

23 March 2015

Agenda Item: 8

REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR, POLICY, PLANNING AND CORPORATE SERVICES

COUNCILLORS' DIVISIONAL FUND MONITORING REPORT

Purpose of the Report

1. To inform committee of grants awarded under the Councillors' Divisional Fund (CDF), and to report on the two grants audited for compliance with the CDF Policy and Guidance, and identify two further grants for audit.

Information and Advice

2. Policy Committee on 7 May 2014 approved a revised Policy and Guidance for the CDF, following the decision in the County Council budget to reduce the amount available from £10,000 to £5,000 per member.
3. Members were reminded that there is no carry forward of unspent grants to 2015/16, and were asked to submit applications by 13 March 2015 in order that they could be processed by the end of 2014/15.
4. Between five and ten applications annually will be subject of an audit which will include ensuring that the monies provided have been spent in accordance with the application made.
5. The last two applications selected for audit were

Carlton East: Cllr N Brooks
Burton Joyce Primary School – DARE Project

Warsop: Cllr J Allin
New Writers UK Ltd – Children's summer writing competition

In both these cases, the grant was spent in accordance with the application.

6. The next grants to be audited are:

Nuthall: Cllr P Owen
NOWMADS – Hire of costumes

The findings of these audits will be reported to Committee in June 2015.

Reason for Recommendation

7. This report complies with the revised Policy and Guidance approved by Policy Committee on 7 May 2014.

Statutory and Policy Implications

8. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (Public Health only), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults, service users, sustainability and the environment and ways of working and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1) That the monitoring report on the Councillors' Divisional Fund be noted, and the outcome of the audits be reported in the next quarterly report.

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Constitutional Comments (CEH 03/03/15)

9. Finance and Property Committee is the appropriate body to consider the content of this report.

Financial Comments (SES 03/02/15)

10. There are no specific financial implications arising directly from this report.

Background Papers and Published Documents

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

- Report to Policy Committee, 7 May 2014

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

- All