

Report to: **Executive**  
Date: **10 March 2016**  
Title: **Community Re-investment Projects Fund  
2015/16 Grant Allocations'**  
Portfolio Area: **Customer First**  
Wards Affected: **Totnes, Salcombe**  
Relevant Scrutiny Committee: Overview and Scrutiny

Urgent Decision: **N** Approval and clearance obtained: **Y**

Date next steps can be taken: 21 March 2016  
(e.g. referral on of recommendation or  
implementation of substantive decision)

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**Recommendations: The Executive resolves to** approve five grant applications totalling £112,900 from the 2015/16 Community Re-Investment Project Fund.

## **1. Executive summary**

The report proposes support to all five applications received for £10,000 and over to the Community Re-Investment Project Fund in 2015/16. The grants applied for total £112,900, and the available approved budget is £153,900 (comprising part of the New Homes Bonus funding). A summary of applications, the officer assessment and recommendations are available in Appendix 1.

## 2. Background

The Community Re-investment Projects Fund was launched in October 2013, using £153,900 of the New Homes Bonus funding received by the Council to support community infrastructure projects in communities where major development has or is taking place.

The annual deadline for receipt of applications to the fund was 11<sup>th</sup> January 2016. There were no applications for under £10,000 (for which there is delegated authority), and applications for £10,000 and over require approval by the Executive.

Five applications were received, all of which were considered by officers to be eligible under the criteria of the Fund.

## 3. Outcomes/outputs

Members are requested to note the summary of applications, the officer summary and recommendations in Appendix 1.

## 4. Proposed Way Forward

Appendix A provides a summary of the five applications requesting grants of £10,000 and over, including the officers' assessments of each in terms of community need, community support, how the project provides or improves community infrastructure, deliverability, value for money and lasting impact. Decisions on these grants of £10,000 and over need to be made by the Executive as per the approved criteria for the Fund. It is suggested that these projects are supported based on the officer assessment and recommendations in Appendix 1.

## 5. Implications

| Implications     | Relevant to proposals<br>Y/N | Details and proposed measures to address  |
|------------------|------------------------------|---|
| Legal/Governance |                              | There are no legal implications arising from this report as South Hams District Council accepts no liability for projects beyond the provision of Community Re-investment Projects Fund grants. The Council has powers to give these grants in order to support its priorities through the Localism Act's Powers of General Competence. |

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| Financial                                    |  | <p>This report seeks Executive Committee approval to allocate six grants totalling £112,900 as set out in the recommendations above out of an approved budget of £153,900 for 2015/16.</p> <p>On 11 February 2016, Council approved that any underspend from the 15/16 Community Reinvestment Projects budget of £153,900 is to be transferred into the Capital Programme Earmarked Reserve</p> |
| Risk   |  | <p>Grants are paid in arrears of receipt of proof of expenditure.</p> <p>Grant offers are subject to a number of conditions which limit the potential risk to the Council.</p>  |
| Comprehensive Impact Assessment Implications |  |   |
| Equality and Diversity                       |  | Grants support funding to a wide range of community groups, therefore promoting equal opportunities.  |
| Safeguarding                                 |  | None directly arising from this report  |
| Community Safety, Crime and Disorder         |  | None directly arising from this report  |
| Health, Safety and Wellbeing                 |  | Grants contribute to supporting the social wellbeing of South Hams communities.   |
| Other implications                           |  | None directly arising from this report  |

## **Supporting Information**

### **Appendices:**

Appendix 1 – Community Re-investment Projects Fund 2015/16  
Summary of Applications and Assessments

## **Approval and clearance of report**

| <b>Process checklist</b>                | <b>Completed</b> |
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| Portfolio Holder briefed                | <b>Yes</b>       |
| SLT Rep briefed                         | <b>Yes</b>       |
| Relevant Exec Director sign off (draft) | <b>Yes</b>       |
| Data protection issues considered       | <b>Yes</b>       |

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| If exempt information, public (part 1) report also drafted. (Committee/Scrutiny) | <b>No</b> |
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