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**COMMUNITY GRANTS 2005/06**

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**Responsible Cabinet Member(s) - Councillor Don Bristow,  
Resource Management Portfolio**

**Responsible Director(s) - Paul Wildsmith, Director of Corporate Services**

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**Purpose of Report**

1. To consider an application in respect of a Community Grant received from an individual, details of which are contained in the report.

**Background**

2. Members will be aware that from 2005/06 a number of budgets from various Departments have been amalgated to form the new Community Grant. In future the Member with Resource Management portfolio will have delegated powers to make decisions on applications for the new grant after this has been agreed at Annual Council in May. However, a decision on this application needs to be determined before then.
3. The Council has made provision within the 2005/2006 revenue budget of £64,000 plus any carry over from 2004/05 before consideration of the attached application.
4. **Peter Rowley, Director and Chief Executive, of the Darlington Building Society – Flora London Marathon scheduled to take place on Sunday, 17th April, 2005 in aid of Four Local Hospice Movements**

(a) *Introduction*

A letter of application has been received from the Director and Chief Executive of the Darlington Building Society, for £1,000 in the form of a donation to fund the carer support of the four local hospices, namely St. Teresa's Hospice - Darlington, Butterwick Hospice Care - Stockton-on-Tees, Teesside Hospice Care Foundation - Middlesborough and Hartlepool and District Hospice.

In order raise funds for this cause it is Peter's intention to take part in the Flora London Marathon for 'Help the Hospices' which is scheduled to take place on Sunday, 17th April, 2005. All proceeds from donations and sponsorships from this initiative will benefit the four hospice movements mentioned above.

(b) ***Financial Information***

The target Peter hopes to raise in aid these hospices is £2,000. At the time of writing he has managed to raise £250 through private sponsorship.

(c) ***Previous Applications***

Peter and his colleague have applied and been granted financial assistance on one previous occasion. Details and relevant information are highlighted in the table below.

<b>Year</b>	<b>Reason for Application</b>	<b>Minute Ref.</b>	<b>Grant Requested £</b>	<b>Grant Awarded £</b>
2003/04	Peter Rowley and David Dodd, Director and Chief Executive, General Manager of Darlington Building Society – Flora London Marathon 13/4/2003 in Aid of Shelter.	C289/April/2003	Unspecified	1,000

(d) ***Conclusion***

The Cabinet is asked to consider whether it wishes to support this application in respect of Peter Rowley in aid of the four local hospices, and if so, to what extent.

**Outcome of Consultation**

5. No consultation is taken on this item as a decision is made by Members.

**Legal Implications**

6. This report has been considered by the Borough Solicitor for legal implications in accordance with the Council's approved procedures. There are no issues which the Borough Solicitor considers need to be brought to the specific attention of Members, other than those highlighted in the report.

**Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998**

7. 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.

## **Council Policy Framework**

8. The issues contained within this report do not represent change to Council policy or the Council's policy framework

## **Decision Deadline**

9. For the purpose of the 'call-in' procedure this does not represent an urgent matter

## **Recommendation**

10. It is recommended that instructions of Members are requested on this application.

**Paul Wildsmith**  
**Director of Corporate Services**

## **Background Papers**

(i)	Peter Rowley – Chief Executive of Darlington Building Society – Flora London Marathon 17th April 2005 in aid of the four local hospices	Letter of Application Sponsorship already obtained
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