

Area North Committee – 27th February 2008

13. Area North Grants – Quarterly Monitoring Report – (For Information)

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Purpose of the Report

To update members on grants (other than business grants) approved since April 2007, from the Area North Committee budgets and capital programme, including those grants approved by the Head of Area Development (North) under delegated authority. An update on progress of grants carried forward from previous years is also included.

Recommendation

It is recommended that Members note the contents of the report.

Background

South Somerset District Council provides significant financial support in the form of grants to other organisations, to contribute to:

- Match-funding for projects – for example:
 - Community projects, assessed under SSDC Community Grants policies
 - Partner / agency led projects
 - Special grants programmes (e.g. business grants)
- Services provided by key partnerships and organisations
- Other innovative or feasibility work to address local needs

Area North's current financial resources include an annual grants budget and the 3 year Area Capital Programme. The Committee has also established a Small Business Grants scheme, which is reported on separately by the Community Regeneration Officer.

Grants are administered and monitored by the Area Support team, within Area Development North

Appendix 1 contains the current SSDC Community Grant Policies for Member's reference.

Members should note that an update on the progress of the pilot Frontline Councillor Scheme is reported separately elsewhere in this agenda.

1. Grants awarded by the Area North Committee since 1st April 2007

Date	Applicant / Group	Project	Grant awarded	Update
Apr	Langport and Somerton Links (Community	2007-08 revenue support grant	£ 12,500	Paid see report Sept 07, project exceeding expectations

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	Transport Service)			
Jun	Lady Smith Memorial Institute (Parish Rooms) Somerton	Refurbishment of the kitchen area, providing access for disabled people, new kitchen fittings, flooring and electrical work	£ 3,000	Project completed and opened, final details in hand
Oct	The Village Artists Group Stoke Sub Hamdon	Installation of Hearing Loop and Public Address System	£ 1,107	Completed and paid
Dec	Somerset Levels & Moors LEADER +	Levels & Moors LEADER + Programme – partner contribution	£5317.88	Area East also contributing £794.63
Jan	Stoke Sub Hamdon Sports & Recreation Trust	New Pavilion	£11,677	
		TOTAL	£33,601.88	

2. Grants awarded under delegated authority 1st November 2007 – 31st January 2008

This table lists the grant awarded this year from the Community Grants Budget by the Head of Area Development under delegated authority (grants less than £750). These are agreed with the Ward member or Chairman (for area wide grants).

These grants are normally paid at the start of the project, with a follow up evaluation within six months.

Applicant	Project	Total cost	Approved	% of project cost	
Ilton Youth	Installation of goal posts	£650.00	£270.00	42%	Paid
Barrington Football Club	Alloy lighting beams	£1880.00	£750.00	40%	Paid
Martock Parish Council	Youth centre refurbishment	£1500.00	£750.00	50%	Paid
Stoke Sub Hamdon Memorial Hall & Recreation Trust	For lightweight table in hall	£1586.50	£250.00	16%	Paid

3. Projects supported but not completed during 2006/07 - carried forward

The table below shows projects carried forward from 2006/07 into the current year.

Applicant	Project Description	Grant awarded	Current position
Martock Tennis Club	New lights & courts for the tennis club phase 2	£ 7383.00	Completed & paid
Aller Recreation Association	Play area equipment	£ 7,452.00	Completed,
Somerton Town Council	Bus Shelter (Behind Berry)	£ 1,272.50	Installed, waiting invoices.
South Petherton Tennis Club	Installation of third court	£ 4,320.00	Completed & paid
Norton Sub Hamdon Changing Rooms	Update changing rooms	£ 11,000	Completed & paid
South Petherton Allotment Holders	Provide fencing for security	£ 1,250	Ongoing
Barrington Players	Contribution towards lighting etc	£ 1,500	Completed & paid
Martock Play equipment	Play area & recreation equipment	£ 12,500	Completed £1,603

Applicant	Project Description	Grant awarded	Current position
			to pay
Hambridge & Westport Recreation Trust	Disabled access & toilets	£ 4,693	Completed & paid
Long Sutton Village Hall & Recreation Committee	Renovation of the pavilion	£ 8,000	Completed & paid
South Petherton Cricket Club	Installation of safety netting	£1,000	Completed & paid
Martock Parish Council	Lighting Survey	£205	Completed & paid

4. Grants carried forward from previous years into 2007-08.

Name of Project	Description	Amount Awarded	Status
Somerton Memorial Gardens	Play area & recreation equipment	£22,500	Completed - payment to be made
South Petherton Blake Hall	Toilet Replacement & Lift Platform	£ 5,000	£3,037 outstanding for stair lift, project in hand
Martock Parish Council – Phase 1	New lights & courts for the tennis club	£ 3,375	Completed & paid

Implications for Corporate Priorities

The provision of Community Grants supports the following corporate objectives:

- 8 - Work in partnership with the public and private sector in developing and delivery of the Market Town Vision
- 9 - Identify and address the particular issues affecting rural areas
- 15 - Increase to 65% by 2010 the people who feel engaged in and can influence decisions that affect their communities.
- 16 - Maintain above 80% the people satisfied with their neighbours as a place to live

Other implications

The awarding of grants (and associated project development support) also contributes to priorities within:

- o The Area North Development Plan
- o The Somerset Local Area Agreement
- o Town and Parish community plans

Financial Implications

None from this report

Background Papers: *Grant application files and committee reports to award grants*