

NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

POLICY DEVELOPMENT GROUP – 8 MARCH 2017

Title of report	REVIEW OF SMALL GRANTS
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Purpose of report	To determine whether PDG wishes to monitor grants awarded by the Council.
Council Priorities	Business and Jobs Homes and Communities Green Footprints Challenge
Implications:	
Financial/Staff	Reports to be prepared for PDG.
Link to relevant CAT	N/A
Risk Management	N/A
Equalities Impact Screening	N/A
Human Rights	N/A
Transformational Government	N/A
Comments of Head of Paid Service	Report is satisfactory
Comments of Deputy Section 151 Officer	Report is satisfactory
Comments of Deputy Monitoring Officer	Report is satisfactory

Consultees	None
Background papers	None
Recommendations	THAT PDG DETERMINES THE APPROACH IT WISHES TO TAKE (IF ANY) TO REVIEWING THE OUTCOMES OF SMALL GRANTS ALLOCATED.

1.0 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 PDG resolved that an item looking at the process of small grants once funds had been allocated, to review what has been undertaken, be placed on the work plan.
- 1.2 Councillor Eynon completed a PDG Topic Suggestion Form (Appendix 1) to help scope this project.
- 1.3 Small Grants are administered by the Stronger and Safer Team within Community Services. There are the following small grant opportunities:
 - Community Small Grants up to £500
 - Coalville Special Expense Area Small Grants up to £250
 - Green Grants up to £500
 - Green Shoots (for bulbs) circa £100.
- 1.4 Each small grant has an administrative process which culminates in a monitoring form being sent to the recipient which the Council receives back.
- 1.5 PDG may wish to receive an annual report that sets out the small grants awarded in any particular year. This could be scheduled for a meeting around June.
- 1.6 PDG could then select a manageable number of grant recipients to invite to future meetings to hear how the grant had been spent and the difference it has made.