

REPORT

To: CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE		Subject: COMMUNITY COUNCIL FUNDING - FINANCIAL YEAR 2011/2012	
From: HEAD OF CENTRAL SERVICES			
Date: 12 April 2011		Ref: MS/RM	

1. Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to recommend the level of financial support to Community Councils for the financial year 2011/2012.

2. Background

- 2.1. At the Corporate Services Committee held on 19 May 2010 consideration was given to a report on funding for Community Councils for the financial year 2010/2011. 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 Executive Director of Finance and Customer Services, 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

- 3.1. In terms of the budget for Community Council Grants, a reduced sum has been set aside in the estimates for the next financial year of £35,000 which should be sufficient for this purpose and accordingly it is recommended that the status quo prevail.
- 3.2. Notwithstanding the Committee will be aware that later this year elections will be held to establish new Community Councils and it may be the case that this will result in an additional resource being required to support new Community Councils

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 2011/2012.



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