

Chief Executive Decision

Community Grant to Radio Ninesprings

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Purpose of the Report

To confirm the recommendation of members of the Area West Committee relating to a Community Grant application for Radio Ninesprings following consideration at a meeting of Area West Committee (Informal) 19th May 2021.

Public Interest

At the meeting of Full Council on Thursday 15 April 2021 it was agreed to make the following changes to the Council's Constitution:

- a) To continue to enable members to hold remote, virtual meetings using available technology;
- b) To amend Part 3 (Responsibility for Functions) of the Council's Constitution to allow those remote meetings to function as consultative bodies and delegate decisions, including Executive and Quasi-Judicial decisions, that would have been taken by those meetings if the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 had continued in force to the Chief Executive (or the relevant Director in the Chief Executive's absence) in consultation with those meetings and those members to whom the decision would otherwise have been delegated under Part 3 of the Constitution;
- c) The delegated authority given under (b) will expire on 31 July 2021 unless continued by a future decision of this Council;

Decision Taken

The Chief Executive, following a consultative meeting by the Area West Committee on 19th May 2021 made the following decision;

That the Chief Executive confirmed the awarding of a grant of £2,516 to Radio Ninesprings towards a Local Community Radio FM transmitter for Chard/Crewkerne. The grant to be allocated from the Area West capital programme and subject to SSDC standard conditions for community grants.

Reason

To award a grant of £2,516 towards a Local Community Radio FM transmitter for the Chard/Crewkerne area.

Background

To enable the decision making process to continue, it was agreed that Councillors continue to receive decision-making reports. They will form a view which will be communicated to the Chief Executive. The decision will be formally made by the Chief Executive (or relevant Director) during the current coronavirus restrictions.

Financial Implications

The balance in the Area West Capital programme is £76,302. If the recommended grant of £2,516 is awarded, £73,786 will remain.

Grants are awarded subject to all other funding being secured before the commencement of the project and are on a % basis of the full project costs. Payment of the grant cannot exceed the grant award and is proportionally reduced if full project costs are under budget.

Background Papers

Officer Report - Community Grant to Radio Ninesprings

<https://modgov.southsomerset.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=426&MId=3010&Ver=4>