

REPORT OF THE GRANTS WORKING PARTY HELD ON 5<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2016.

PRESENT: CLLRS. GARNER, MELHUIISH, CORNFORD, TAYLOR-GREEN AND CRATHORNE.

APOLOGIES FOR LATENESS CLLR ELIZABETH JACKSON; APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE CLLR. LINDA JACKSON.

1. **Letters to applicants.** It was noted that letters to all applicants telling them of the outcome of their grant applications had not been sent. It was felt that letters should be sent as soon as possible reflecting the notes recorded below after the Working Party's discussions.
2. **Henley-in-Bloom** Cllr. Cornford announced that John Earle and Forward Trust had decided to sponsor Henley-in-Bloom with £3,000. The suggestion that the council should withdraw the grant already agreed to Henley-in-Bloom was rejected as withdrawing a grant after agreeing it would set a precedent for challenge from those receiving grants. If the organisation concerned was unable to spend its grant there was always the option for them to return it.
3. **Reponses to organisations not being awarded grants.** These are set out in the appendix 1 at the end of this report along with recommendations of which councillor should respond to questions about each grant.
4. **Review of Minigrants.** Amendments were made to section 4.4 to permit consultation with other councillors. The amended guidelines are attached as appendix 2
5. **Review of the process of awarding main grants.** No changes recommended.