 where the project has been delayed. This project will be completed in 2018/19. The project is:

1. Companion IT skills project – Emmaus Leicestershire and Rutland (De Montfort)  
Outline: The purchase of computers to assist the users of the centre with IT skills. (£520)

#### 4. EXEMPTIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ACCESS TO INFORMATION PROCEDURE RULES

4.1 This report will be taken in open session.

#### 5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS [CS]

5.1 For 2018/19, within the existing capital programme there is £10,000 set aside for the schemes outlined in 3.2.

5.2 Approving the additional funding for the Collection & Delivery van outlined in 3.3 will create an overspend of £1,709. Therefore, if this additional funding is supported, a supplementary growth bid funded from Special Expenses Reserves will be required.

### **2017/18 Schemes**

5.3 A carry forward has been requested for the £520 delayed scheme which is due to be completed in 2018/19 as outlined in 3.4.

## 6. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS [AR]

6.1 The Council has a wide power within section 2 of the Local Government Act 2000. This is known as the 'well being power' and seeks to promote or improve the economic, social, and environmental well being of the Council's area. The statutory power includes providing financial assistance to achieve this purpose.

6.2 In addition to the 'well being power' the Council is also able to utilise the General Power of Competence under the Localism Act 2011. This represents a more recent statutory power and further strengthens the ability of the Council to provide financial assistance as set out within this report.

## 7. CORPORATE PLAN IMPLICATIONS

7.1 The Hinckley Community Initiative fund supports community groups in Hinckley 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 Hinckley Area Committee is consulted as part of the decision to agree grant applications.

## 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
Certain projects have conditions attached.	Applicants are required to meet condition, before final grant is awarded.	Paul Scragg
Misuse of funds	Funding for projects is only	Paul

	released once scheme is completed and evidence of completion and payment of the works is received.	Scragg
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10. KNOWING YOUR COMMUNITY – EQUALITY AND RURAL IMPLICATIONS

10.1 All grants are awarded to Community Groups within Hinckley, and Ward Councillor support is sought for each application.

10.2 Equalities issues are considered as part of the assessment process.

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 attached

## Appendix 1

Name of Scheme	Organisation	Ward	Max Eligible Grant	Total Scheme Cost	Amount of Grant Applied for	Assessed by	Met Essential Criteria Y/N	Assessor 1 Score	Assessor 2 Score	Average Score
Community Cafe	Friends of Hollycroft Park	Castle	£306	£612	£300	PS/IP	Y	51	51	51
Replacement Heaters	Hinckley & District Museum	Castle	£2,979	£5,958	£2,979	PS/IP	Y	51	51	51
Facility improvements for Community Tennis	Hinckley Town Tennis Club	Demontfort	£1,930	£3,860	£1,946	IP/PS	Y	64	64	64
Collection and Delivery van	Worklink Hinckley	Clarendon	£6,750	£13,300	£6,500	IP/PS	Y	44	44	44