

**CABINET MEMBER FOR CULTURAL & COMMUNITY SERVICES -  
16 SEPTEMBER 2013**

**VILLAGE HALL/COMMUNITY CENTRE GRANTS 2013/2014**

**Report by Head of Law and Culture**

## **Introduction**

1. The County Council's grant scheme for the improvement of village halls and other community buildings is administered by the Oxfordshire Rural Community Council (ORCC). This report summarises the applications received and recommends allocations from grant fund for 2013/14.

## **Applications Received**

2. Twelve applications were received and were checked against the established eligibility criteria of the scheme (**Annex 1**).
3. Notes of each application are in the Members' Resource Centre.

## **ORCC Grant Recommendations**

4. ORCC's grant recommendations are attached in the table at (**Annex 2**). These have been discussed with ORCC's Village Halls Advisory Group consisting of representatives of village hall committees countywide.

## **Third Party Funding as a trigger for Landfill Tax Credit support for projects**

5. It is possible that in a few cases part of a grant recommended for a project will be needed as Third Party Funding in order to trigger a grant from the Trust for Oxfordshire's Environment. This is a productive use of the Council's financial support in order to lever in other funds. A note about Third Party Funding is included in the Guide to the application notes in the Members' Resource Centre.

## **Progress on grants allocated previously**

6. Fifteen grants were allocated in 2011/12. Of these, two projects, totalling £13,560, are still in progress (Over Norton, Tetsworth) and one project (Claydon) has made a part claim, the balance to be claimed being £2,242.50.
7. Twelve grants were allocated in 2012/13. Of these five projects, totalling £21,057, are still in progress (Enstone, Great Haseley, Hanney, Shiplake and

Steeple Aston. One project (South Leigh) has made a part claim, the balance to be claimed being £2,000.

## **Financial Implications**

8. The annual budget for the grants in 2013/14 is £59,137.
9. Funds from 2011/12 and 2012/13 budgets have been carried forward to meet the commitments made to projects approved in those financial years.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

10. **The Cabinet Member for Cultural & Community Services is RECOMMENDED to:**
  - (a) **approve the grants, excepting that for Sandford on Thames and Warborough Greet Hall proposed in Annex 2 to this report;**
  - (b) **delegate authority to determine the grants for Sandford on Thames and Warborough Greet Hall to the Cultural Services Manager.**

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Background papers: Notes on Applications

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