

## **Multi-Faith Service – Sunday 6 February 2009**

### **Recommendation:**

That consideration be given to the award of a small grant (£500) towards the cost of staging a Multi-Faith Ceremony.

1. (EFDC) The Partnership has been providing support for the Multi-Faith Forum in its work to promote good relations and collaborative working between different faiths in the District. The Forum is planning a Multi-Faith Service in February 2009 and requires funds to assist with mounting the event.
2. Although the District Council has two representatives on the Forum, it has also decided that it can only provide moral support and encouragement in the Forum's work, not direct funding or staffing. This is because the founders of the Forum accepted that it shall be seen as an independent body and not an arm of the Council. The Chairman of the Council has indicated that he will attend as an official guest if invited.
3. The Forum is responsible for its own fund raising and volunteer staffing of the event but the funding sought from LSP resources will ensure that the event can be staged in an appropriate way.