

RECORD OF DELEGATED DECISION (OFFICER)

1. Decision Reference No.	CEX 506
2. Name/Title of Officer	Director for Housing and Communities (Deputy Chief Executive)
3. Email address of Officer	Mhoward@melton.gov.uk
4. Title / Subject Matter:	Community Grants Round
5. Type of Decision:	Public
6. Key Decision?	No

7. Decision Taken:

- 1. To run a small grants round (£7,000) to enable applications for local community initiatives specifically for VE day celebrations across the Melton Borough.
- 2. To use the remaining balance from the 24/25 UKSPF community grants fund to fund the small grants round.

8. Reasons for Decision:

The Council has now closed, evaluated applications and commenced the process of finalising grant agreements and payments of the community grants round 24/25. There is a small balance remaining which it proposed to use to create a one-off small grants scheme specifically to support community groups and local organisations to celebrate the 80th anniversary of VE day.

This remains within the scope of the original decision to use the funding for community grants. It is in line with a recommendation from the community grants panel and is supported by the Leader and Deputy Leader of the Council, and the Portfolio Holder for Communities and Wellbeing.

Information about the scheme will be available on the Council's website and social media pages.

9. Authority / Legal Power:

The Director for Housing and Communities has delegated authority to take this decision in accordance with Part 12.2(b) of the Officer Scheme of Delegation in Part 4 of Chapter 2 of the Council's Constitution.

10. Background Papers attached?	No

11. Alternative options available / rejected:

The remaining funding could be used to support other UKSPF projects. However, the grant approval panel made a proposal to create a VE day focussed small grants scheme with unallocated grant funding. The Community Grants round 24/25 supported a specific VE day focussed event in the town centre, leading to a proposal to use remaining funding to enable our rural communities to benefit from an opportunity to access grant funding for local events and celebrations.

12. Implications:

Legal	Running this small grant scheme is in line with previous decisions and the UKSPF criteria and the Director for Housing and Communities has delegated authority to approve the payments under the Constitutional provision referred to above. [Legal Approval – 23 January 2025]
Finance	The small grant scheme will be £7,000. Running this small grant scheme is within the budget available. [Director for Corporate Services - 23 January 2025]

13. APPROVAL/SIGN OFF (Do not complete until all implications signed off at Section 12)

Signature of Decision Maker with authority to sign:	Email approval received Director for Housing and Communities (Deputy Chief Executive)
Date:	23 January 2025