

To: ALL AREA COMMITTEES	Subject: COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME BUDGET 2000/2001
From: DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES	
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## 1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform elected members of the present situation relating to the Community Grants budget for this financial year.

## 2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Members will recall that at the Council meeting of 9 March 2000 the decision was taken to reduce the community grants budget to a level of £215,000 as part of the overall Council savings exercise.
- 2.2 Historically the community grants budget was presented in three elements:
- playscheme allocation
  - decentralised allocation
  - area specific allocation

At the Community Services Committee meeting of 30 June 1999 members agreed that the budget would no longer include a decentralised element.

## 3. PRESENT POSITION

- 3.1 Members will be aware that no decision has yet been made in respect of the allocation of the community grants budget for this financial year.
- 3.2 Until a decision on the allocation of the budget is made it is proposed that all current applications for a community grant are continued.
- 3.3 This will offer members the opportunity to consider levels of funding to specific applications in full knowledge of the amount allocated per specific area.

## 4. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Committee:

- i) approve the continuation of all outstanding community grant applications until a future area committee meeting; and
- ii) otherwise note the content of this report.

  
Director of Community Services