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**COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATION  
WHINFIELD RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION**

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**Responsible Cabinet Member – Councillor John Williams, Leader**

**Responsible Director – Paul Wildsmith, Director of Corporate Services**

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**SUMMARY REPORT**

**Purpose of the Report**

1. To consider an application for Community Grant from Whinfield Residents Association, which is unable to be considered under the delegated powers of the Member with portfolio responsibility for Efficiency and Resources.

**Summary**

2. An application for Community grant has been received from Whinfield Residents Association, Councillor Chris McEwan the Member holding the Efficiency and Resources Portfolio has a personal and prejudicial interest in this application and so a decision on this application should be made by Cabinet.

**Recommendation**

3. It is recommended that the instructions of Members are requested on this application for Community Grant.

**Reasons**

4. The recommendation is supported to allow Cabinet to decide whether or not to support this application for Community Grant.

**Paul Wildsmith  
Director of Corporate Services**

**Background Papers**

Community Grant Application Forms

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S17 Crime and Disorder	The contents of this report have been considered in the context of the requirements placed on the Council by Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, namely, the duty on the Council to exercise its functions with due regard to the likely effect of the exercise of those functions on, and the need to do all that it reasonably can to prevent, crime and disorder in its area. It is not considered that the contents of this report have any such effect.
Health and Well Being	This application for Community Grant will have a positive impact on the Councils Health and Well Being Agenda
Sustainability	This report has no impact on the Councils Sustainability agenda.
Diversity	This report has no implications for the Councils diversity agenda.
Wards Affected	Haughton North Ward
Groups Affected	Whinfield Residents and Friends of Beech Wood
Budget and Policy Framework	Any sums granted will be contained within the Community Grants budget
Key Decision	This is not a key decision.
Urgent Decision	For the purpose of the 'call-in' procedure this does not represent an urgent matter.
One Darlington: Perfectly Placed	The report contributes positively to the Healthy Darlington theme.

## MAIN REPORT

### Information and Analysis

5. From May 2005 all applications for Community Grants are able to be considered and granted under delegated powers by the Member responsible for the Efficiency and Resources portfolio, however where that member has a an interest in the applicant those applications must be considered by Cabinet. An application has been received from Whinfield Residents Association, Councillor Chris McEwan the Member holding the Efficiency and Resources Portfolio has a personal and prejudicial interest in this application and so a decision on this application should be made by Cabinet.

### *Whinfield Residents Association*

6. An application has been received from Whinfield Residents Association and Friends of Beech Wood. Beech Wood is a unique green open space that runs the length of the Whinfield housing development which can be enjoyed by the whole community. The associations are looking to involve the community in this open space by promoting it as a place of recreation, beauty and history by arranging a number of events over the coming year, starting with a Lantern Parade on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2009 culminating in carol singing at Asda. The association is seeking a contribution towards annual Public Liability insurance and costs of producing an information leaflet to promote the area. The group have not applied for Community Grant in the past.
7. The main criteria for applications for Community Grant are that the aims of the group should be linked to one or more of the Community Strategy themes. Whinfield Residents Association links with the Healthy and Greener Darlington themes of the Community Strategy by encouraging people to take ownership and value the local countryside whilst adopting a healthy lifestyle and promote inclusive communities

### *Financial Information*

8. Accounts for the last year have been submitted and are analysed below:-

	Year ended 31 <sup>st</sup> November 08	
	2007/08	
<b>Balance Brought Forward</b>	£868.82	
<b>Income</b> No Income for this period		
<b>Expenditure</b> Room Hire at Whinfield School D Jackson (Website)	£101.58 £20.00	
	£121.58	
<b>Surplus</b>	£747.24	
Cash at Bank 21 <sup>st</sup> October 2009	£713.38	

### *Previous Applications*

9. This is a new application by Whinfield Community Association. Similar applications by other groups have been granted in the past normally in the region of £300 to £500.
10. At present there is £6,608.76 left in the Community Fund before consideration of this application.

### *Conclusion*

11. Cabinet are asked to consider whether it wishes to support this application for community grant and if so to what extent.

### **Outcome of Consultation**

12. No consultation has taken place in this report.