

EXETER CITY COUNCIL
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - COMMUNITY
17 JANUARY 2012

COMMUNITY GRANTS 2011/12

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To provide an update on the dispersal of Local Area Community Grants 2011/12.
- 1.2 To suggest options for use of unspent funds in 2011/12.

2. BACKGROUND

Some of the main drivers for this work:

- To support Members in determining and supporting the development of community initiatives in their ward.
- To promote opportunities for residents to become more actively involved in building stronger and more resilient communities across Exeter.

3. COMMUNITY GRANTS

- 3.1 A sum of £27,000, or £1,500 for each ward, has been made available in 2011/12 via ward councillors to support resident and community groups to deliver community initiatives and /or small capital -expenditure projects. Groups can apply for a grant of up to £300 from each ward. City wide groups are able to apply across a number of wards to raise larger sums of grant funding to deliver non ward based services to residents across the city. The grants are intended to encourage and support community initiatives that encourage volunteering and to provide funding towards resources and initiatives identified by community groups. This will have a direct impact on building a “Big Society” “where individuals and communities have more power and responsibility, and use it to create better neighbourhoods and local services”. (Department for Communities and Local Government)
- 3.2 The grants were promoted to resident and community groups in the city from June 2011. This was achieved through targeted information to community and resident groups on the city council data base, flyers distributed through Exeter CVS newsletter – which is distributed to all registered groups with ECVS, and through press releases to local media.

Appendix I provides a breakdown of awards made in each ward (correct as of 21 December 2011)

4. OPTIONS FOR USING FUNDS

- 4.1 Options to be considered:
 - Any unspent funds after the 31 January initial deadline to available as part of a central fund open to groups from across the city to apply.
 - Any remaining funds at the end of the financial year should be carried forward into the next financial year.

5. RECOMMENDED

That Scrutiny Committee - Community note progress on the distribution of Community Grants across Exeter and gives a view as to how unspent funds should be used.

ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE

S:PA/LP/Cttee/112SCC8
4.1.12

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S DEPARTMENT

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 (as amended)
Background papers used in compiling this report:

APPENDIX I

Date: December 2011

	Applications Received	Declined or withdrawn	Awards Granted	Amount applied for	Amount Awarded	Cash remaining
	<i>Updated manually - as at 24/10/11</i>			Updated as live from spreadsheet		
Alphington	7	2	5	£1,525	£1,245	£255
Cowick	2		1	£495	£195	£1,305
Duryard	2		1	£360	£60	£1,440
Exwick	5		4	£1,333	£1033	£467
Heavitree	5		1	£1,258	£300	£1,200
Mincinglake	5		5	£1,440	£1,300	£200
Newtown	8		8	£1,900	£1,500	£0
Pennsylvania	4		4	£1,095	£1,095	£405
Pinhoe	6		5	£1,596	£1,296	£204
Polsloe	1		1	£300	£100	£1,400
Priory	9	4	4	£1,263	£963	£537
St David's	7		5	£1,510	£910	£590
St James	3		3	£510	£510	£990
St Leonard's	5		5	£913	£913	£587
St Loyes	4		3	£1,108	£900	£600
St Thomas	7		7	£1,845	£1,500	£0
Topsham	3		1	£603	£200	£1,300
Whipton Barton	3		3	£795	£795	£705
Total	86	6	63	£19,849	£14,215	£12,785