

## EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD SHEET

**Name of Portfolio Holder:** Councillor Andrew Williams  
**Portfolio:** Portfolio Holder for Community Leadership  
**Date of Background Report:** **10 December 2019** (date of notification of Portfolio Holder Decision):

### Community Grant application

#### **Recommendations made and reasons:**

#### **To award a grant of £6462.72 to Grovehill Youth Centre (now merged with Grovehill Neighbourhood Association) from the Community Grant Budget**

In the Summer round 2018 a community grant application was made from Grovehill Youth Centre which has recently achieved approval from the grants panel now that all the required supporting documentation has been received.

Grovehill Youth Centre has requested a grant of £6462.72 to support their heating system project, which has an overall value of £6562.72. They have secured funding for the remainder of the project cost.

The grant will be used towards the cost of fitting out the youth centre with a new heating system. Specifically, towards the cost of:

- Installation of a 5.3m 23kW output radiator tube heater suspended from the ceiling. Values based on calculations suggesting a maximum demand of 25kW (based on temperatures and worst case figures for insulation to walls, floor, windows, doors and roof - £4635.62
- Installation of flu system through roof - £927.12
- Installation of low-level ventilation as specified by manufacturers of system - £262.72
- Installation of new gas supply line directly from meter - £486.00
- Installation of appropriate electrical supplies and control systems - £251.26

#### Background

Grovehill Youth Centre committee (now merged with Grovehill Neighbourhood Association) identified that the current conventional boiler system in the Youth Centre is very old and hugely inefficient with very little control e.g. The time between switching on the system and specifically the main hall realising a significant change in temperature is substantial.

Potential hirers and existing user groups have cancelled bookings, because in the winter months the centre is just too cold. Groups that regularly use the Youth Centre (such as Kew Dance and the Youth Booth) are in support of the application for a grant for a new heating system and believe many young people would benefit from it.

Grovehill NA has agreed to take out an ongoing maintenance contract and will be responsible for the ongoing maintenance and servicing of the new heating system once installed. Tony Moore, DBC Building Services Surveyor, recently visited the site to review the proposal and agrees the proposed heating system meets the needs of

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both the centre and its users. Grovehill NA are committed to settling any difference in the total cost of the project, should there be an increase in cost since the original quote.

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.

Agree recommendation

Request further information

### **Financial Implications:**

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

### **Reports considered:**

Grovehill Youth Centre community grant application Spring round 2018 – reference ID - 1108

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

Officers on the Corporate Grants Panel  
Tony Moore, Building Services Surveyor DBC

### **Deputy Monitoring Officer:**

The Council should ensure that any conditions relating to the grant funding are complied with. Prior to awarding the grant to Grovehill Youth Centre, documentation should be completed detailing how the grant is to be utilised.

### **Deputy Section 151 Officer:**

The grant panel has approved this grant application and the funds can be met from within the existing community grants 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.

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**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**

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