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1.0 Recommendations

1.1 That the Committee accepts the recommendations of the Community Partnership Scheme Assessment Panel, to award grants as detailed in section 4.19 of this report.

2.0 Purpose of Report

2.1 To inform the Committee of the applications for Community Partnership Scheme (CPS) funding received by the Council.

2.2 To seek approval to award grants in line with the recommendations of the Committee's appointed Assessment Panel established to consider such applications.

3.0 Executive Summary

3.1 The CPS is continuing to operate according to processes and procedures as previously agreed and reported to the Committee.

3.2 In total, 12 new capital grant applications were reviewed by the Assessment Panel, requesting £242,983 against a total budget of £250,000.

3.3 The total value of the 12 projects is £2,522,523.

3.4 Eleven applications have been recommended for grant support by the Assessment Panel, with a total value of £217,983. One application has not been recommended for a grant.

3.5 The eleven projects recommended to receive grant support are as follows:

- £10,000 to Findern Parish Council: Development of a BMX track for older children.

- £19,000 to Gresley Old Hall: To install solar electricity generation and more efficient heating.
- £25,000 to Hatton Parish Council: Outdoor health and recreation at the QE11 field in the village.
- £20,000 to Hilton Village Hall: Improve the entryway to the Hilton Village Hall.
- £20,000 to Melbourne Tennis Club: New tennis courts.
- £25,000 to Newton Solney Pre-School: Development of a new building to replace temporary accommodation.
- £25,000 to Repton Village Hall: Building of a new village hall in Repton.
- £22,000 to Shardlow Village Hall: Improve accessibility to the building and toilets.
- £25,000 to St Wilfred's, Barrow upon Trent: Conserve and transform the building into a multi-use space.
- £1,980 to Ticknall Village Hall: Refurbishment of the kitchen at Ticknall Village Hall.
- £25,000 to Woodville Parish Council: Development of new play facilities.

3.6 The Assessment Panel decided that the application from Melbourne Assembly Rooms would not be recommended for a grant. The organisation will be invited to develop their application and re-apply, excluding general repair and other revenue costs.

4.0 Detail

- 4.1 The CPS offers capital grants of up to £25,000 to support projects brought forward from the voluntary and community sector. A sum of £250,000 has been allocated to the Scheme to enable grants to be made in support of applications received during 2018/19.
- 4.2 An Assessment Panel comprising three Councillors, with support from the Community Partnership Officer, met to consider applications that had been submitted. Councillor Dr Hilary Coyle was elected as Chair for the CPS Assessment Panel.
- 4.3 Submitted applications were assessed against set criteria and recommendations about grant distribution were identified to forward to the Housing and Community Services Committee.

Applications

- 4.4 The following applications were received and considered for capital funding:
- 4.5 **Findern Parish Council** – Project value £20,000: grant applied for £10,000.

Consultation had identified a lack of facilities for older children within the village. The project aims to promote better health and wellbeing for young people in the village by installing a BMX track. Phase 2 of the project will be the installation of a seating area and gym equipment, encouraging participation in more physical activities.

The total balance of funding required is already in place.

4.6 **Gresley Old Hall** – Project value £39,953: grant applied for £19,000.

Gresley Old Hall has started a series of projects to improve the quality of offer to allow it to become a hub of community activity in the area. The target of this application is to develop the sustainability of the hall and bowls club through the introduction of LED lighting, solar power and a new boiler to reduce the overall running costs.

Applications have been submitted to raise the balance of funding required.

4.7 **Hatton Parish Council** – Project value £201,345: grant applied for £25,000.

The objective of the project is to improve the use of open green space that has been registered as a QE11 Field by providing a trim trail and path around the space to increase accessibility to the area for anyone, including people with limited mobility and disabilities.

A sum of £25,000 has been allocated from parish funds towards this project. Several applications for additional funds have been submitted and the balance will be funded through Section 106 monies originating from a development adjacent to the site.

4.8 **Hilton Village Hall** – Project value £47,673: grant applied for £20,000.

The project will renew the entrance hall roof and introduce energy saving lighting throughout the building, externally and in the car park. This will reduce running costs and lower the carbon footprint of the project.

The grant has been requested as a lead grant to attract additional funding. The Trustees of the Hall will be working with the Community Partnership Officer to target additional funds.

4.9 **Melbourne Assembly Rooms** – Project value £43,545: grant applied for £25,000 (eligible amount £21,772).

An application was submitted to refurbish the main hall. This would include the replacement of lighting, the cleaning and sanding of the floor, the cleaning and refinishing of roof beams, the repair of floor grates and improvement of ventilation in the main hall.

The Assembly Rooms had identified £19,000 through local fundraising and allocation of reserves towards the project.

4.10 **Melbourne Tennis Club** – Project value £120,000: grant applied for £20,000.

The project aims to build three new all-weather synthetic tennis courts backing onto the existing three courts by April 2019 to meet the current need for wider usage required by the local schools, community and the club itself.

The club has already raised £80,000 via local fundraising and is targeting additional fundraising activity to raise a further £20,000.

4.11 **Newton Solney Pre-School** – Project value £155,000: grant applied for £25,000.

The pre-school currently operates out of a temporary building. Permission for this building lapses in April 2020. The aim is to erect a new building to allow the continued existence of the pre-school on its current site, in line with planning requirements.

Funding is already in place to cover demolition and making the ground good. The application is for a grant that will support the group attracting further funding. The group is continuing to work with the Community Partnership Officer to identify and apply for additional funds.

4.12 **Repton Village Hall** – Project value £777,130: grant applied for £25,000.

The current village hall has continued to be used far in excess of its anticipated life span and is becoming structurally unsound. This project aims to demolish the present failing building and replace it with a new facility that will significantly improve the quality of the user experience. It will provide two extra rooms, each capable of being used independently of the main hall, in a building marginally larger than the present one.

A total of £266,852 has been raised to date and further funding applications have been submitted. Repton Parish Council consulted with local residents with a view to covering £415,000 of the development via a loan with the Public Works Loan Board, to be repaid through raising the Parish Council precept. A referendum was held and 77% of the turnout voted in favour of the rise.

4.13 **Shardlow Village Hall** – Project value £96,000: grant applied for £22,000.

The project aims to renovate the village hall, making it safe and improving the facilities. Proposed works include ensuring the hall, facilities and grounds are fully accessible. This will include modernising the toilets, levelling the car park area and updating the heating and insulation to reduce running costs in the longer term.

More than £21,000 has been raised locally. Supported by the Community Partnership Officer, funding applications have been submitted for a further £75,000, with further grants identified should any application prove unsuccessful.

4.14 **St Wilfred's Church, Barrow upon Trent** – Project value £840,000: grant applied for £25,000.

This is a major project that aims to restore, conserve and transform St Wilfrid's Church into a multi-functional building for community use, education and research, with the ability to sustain itself. This will enhance opportunities for physical, social and cultural development for Barrow upon Trent and the surrounding area. The plans also include a heritage centre available for study and education.

The project team has already secured an offer of £597,000 from the Heritage Lottery and has worked to identify additional sources of funding. Applications to those sources are under way.

4.15 **Ticknall Village Hall** – Project value £6,766: grant applied for £1,983.

The village hall has undergone a series of phased improvements. This project is the latest of these and will deliver an upgraded kitchen that will allow hirers to supply everything from a cup of tea to a full cooked meal for a celebration.

The balance of funds needed for the project to proceed has already been raised locally.

4.16 **Woodville Parish Council** – Project Value £175,471: grant applied for £25,000

This project will remove outdated play equipment and deliver several areas of play equipment that will cater for a range of different ages, from pre-school to teenagers. The final design has been developed following local consultation with young people to ensure that it reflects local needs.

Woodville Parish Council has already been successful with applications for £75,000 from the Veolia Trust and £5,000 from Derbyshire County Council. The Parish has identified £50,000 from reserves and further applications have been submitted.

Assessment Panel

4.17 The Community Partnership Scheme Assessment Panel met on 31 October to review the applications against the questions and criteria previously agreed. The criteria included links with corporate priorities, security of external funding, sustainability, value of other contributions, value for money, community involvement, risk and commitment to equal opportunities.

4.18 Prior to making a recommendation, the Assessment Panel considered the Scheme's current budget position regarding capital monies. The Scheme has £250,000 budgeted prior to the allocation of any grants. In light of the above information it was identified that there was sufficient funding for all recommended grants to be covered in full.

Assessment Panel Recommendations

4.19 The Assessment Panel's recommendation for distribution of grant is as follows:

- **£10,000 to Findern Parish Council:** The grant will part fund the development of a BMX track for older children.
- **£19,000 to Gresley Old Hall:** The grant will part fund a project to install solar electricity generation and more efficient heating.
- **£25,000 to Hatton Parish Council:** The grant will support the development of outdoor health and recreation at the QE11 field in the village.
- **£20,000 to Hilton Village Hall:** The grant will part fund a project that will improve the entryway to the hall.
- **£20,000 to Melbourne Tennis Club:** The grant will part fund the development of new tennis courts.
- **£25,000 to Newton Solney Pre-School:** The grant will support the development of a new building to replace temporary accommodation.

- **£25,000 to Repton Village Hall:** The grant will contribute towards the building of a new village hall.
- **£22,000 to Shardlow Village Hall:** The grant will part fund the upgrade work that will improve accessibility to the building and toilets.
- **£25,000 to St Wilfred's, Barrow upon Trent:** The grant will part fund a project that will conserve and transform the building into a multi-use space that will allow greater community use.
- **£1,980 to Ticknall Village Hall:** The grant will support the refurbishment of the kitchen.
- **£25,000 to Woodville Parish Council:** The grant will contribute towards the development of new play facilities.

4.20 All grant offers for building-based projects are required to evidence appropriate planning / building control permissions.

4.21 Following the review by Assessment Panel members it was decided that the application from **Melbourne Assembly Rooms** would not be recommended for a grant. The organisation will be invited to develop their application and re-apply, excluding general repair and other revenue costs.

5.0 Financial Implications

5.1 The award of grants falls within the CPS' budget allocation of £250,000. The total of the grants recommended for award is £217,983, allowing a balance of £32,017 to be allocated at a second round to be held in January 2019.

6.0 Corporate Implications

6.1 The scheme contributes to all of the priority areas in the Council's Corporate Plan, with individual projects contributing to People, Place, Progress and Outcomes through delivering inward investment, independent living, leisure and cultural activity and focus on the community as customers.

6.2 The projects supported will also address Outcomes that contribute to the Sustainable Community Strategy themes of Children & Young People, Healthier Communities, Safer and Stronger Communities, as well as Sustainable Development.

7.0 Community Implications

7.1 The scheme maximises funding available for community investment by providing both direct funding and enabling leverage from other funding sources. It also continues to offer a direct line of communication with the voluntary and community sector.

7.2 The impact on the community and amount of community involvement in each individual project has been assessed as part of the appraisal process.

8.0 Conclusions

8.1 The Community Partnership Scheme continues to provide the Council with an excellent means to support a variety of community partners in improving the quality of life for local residents. It also enables community partners to lever in additional external funding to the District.