

# ***Briefing Note***

## **Cheltenham Borough Council**

**Cabinet – 1 June 2010**

### **Community Pride and Partnership Funding**

#### **Statement by the Leader of the Council**

This note contains the information to keep Members informed of matters relating to the work of the Committee, but where no decisions from Members are needed.

#### **1. Community Pride**

**1.1** Cabinet colleagues will be aware that as part of the 2010-11 budget, the council agreed to set aside £40,000 for the community pride scheme. This year we will have two pots of funding:

- £35,000 will be made available to match-fund neighbourhood-based improvement projects, up to the value of £5,000. We are particularly interested in projects that will promote sustainability and build up community ownership over the local environment.
- £5,000 will be made available to community and voluntary sector groups to run small-scale events and activities to support the well-being of their neighbourhood up to the value of £500.

**1.2** Through the main programme, we will look to support projects such as:

- Bringing local people together to understand how their neighbourhood works and how they can get involved in future improvements;
- Helping communities become more self-reliant through tapping into local enterprise and innovation;
- Developing projects that promote energy efficiency and energy generation and more careful use of water.

**1.3** The closing date for the applications for the main programme is Friday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2010, with recommendations being brought back to cabinet for approval on 21 September 2010.

**1.4** For the events and activities fund, we are introducing a lighter-touch application and approval process to encourage more bidders who might have been deterred through having to wait too long for approval. The hope is that we can support events and activities that will run throughout the summer.

- 1.5** We will be happy to receive applications for the events and activities programme on an ongoing basis and we will assess these applications within 3 weeks of receipt.
- 1.6** Both programmes will go on live from 7<sup>th</sup> June 2010 onwards and letters will be sent to all five parish councils, resident associations and community groups on the council's database and additional publicity will be made available through Cheltenham Voluntary and Community Action.

## **2. Partnership Funding**

This briefing note updates Cabinet about the funding arrangements for the CSP and the 6 thematic partnerships. The table below sets out current situation as at May 2010.

<b>Partnership</b>	<b>Proposals for 09-10</b>
CSP	£15,000 CBC revenue
Low Carbon	£5,200 plus £9k carried forward from 2009-10
Economic	£123K LABGI funding to support delivery of economic action plan in 2010-11
Health and wellbeing	£25,000 from NHS – focus will be on reducing health inequalities with priorities for 2010-11 being: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• safeguarding vulnerable adults</li> <li>• older people</li> <li>• mental ill-health</li> <li>• support for neighbourhood-based working</li> </ul>
Children and young people	£20,350 youth offer from GCC. This will be commissioned against the three CYP priorities of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• safeguarding children</li> <li>• support for neighbourhood-based working</li> <li>• promoting quality of life for our most vulnerable families</li> </ul>
Community Safety and Stronger Communities	LAA Safer Stronger funding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• £12,500 anti-social behaviour funding</li> <li>• £22,794 revenue funding to reduce re-offending and engage with neighbourhoods.</li> </ul>
VCS reps	£2,000 – CBC £1,000 – Police £TBA - NHS

As in previous years, thematic partnership funding will be managed entirely by the respective partnerships with the support of the partnership officers. This year will see further development of a commissioning approach whereby the partnerships will consider needs and local priorities and develop a service specification for the project(s) that will deliver improved outcomes for local people.

In terms of the £15,000 allocated by CBC, this will be used to support the five priorities identified by the CSP for 2010:

- the improvement of partnership working at the neighbourhood level
- safeguarding across partner agencies

- alcohol reduction measures across safer and stronger partnerships, children and young people and health and wellbeing partnerships
- health inequalities with a focus on people experiencing mental ill-health and people living in our poorer communities
- quality of life issues in our most disadvantaged neighbourhoods.

The CSP has begun a discussion about how best to allocate the £15,000 and with a view to making a decision at its next meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2010.

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<b>Background Papers</b>	Final Budget Proposals, report to council, 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2010
<b>Accountability</b>	Cllr. Steve Jordan, Leader of the Council
<b>Scrutiny Function</b>	Social and Community Overview and Scrutiny Committee

