

EAST HERTS COUNCIL

OPENNESS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT BODIES REGULATIONS 2014

OFFICER DECISION WRITTEN RECORD

Reference:	OD/(to be added by Democratic Services)
Subject Matter:	Award of UKSPF-funded grants to (a) village halls for carbon reduction works and (b) Community Alliance Broxbourne and East Herts for further developmental work on the Arts in East Herts programme.
Date of Decision:	3 rd January 2025
Exempt/Confidential information (Yes/No):	No
If Exempt/Confidential – reason why:	n/a
Name of Officer taking decision under delegated authority:	Jonathan Geall, Head of Housing and Health
Source of delegated authority (constitution/express delegation/etc):	<p>At its meeting of 18th January 2023, Council approved the use of UKSPF funds to promote sustainability works, notably to reduce carbon emissions, and to deliver the council’s Cultural Strategy.</p> <p>At the same meeting, Council delegated decision-making authority to the Head of Housing and Health, acting in consultation with the Executive Member for Environmental Sustainability regarding environmental grants and contracts and in consultation with the Executive Member for Communities regarding cultural activities.</p>
Exercise of delegated authority approved by: <i>(if different from Officer taking decision)</i>	n/a
Decision:	<p>Fund grants for five village halls to contribute to carbon reduction works as identified in decarbonisation plans previously supported by UKSPF-funded carbon reduction assessments. The grants being:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gilston and Eastwick Village Hall - £1,011.11 • Hunsdon Village Hall - £3,263.51 • Much Hadham Village - £4,922.73 • Parsonage Community Hall, Bishop’s Stortford - £1,998.93 • Westmill Village Hall - £469.48. <p>A grant of £6,095 to Community Alliance Broxbourne and East Herts to conduct an</p>

	evaluation of the Arts in East Herts programme to be used a basis for future external funding bids and establish a steering group of East Herts cultural providers to oversee, develop and continue Arts in East Herts in future years.
Reason(s) for Decision:	<p>The works at the village halls have been identified in decarbonisation assessments conducted by Utility Aid and will contribute to lowering the carbon emissions of the halls.</p> <p>The Community Alliance's work is a follow-on to their developmental and administrative support for the Arts in East Herts programme thus far. This grant will fund works to support the continuation of the programme beyond the UKSPF funding period.</p>

Details of alternative options, if any considered and rejected:	Not fund all or some of the works. NOT RECOMMENDED because the village hall works will lead to evidence-based carbon reductions in support on the UKSPF outcomes and the council's Climate Change Strategy while the Community Alliance grant will support the continuation of the Arts in East Herts programme beyond UKSPF funding.
Name of Officer who has confirmed with all Members involved in taking this decision whether they have pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest:	Jonathan Geall, Head of Housing and Health
Name(s) of any Member who has removed himself/herself from contributing to this decision because of a conflict of interest:	n/a
Signature of Decision Maker (where decision is taken in consultation with a Member):	REDACTED
Signature of Member consulted by Decision Maker (where decision is taken in consultation with a Member):	Support confirmed by Cllr Hokskin in an email of 3 rd January 2025 and by Cllr Daar in an email of 2 nd January 2025.

SIGNATURES TO BE REDACTED.