

 Executive – 30th March 2011		Agenda Item No.
Title	Rural Initiatives Grant Application	
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Service Area	Finance	
Wards of the District directly affected	Hatton	
Is the report private and confidential and not for publication by virtue of a paragraph of schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, following the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006	No	
Date and meeting when issue was last considered and relevant minute number	N/A	
Background Papers	Rural Initiatives Scheme details Rural Initiatives Scheme Applications file No.163 onwards Correspondence with Applicant	

Contrary to the policy framework:	No
Contrary to the budgetary framework:	No
Key Decision?	No
Included within the Forward Plan? (If yes include reference number)	No

Officer/Councillor Approval		
With regard to officer approval all reports <i>must</i> be approved by the report author's relevant director, Finance, Legal Services and the relevant Portfolio Holder(s).		
Officer Approval	Date	Name
Relevant Director	17/2/11	Andy Jones
Chief Executive	N/A	N/A
CMT	2/3/11	N/A
Section 151 Officer	18/2/11	Mike Snow
Legal	N/A	N/A
Finance	17/2/11	Chris Brown
Portfolio Holder(s)	17/2/11	Cllr.Caborn
Consultation Undertaken		
None		
Final Decision?		Yes

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report provides details of a Rural Initiative Grant Application by Hatton Park residents Association for a replacement boiler in the Hatton Park Village Hall.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Executive approves an additional Rural Initiatives Grant of £1,137 which equates to 50% of the cost as detailed in paragraph 7.1 supported by appendix 1.

3. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 To provide funding to help the schemes progress.

4. ALTERNATIVE OPTION CONSIDERED

- 4.1 The Council has only a specific capital budget to provide grants of this nature and therefore there are no alternatives if the Council is to provide funding for Rural Initiatives.
- 4.2 Members may choose not to approve the grant funding, or to vary the amount awarded as discussed in paragraph 7.

5. BUDGETARY FRAMEWORK

- 5.1 The budget for the Rural Initiatives Scheme Applications for 2010/11 is £100,000. To this has been added £52,157 which is the unallocated budget from 2009/10.
- 5.2 Therefore there is £158,157 available to be allocated for Rural Initiative Grants in 2010/11 and if the application within this report is approved, £88,882 will remain as outlined in Appendix 2, which will be requested to be slipped forward to 2011/12.

6. POLICY FRAMEWORK

- 6.1 The assistance provided to applicants under this scheme will contribute to the Council's Objective of targeting resources to the areas of greatest need.
- 6.2 The applications within this report will contribute towards the Corporate Strategy Objectives (2008-11) in terms of "Development" by contributing towards the promotion of safe, vibrant and sustainable local communities.

7. BACKGROUND

7.1 Hatton Park Village Hall

- 7.2 The Hatton Park Residents Association have submitted an application in order to replace the domestic type boiler which was installed into the Village Hall when first built. The boiler does not have sufficient power to run the amount of radiators in the Hall both efficiently and economically therefore it needs to be removed and replaced with a more effective commercial type boiler.

- 7.3 The Residents Association does have £42,190 available funds/reserve but the majority of this amount is invested in a tax free charity bond.
- 7.4 The Hatton Park Residents Association have not had any funds from the Rural Initiatives Grant Scheme previously.
- 7.6 It is recommended that the Executive approves the award of a Rural Initiatives Grant to Hatton Park Residents Association of 50% of the total cost of the project inclusive of VAT subject to a maximum payment of £1,137