

12 October 2015**Agenda Item: 5**

REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR, RESOURCES

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. 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.
4. The last two applications selected for audit were

Carlton East: Cllr John Clarke

Marion Murdoch Court, Gedling: £150 for Christmas activities for residents

Southwell: Cllr Bruce Laughton

Wellow Parish Council: £250 for repairs to wooden bridge in playground

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

5. The next grants to be audited are:

Bramcote and Stapleford: Councillor Jacky Williams

Haven Church Youth Centre: £175 for equipment

West Bridgford Central and South: Councillor Liz Plant

Bridgefest Festival: £300 for prizes and food

The findings of these audits will be reported to Committee in January 2016.

Reason for Recommendation

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

Statutory and Policy Implications

7. 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

8. This report is for noting purposes only.

Financial Comments (SES 01/10/15)

9. 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