

MAJOR GRANTS AND NEW HOMES BONUS PANEL

Thursday 14 June 2012

Present:-

Councillor Edwards (Chair)
Councillors Fullam, Hannaford, Mrs Henson and Sutton

Also Present:

Projects and Business Manager, Principal Accountant (SH), Senior Valuer (TJ),
Community Involvement and Inclusion Officer and Member Services Officer (SJS)

1 **NEW HOMES BONUS LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE FUND - PROGRESS REPORT**

The Projects and Business Manager presented the report giving Members an overview of current and anticipated applications to the New Homes Bonus Local Infrastructure Fund, and issues arising to date.

Members discussed the other potential applications that could come forward as outlined in the report and were aware of the need to ensure that funds were available later in this financial year to support further applications.

Members noted the report.

(Report circulated)

2 **LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE FUND APPLICATIONS**

2a **Newtown Community Association**

Representatives from Newtown Community Association gave a presentation on the application for a replacement community building in Belmont Park. The amount applied for was, in year one, £20,000 for further preparatory work including fees and £50,000 towards buildings costs and, in year two, £100,000 towards building costs.

Councillor Branston spoke in support of the application. He advised that the application was supported by Councillor Spackman and the Devon County Council Division Councillor.

Recommend to Executive that:-

- (a) the application for £20,000 to enable further preparatory work to take place be approved, subject to the standard conditions and to condition 11 below.
- (b) the application for £50,000 towards construction costs be approved, subject to the standard conditions and to conditions 11, 12 and 13 below. This sum is available for the 2012/13 financial year and the following two financial years (ie. until March 2015).

- (c) in respect of the £100,000 for the 2013/14 financial year, the Association is invited to reapply for this once it has obtained other commitments towards funding the build costs.

Additional conditions:-

11. (Applicable to elements (a) and (b)) The grant is conditional upon planning permission being received for the proposal.
12. (Applicable to element (b)) This element of the grant is conditional upon evidence being provided that funding has been secured to cover the entire anticipated construction costs.
13. (Applicable to element (b)) This element of the grant is conditional upon evidence being produced, in a form agreed by the Council as appropriate to the items concerned, that value for money is being achieved in relation to each element of the scheme.

2b **Topsham Rugby Club**

Representatives from Topsham Rugby Club gave a presentation for the application for the first phase of a project to extend, enlarge and modernise the clubhouse, principally by redeveloping changing rooms at Topsham Rugby Club. The amount applied for was £70,000.

Councillor Leadbetter spoke in support of the application. He advised that Local Ward Councillors Baldwin and Newby were in support of the application.

Recommend to Executive that the application be approved in part, for £50,000 towards phase 1 of the project, principally comprising new changing facilities. This is subject to the standard conditions, and the following additional condition:-

11. The grant is conditional upon evidence being provided that funding has been secured to cover the entire anticipated construction costs.

Members asked to be informed of the outcome of an application made by the Club to Viridor.

2c **Exeter Community Centre Trust Ltd**

Representatives from Exeter Community Centre gave a presentation for the application for the creation of a community garden at the rear of Exeter Community Centre. The amount applied for was £50,000.

Councillors Brock and Laws spoke in support of the application.

Recommend to Executive that the application for £50,000 towards creation of a community garden be approved, subject to the standard conditions and the following additional conditions:-

11. The grant is conditional upon a design being approved by the Council under condition 6 on planning permission 10/1453/03, and the scheme being implemented in accordance with that design.

12. The grant is conditional upon evidence being produced, in a form agreed by the Council as appropriate to the items concerned, that value for money is being achieved in relation to each element of the scheme.
13. The grant is conditional upon evidence being provided that funding has been secured to cover the entire anticipated construction costs, or that additional funding is not required.

(The meeting commenced at 4.30 pm and closed at 7.05 pm)