

REPORT

To: CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE		Subject: COMMUNITY COUNCIL FUNDING - FINANCIAL YEAR 2008/2009	
From: HEAD OF CENTRAL SERVICES			
Date: 19 February 2008	Ref: MS/MT		

1. Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to recommend the level of financial support to Community Councils for the financial year 2008/2009.

2. Background

2.1. At the General Purposes Committee held on 28 February 2007 consideration was given to a report on funding for Community Councils for the financial year 2007/2008. It was agreed at that time the sum of £450 per Council plus £9 per 100 of the electorate, rounded up to the nearest hundred be paid to each Community Council.

2.2. Upon receipt of verification of Community Councils' audited accounts by the Director of Finance, and confirmation that the Community Council had submitted their Minutes of their meetings regularly to this Council, the appropriate grant is then forwarded to each Community Council.

3. Corporate Considerations

In terms of the budget for Community Council Grants, a sum has been set aside in the estimates for the next financial year amounting to £40,000. It is recommended that the current level of grant for administrative support is still sufficient and that the status quo prevail.

4. Recommendations

It is recommended that the status quo prevail in relation to the level of financial support to Community Councils for the financial year 2008/2009.


 Head of Central Services

Members seeking further information on the contents of this report are asked to contact Margaret Shankland on extension 2726.