



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

MINORITY ETHNIC COMMUNITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE 18 NOVEMBER 2004

Report of the Director of Policy

Small Change – Community Cohesion

RECOMMENDATION

1. To note the creation of a new community chest under the Small Change programme.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 2.1 Small Change is Derby City Partnership's small grants scheme for the community and voluntary sector.
- 2.2 It is an amalgamation of five different community chests which are managed through a single application, approval and monitoring process.
- 2.3 One of the five community chests is aimed at providing grants of up to £3,000 for community and voluntary groups to carry out activities to promote community cohesion. The grants will be available to all communities in Normanton to carry out activities which:
 - bring together communities from different cultural backgrounds
 - create greater understanding between different generations and communities
 - promote partnerships between different cultural groups.
- 2.4 The fund has been promoted via Derby CVS, the External Funding Newsletter, Normanton News, Area and Neighbourhood Unit and direct mailings to groups in Normanton.
- 2.5 The bid was appraised by a panel including a representative from the Community Safety Partnership who is directing groups to Small Change for funding.
- 2.6 The fund has a total of £120,000 URBAN and £100,000 SRB grant to be spent by December 2005. £21,000 has been allocated so far.

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Background papers: None
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IMPLICATIONS

Financial

1. The fund has a total of £120,000 URBAN and £100,000 SRB grant to be spent by December 2005. £21,000 has been allocated so far.

Legal

2. None.

Personnel

3. None.

Equalities impact

4. This fund is particularly targeted at minority ethnic communities in Normanton. Small Change also priorities applications from organisations run by or benefiting women or young people.

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

5. The proposal comes under the Council's objective of **strong and positive neighbourhoods**.