

## 9. Progress Report on the Frontline Councillors Grant Scheme

*Head of Service: Andrew Gillespie, Head of Area Development (West)*  
*Lead Officer: Paul Brazier, Area Support Team Leader (West)*  
*Contact Details: paul.brazier@southsomerset.gov.uk or (01460) 260404*

### Purpose of the Report

To update members on the Frontline Councillors Grant Scheme following the implementation of the pilot project. This is the first of the progress reports required to be made to Area Committees by Full Council for members' information.

### Recommendation

It is recommended that:

- (1) members note the report;
- (2) members also note that this pilot will be evaluated in April 2008 and a report brought to Committee in May 2008.

### Background

Members, officers and communities have worked together to build the successful Area Working model that we currently enjoy. Specific work was carried out during 2006 by Area Chairmen, Heads of Area Development and others to further improve the Area Working model, especially in relation to community engagement and delivery of services to local communities.

As part of this work the Frontline Councillors Grant Scheme was developed. The decision was made at the Full Council meeting in December 2006 (with further amendments at the Full Council meeting in July 2007) to provide each individual member with a budget of £2,500 to support local community initiatives/projects in harmony with the council's priorities. Guidance has been issued to all members.

Initially this is a pilot scheme until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008.

### Grants Awarded from July to October 2007

FC/07/15 – Cllr. Ros Roderigo – Blackdown Ward  
The Sunday School Wood – create a wild flower meadow - £250 contribution paid.

FC/07/16 – Cllr. Ros Roderigo – Blackdown Ward  
Combe St Nicholas Parochial Trust – renew pond liner at Underway Meade - £250 contribution paid.

FC/07/21 – Cllr. Martin Wale – Chard Combe Ward  
Chard 2000 – Wall plaque at Manor Court, Fore Street, Chard to link in with Lace Riot Trail – £350 contribution paid.

FC/07/23 – Cllr. Angie Singleton – Crewkerne Ward  
Crewkerne Christmas Committee – new Christmas lights for Lighting up Crewkerne annual event - £250 contribution paid.

FC/07/24 – Cllr. Angie Singleton – Crewkerne Ward  
Crewkerne Aqua Centre – free junior swimming during 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary events - £250 contribution paid.

FC/07/25 – Cllr. Angie Singleton – Crewkerne Ward  
West One Youth & Community Centre – Centre refurbishment - £250 paid.

### **Financial Implications**

At 30<sup>th</sup> October the individual members' grant fund remaining was as follows:

Cllr. Ros Roderigo – £2,000 remaining  
Cllr. Angie Singleton - £1,750 remaining  
Cllr. Martin Wale - £2,150 remaining

All other members have £2,500 remaining.

### **Implications for Corporate Priorities**

The grant awards meet the following corporate aims:

- To improve the health and well-being of our citizens
- To increase economic vitality and prosperity

### **Other Implications**

None.

**Background Papers:** *Area West Councillors Grants file*  
*District Executive Report 7<sup>th</sup> December 2006*  
*Full Council Report 14<sup>th</sup> December 2006*  
*Full Council Report 19<sup>th</sup> July 2007*

---