

Title of Report: Community Services Emergency Fund	Officer Presenting: Director of Health & Community Author: Head of Community Development & Leisure
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1 Purpose of Report/Recommendations

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek Member's approval on the allocation of a Community Emergency Fund to 17 Community and Sporting Groups operating within the Council area.

2 Background

- 2.1 Members will be aware that a number of Community and Sporting Organisations within the Council area have been badly affected by the recent flooding with damage caused to facilities and equipment.
- 2.2 In order to offer some immediate assistance to the community and sporting groups affected a community emergency fund was established from within existing budgets. The primary purpose of the Community emergency fund was to provide immediate financial assistance to the affected community & sporting groups.
- 2.3 Members will be aware that the Community & Sporting groups provide a much needed and valuable service to the local community.
- 2.4 This emergency fund allocation will ensure that the Community and Sporting Groups who have been identified to receive the funding will be able to utilise the allocation to continue to offer services to the community.

3 Key Issues

- 3.1 17 groups affected by the recent flooding have been identified to receive the small emergency fund.
- 3.2 The list of the Community & Sporting Groups to receive the emergency funding is attached at Appendix A.

- 3.3 Members should note that this is a one off payment to the groups affected by the flooding as outlined in Appendix A. Each of the Community and Sporting groups outlined in Appendix A will receive £500 with the exception of the two affected playgroups. The two playgroups will receive an allocation of £1,000. This allocation of £1,000 assisted in getting the two playgroups operational for the 1st September 2017 and to ensure a minimum disruption as possible under the circumstances.

4 Financial, Equality, Legal, HR, Improvement and other Implications

- 4.1 The total financial implication to Council as a result of the Community Services Emergency Fund is £9,500.
- 4.2 The £9,500 allocation has been identified from within the Community Development Budget.

5 Recommendations

- 5.1 It is recommended that Members approve the allocation of £9,500 to the Community and Sporting organisations outlined in Appendix A.

Background Papers

Appendix A: Community Services Emergency Fund Applications