

EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD SHEET

**Name of Portfolio Holder:** Councillor Neil Harden  
**Portfolio:** Community and Regulatory Services  
**Date of Background Report:** 17/10/18

**Community Grant application**

**Recommendations made and reasons:**

**To award a grant of £10,000 to Wigginton Village Shop from the Community Grant Budget**

In the Spring round 2018 a community grant application was made from Wigginton Village Shop which achieved approval from the grants panel.

Wigginton Village Shop has requested a grant of £10,000 to support their project, which has an overall value of £228,050. They have secured match funding for the remainder of the project cost.

The grant will be used towards the cost of fitting out the shop and café. Specifically, towards the cost of:

- Accessible toilet and kitchen fittings – £4,500
- Safe - £600
- Fire alarm - £1200
- Disabled alarm - £250
- CCTV - £800
- Oven and dishwasher - £2650

**Background**

Wigginton Village Shop - a purpose built shop run by the community, for the benefit of the whole community, aims to combat isolation and enhance community cohesion. The Shop will open every day and will be a friendly, vibrant social hub for all ages, young and old, to meet, to volunteer, to learn new skills. In addition to offering high quality, fresh local goods and staples, it will offer a cafe and community space for local groups of all ages to use and interact. This space will meet the need expressed by residents of all ages for a place to meet without having to rely upon cars or public transport.

The application was assessed through the Community Grant Scheme, which is specifically set up to support Community, Voluntary, Arts and Sporting groups that benefit the residents of Dacorum. There are three rounds of Community Grant funding per financial year. Charities are invited to apply for funding and the applications are assessed by a panel of officers, who will be looking at how well it meets the criteria of the fund; whether the project supports the Councils objectives and how it supports the following five ways to well-being: be active, take notice, learn, give and connect.

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**Financial Implications:**

The money will be taken from the community grant budget, which has sufficient funds to cover the costs.

**Reports considered:**

Wigginton Village Shop community grant application Spring round 2018 – reference ID -1053

**Officers / Councillors / Ward Councillors / Stakeholders Consulted:**

Corporate Grants Panel

**Monitoring Officer/S151 Officer Comments:**

Monitoring Officer: No comments to add to the report.

Deputy Section 151 Officer:

The grant award is line with the community grants core principals, delivering community value, and this allocation is within the existing community grant approved budget.

**Implications:**

**Risk:** there are no specific risks identified that relate to the allocation of funding as described in this report

**Value for Money:** the community grants criteria looks to gain additional value from supporting community projects with a small amount of resource which yields maximum community benefit. It therefore provides good value for money. Many of the projects and activities are also directed towards external funding sources.

**Options Considered and reasons for rejection:**

Not to award the grant as detailed - This has been rejected because the application fulfils the Council's scoring criteria within the community grant scheme.

**Portfolio Holders Signature:**

**Date:**

**Details of any interests declared and any dispensations given by the Standards Committee:****For Member Support Officer use only**

Date Decision Record Sheet received from portfolio holder: 16/10/18

Date Decision Published: 17/10/18 Decision No: PH/023/18

Date of Expiry of Call-In Period: 24/10/18

Date any Call-In received or decision implemented: