Cheltenham Borough Council Cabinet – 15 March 2011

Higgs and Cooper Educational Charity – Nomination of Trustees

Accountable member	Leader, Councillor Steve Jordan
Accountable officer	Democratic Services Manager, Rosalind Reeves
Accountable scrutiny committee	Not applicable
Ward(s) affected	Charlton Kings, Battledown and Charlton Park
Key Decision	No
Executive summary	The Clerk to the Trustees of the Higgs and Cooper Educational Charity has written to the Council regarding the Council's nominees to the trust. According to their rules they are required to invite Cheltenham Borough Council to nominate two trustees.
	In 2008, Council appointed Councillors Duncan Smith and Chris Ryder to serve as the Council's nominated trustees. In 2010 the council was led to understand that council representation was no longer necessary so no appointments were made when all other appointments to outside bodies were finalised in June 2010.
	Under the Council's constitution, this appointment can be made by Cabinet provided there is consensus between the political parties. The Group Leaders were informed of the request on 1 March 2011 and asked to advise their nominations.
	The trustees meet four times a year to award grants to local youngsters, schools or youth groups within Charlton Kings. Additional details on the charity are contained in the Appendix.
Recommendations	I therefore recommend that Cabinet considers its nominations to the trustees of the Higgs and Cooper Educational Charity.

Financial implications	None arising from the report
Legal implications	None arising from the report
HR implications (including learning and organisational development)	None arising from the report
Key risks	None
Corporate and community plan Implications	As detailed in the charity aims

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Appendices	Details of Higgs and Cooper Trust
Background information	None