

## 10. Area North SSDC Community Grants: Outturn Report 2009-2010

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### Purpose of the Report

This report is to provide councillors with a summary of all community grants awarded to projects and organisations in Area North between 1 April 2009 and 31 March 2010, where funding has been allocated from the SSDC Area North Committee annual grants budget and capital programme.

### Public Interest

SSDC seeks to support community led projects through its community grants programme. Grants are available to a wide variety of projects including those for arts, sport, recreation, heritage, community safety, transport, play and local services, which seek to make improvements to the local area for residents and businesses.

### Recommendation

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

### Background

Each Area Committee receives an annual allocation from the Council's annual budget for allocation through the Community Grants programme. During 2009-10 this was £35,900 (including £6,540 carried forward from 2008-09 budget). Grants are awarded either by decisions made by the Area Committee, or for applications of £750 or less by the Area Development Manager (North) in consultation with ward members (or the Chairman for area wide grants) under the SSDC scheme of delegation.

In addition grants can be awarded from the Area Capital Programme, or submitted into the Corporate Capital Programme.

Community grants are assessed against a set of corporate grants policies, using a consistent scoring system. SSDC agrees corporate priorities for grants each year, and these are used together with Area priorities.

### Area North Community Grants 2009-10

A list of all community grants awarded in 2009-10 is contained in **Appendix A**. Further details on each application are available if requested. **Appendix B** shows the outcomes of projects that were carried forward from 2008-09, which have now been completed. **Appendix C** shows Community Grants assessment criteria.

A total of £79,815 was awarded in grants during 2009-2010. This included £30,380 from the annual grants budget and £49,435 from the Area North Capital Programme.

Size of grant	Number of grants awarded	Average % contribution	Total value of grants awarded	Total value of projects
Small grants – delegated (£50 - £750)	16	21	£6,104	£29,190
Medium grants (£750 - £5000)	10	13	£21,277	£169,220
Larger grants – more than £5000	3	22	£52,435	£222,901
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>£79,815</b>	<b>£421,311</b>

The majority of the projects supported have been completed (see **Appendix A**). These unfinished projects will continue to receive support if required, and are regularly monitored.

#### **Additional Area North projects supported through grants**

Two other projects were supported by grants during 2009-10 through the Service Enhancement budget, these were:

- £5000 towards the Turn Hill Parish Lengthsman scheme – February 2010.
- £5000 towards a partnership between South Somerset Voluntary & Community Action, SSDC, Primary Care Trust and Somerset County Council to develop a local Community Cars scheme – February 2010.

#### **Financial Implications**

None from this report

#### **Corporate Priority Implications**

None from this report

#### **Carbon Emissions and Adapting to Climate Change Implications**

None from this report

#### **Equality and Diversity Implications**

None from this report

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