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DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Name and date of Committee	CABINET – WEDNESDAY 16 OCTOBER 2019														
Report Number	AGENDA ITEM NO. 14														
Subject	ALLOCATION OF COMMUNITY CLEAN UP FUNDING														
Wards affected	Chipping Norton, Witney (All), Woodstock and Bladon, Eynsham and Cassington, Charlbury and Finstock, Carterton (All), Burford														
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Summary/Purpose	To agree the allocation of Government funding for High street community clean ups.														
Annexes	None														
Recommendations	<p>That the Cabinet agrees to:-</p> <p>(a) allocate the following funding to the stated Town and Parish Councils, on the condition that funding is allocated in line with the MHCLG requirements set out in the report:</p> <table><tr><td>Burford</td><td>£365</td></tr><tr><td>Carterton</td><td>£4,270</td></tr><tr><td>Charlbury</td><td>£815</td></tr><tr><td>Chipping Norton</td><td>£1,710</td></tr><tr><td>Eynsham</td><td>£1,265</td></tr><tr><td>Witney</td><td>£7,365</td></tr><tr><td>Woodstock</td><td>£830</td></tr></table> <p>(b) utilise £1,000 of funding to purchase litter pickers, hi-vis jackets and gloves for community clean up groups in other parishes;</p> <p>(c) re-allocate any funding that remains unspent to parish councils on request and</p> <p>(d) utilise £1,534 of the funding to cover the cost of administering the reserve so that it can be managed at no additional cost to the Council.</p>	Burford	£365	Carterton	£4,270	Charlbury	£815	Chipping Norton	£1,710	Eynsham	£1,265	Witney	£7,365	Woodstock	£830
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Corporate priorities	To protect the environment, through street cleaning activities where they are needed most.														
Key Decision	No														
Exempt	No														
Consultees/ Consultation	None														

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1. The Council has received earmarked one-off revenue funding from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) for High Street Community Clean ups. The total allocation is £19,154 and the funding should be used to work with existing community groups to undertake community-led high street and town centre cleans.
- 1.2. If any of the towns or parishes do not wish to utilise the funding or are unable to spend it, it is recommended that the Council re-allocates it to parishes which could utilise it for community litter picks in their areas.

2. MAIN POINTS

- 2.1. As the focus is on high street and town centres it is recommended this funding is allocated to Town Councils (and to Eynsham as the largest village) within the district for them to then allocate to community groups or organise their own clean up initiatives. The needs and resources within the Towns in the District vary. Funding has been divided broadly using population numbers to reflect the size of each Town and the village of Eynsham. Whilst Eynsham is not a town its population is larger than some of the towns in the district and it has a high street with similar needs and uses as those towns.
- 2.2. If funding was distributed across all Towns and Parishes it would be insufficient to have any impact and would not comply with the funding requirements that it be allocated for town centre and high street clean ups.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1. These allocations will be funded by separate earmarked Government funding totalling £19,154, so there are no financial implications for the Council. The scheme allows up to 10% to be utilised by the Council for administering and managing the funding. This administration includes contact with the Town and Parish Councils, completion of the required reporting to Central Government and financial administration of funding. Funding of £1534 which is 8% would be used for this purpose.
- 3.2. The needs and resources within the Towns in West Oxfordshire District vary. To benefit wider communities, it is proposed that £1,000 be set aside to purchase litter pickers, hi-vis jackets and gloves for parishes not receiving a specific allocation.
- 3.3. The balance of funding totalling £16,620 has been divided broadly using population numbers to reflect the size of each settlement as follows:--has been divided broadly using population numbers to reflect the size of each Town and Eynsham village, as follows:

Settlement	Population	% of total funding	Proportion of funding
Burford	1340	2.2%	£365
Carterton	15770	25.7%	£4,270
Charlbury	2990	4.9%	£815
Chipping Norton	6340	10.3%	£1,710
Eynsham	4650	7.6%	£1,265
Witney	27,230	44.3%	£7,365
Woodstock	3100	5%	£830

4. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1. None

5. RISK ASSESSMENT

- 5.1. There is a risk that these settlements do not spend the funding on appropriate activities. Each Town and village will therefore be asked to report in a quick and simple way the activities they have funded. They will be given advice on the sort of activities which should be funded but the Council will not be too prescriptive to encourage innovation and reflect different approaches in different areas.

6. CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1. This funding will be used to fund litter picks and reduce litter which could be damaging to wildlife. Publicity can be used to highlight the need to manage waste appropriately and reduce littering.
- 6.2. Disposable gloves have previously been provided to community groups. However, alternatives will now be explored and reusable, washable gloves will be offered as an alternative.

7. ALTERNATIVES/OPTIONS

- 7.1. The Council could choose to allocate this funding differently but it should have regard to MHCLGs intention that it be focused on High Streets and Towns.
- 7.2. The Council could allocate the funding using different criteria i.e. dividing funding equally between Towns.
- 7.3. The Council could choose to allocate this funding differently but it should have regard to MHCLGs intention that it be focused on High Streets and Towns. The Council should share the funding between Parishes as well as Towns or large villages with High streets but this may not meet the expectations the Government has for this funding and may affect the future allocation of government funding to this Council.

8. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 8.1. None