

## **Report to Cabinet**

**Report reference: C/099/2007-08.**  
**Date of meeting: 4 February 2008.**



**Portfolio: Community Wellbeing.**

**Subject: Grant Aid 2007/08 - Waltham Abbey Community Association.**

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### **Recommendation:**

**(1) That funding from the Grant Aid Scheme for 2007/08 totalling £5,000 be awarded to Waltham Abbey Community Association.**

### **Background:**

1. Applications for grant aid funding are normally considered and determined by the Portfolio Holder for Community Wellbeing. However, in this instance the Portfolio Holder, being a Waltham Abbey Town Councillor, an occasional volunteer worker for the applicant group and a resident of the locality, has referred the application on to Cabinet, for determination. Accordingly, the Leader and not the Portfolio Holder will report on this item.

### **Statement in Support of Recommended Action:**

2. The application from Waltham Abbey Community Association for funding, as set out in Appendix 1, was deemed worthy under the terms of the Grant Aid Scheme in the amount stated in Column 3 for the reasons set out in Column 4.

### **Other Options for Action:**

3. Options considered in terms of the grant aid application were for the approval (if so the amount concerned), deferral or refusal of the application. There were no other options for consideration within the Community Wellbeing Portfolio as the only transfer of funds, which is possible, is from the various Voluntary Sector Assistance Budgets.

### **Consultation Undertaken:**

4. Discussions with applicant group and with Officers.

### **Resource Implications:**

**Budget Provision:** £94,756 set aside for long term, village hall and major grants in 2007-08. Consideration to be given to transfers between different elements at a later stage if necessary.

**Personnel:** From existing resources.

**Land:** Nil.

**Council Plan/BVPP Ref:** reference to Sections within the 'Community Wellbeing and Leisure' themes and reference to further development of Social Inclusion initiatives in the 2006-07 Best Value Plan.

**Relevant Statutory Powers:** Local Government Act 1972 Section 137; Local Government (Miscellaneous Provision Act) 1976 Section 19.

**Background Papers:** Application for grants together with supporting information from group concerned.

**Environmental/Human Rights Act/Crime and Disorder Act:** Approval will be of benefit environmentally as works will make the hall more energy efficient.

**Key Decision Reference:** Not a key decision.

**APPENDIX 1****GRANT AID - 2007/08**

| <b>Column 1<br/>Group</b>                 | <b>Column 2<br/>Nature of Application</b>  | <b>Column 3<br/>Amount<br/>Requested<br/>£</b> | <b>Column 4<br/>Comments</b>  |
|---|--|--|---|
| Waltham Abbey<br>Community<br>Association | Internal refurbishment of<br>the toilet area to include<br>health and safety<br>recommendations. | 5,000  | Well-established facility providing<br>much needed service in the<br>community.<br>Very proactive club within the<br>District.<br><br>Meets BV Plan in terms of<br>Healthy and Active Lifestyle and<br>meeting the needs of retired and<br>disabled, social inclusion and<br>older people generally, and with<br>regard to increasing and<br>improving leisure provision. |

## GRANT AID SCHEME 2007/08

## STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS as at 31 January 2008

Total Budget for Long-term, One-off and Village Halls £94,756 + £2,000

| <b>Long Term</b>   | <b>£</b> | <b>£</b>      |
|--|----------|---------------|
| Alzheimer's Society  | 1,211    |               |
| Crossroads   | 4,311    |               |
| Epping Forest District Swimming Club   | 3,582    |               |
| Loughton Voluntary Care Association  | 2,371    |               |
| Home-Start Epping Forest   | 2,895    |               |
| North Weald Airfield Museum  | 2,156    |               |
| Ongar Voluntary Care   | 1,211    |               |
| Rural Community Council for Essex  | 1,211    |               |
| Samaritans   | 2,156    |               |
| Theatre Resource   | 4,311    |               |
| Victim Support   | 3,790    |               |
| Waltham Abbey Youth 2000   | 4,311    | <b>33,516</b> |
| <b>One-off Major Grants</b>  |          |               |
| Acting Up Theatre Company  | 1,000    |               |
| Bridges  | 500      |               |
| Buckhurst Hill Junior Sports Club  | 5,000    |               |
| Epping Bowls Club  | 1,000    |               |
| Epping Cricket Club  | 5,000    |               |
| Epping Foresters Cricket Club  | 3,500    |               |
| High Beech Village Hall Management   | 3,700    |               |
| Old Person's Advisory Group (OPAG)   | 5,000    |               |
| Ongar & District Bereavement Support Service                                   | 600      |               |
| Roding Players Orchestra   | 100      |               |
| Royal British Legion – Loughton Branch   | 1,000    |               |
| Roydon Lawn Tennis Club  | 5,000    |               |
| Sheering Village Hall  | 800      |               |
| Volunteer Bureau   | 5,000    |               |
| WAYPIC   | 4,311    | <b>41,511</b> |
| <b>Total Expenditure as at 31.01.08</b>  |          | <b>75,027</b> |
| <b>Amount Remaining at prior to Cabinet Meeting on 4 February 2008</b>         |          | <b>21,729</b> |
| <b>Total amount of grant recommended for Cabinet approval 4 February 2008</b>  |          | <b>5,000</b>  |
| <b>Amount Remaining if recommendations approved by Cabinet 4 February 2008</b> |          | <b>16,729</b> |