

RECORD OF DECISION MADE UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY

PART 1 – PUBLIC DOCUMENT

Any interest to declare/ or conflict and any dispensation granted for the Officer or Executive Member **[YES, the Executive Member for Community and Partnerships declared an interest in relation to grant 1.1.1 so the decision has been passed to the Deputy Leader of the Council in consultation with the Service Director – Legal and Community. See Legal implications]**

Any conflict with any Member of the Panel and the bodies concerned **[NO]**

SERVICE DIRECTORATE: Legal and Community

1. DECISION TAKEN

1.1 The approval of the allocation **Royston Community Grant** funding of:

1.1.1 **£1,915** to REED CRICKET CLUB towards updating the club kitchen.

2. DECISION TAKER

2.1 Cllr Ruth Brown, Deputy Leader of the Council, in consultation with the Service Director – Legal and Community.

3. DATE DECISION TAKEN:

2 February 2024

4. REASON FOR DECISION

4.1 The **Royston Area Forum** held on 10 January 2024 considered a funding application from Reed Cricket Club and recorded their recommendation to the Executive Member for Community and Partnerships for the formal commitment of Community Grant funds via the delegated authority process. Due to conflicts of interest of the relevant Executive Member and the Leader, this decision is being taken by Cllr Ruth Brown as Deputy Leader (see legal implications below).

5. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

5.1 There are no other reasonable alternative options.

6. CONSULTATION (INCLUDING THE EFFECT ON STAKEHOLDERS, PARTNERS AND THE PUBLIC)

6.1 Consultation has taken place with the Royston Forum Members in a public meeting on 10 January 2024. Members are in favour and recommend that the Royston Area Community Grant budget should be used for this purpose.

7. FORWARD PLAN

7.1 This decision is not a key Executive decision and has therefore not been referred to in the Forward Plan.

8. BACKGROUND/ RELEVANT CONSIDERATIONS

8.1 The grant applications were considered by the Royston Area Forum on 10 January 2024. The report with the application details is set out under item 4, available on the Council's website [[CLICK HERE](#)].

- 8.2 This delegated decision confirms that the recommendation made by the Area Forum members was accepted by the Deputy Leader of the Council and Service Director on application 1.1.1.

9. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 Under the Constitution, the Executive Member for Community & Partnerships and Service Director Legal & Community have delegated authority to make these Executive decisions under section 14.6.9(b)(ii)A. The Executive Member has a conflict of interest in relation to the is body and therefore in that situation the Leader can exercise such powers, as per section 14.6.16. The Leader also has a conflict and therefore in this situation the Deputy Leader can undertake that function as per section 14.6.16.4. This decision will be subject to a five clear working day call-in period, following publication in the Members Information Service (MIS) and on the Council's website.

10. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1. There is £1,916 remaining in the community grant base budget for Royston Area Forum 2023/24.
- 10.2. This grant application totals **£1,915**. If the grant is awarded as outlined in 1.1.1, the remaining balance will be **£1**.

11. RISK IMPLICATIONS

- 11.1 Good Risk Management supports and enhances the decision-making process, increasing the likelihood of the Council meeting its objectives and enabling it to respond quickly and effectively to change. When taking decisions, risks and opportunities must be considered.
- 11.2 There are no relevant risk entries that have been recorded on Ideagen Risk, the Council's performance and risk system. Individual events should have their own risk assessments in place to mitigate any health and safety issues. Whenever a request for grant funding for equipment is received, the recipient of the funding will be advised to obtain insurance for the item to avoid a repeat request for funding in the event of the equipment being stolen or damaged. There are no pertinent risk implications for the Authority associated with any items within this report.

12. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 12.1 In line with the Public Sector Equality Duty, public bodies must, in the exercise of their functions, give due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation, to advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations between those who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.
- 12.2 Community Grant funds are awarded to community groups that clearly demonstrate positive impact on the community and wider environment. The projects outlined in this report seek to advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations.

13. SOCIAL VALUE IMPLICATIONS

- 13.1 The Social Value Act and "go local" policy do not apply to the matters contained within this report, as there are no recommendations on procurement.

14. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

- 14.1 There are no known Environmental impacts or requirements that apply to this report.

15. HUMAN RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

15.1 The activities of the Community & Partnership team are covered by existing budgets.

16. BACKGROUND PAPERS

16.1 Terms of Reference for Area Forums, see section 9 Constitution page: <https://www.north-herts.gov.uk/council-constitution>.

16.2 [Community Grants Policy, 9th May 2023](#)

17. APPENDICES

17.1 See website links above.

NOTIFICATION DATE

9.2.24



Signature of Service Director Consulted

Date: 30.1.24

Signature of the Deputy Leader of the Council



Decision Taker

**Please Note: that *unless urgency provisions apply* EXECUTIVE decisions cannot be implemented until 5 clear working days have elapsed after the decision has been taken to allow for scrutiny call-in.
all-in does not apply to NON-EXECUTIVE DECISIONS**