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**SBC COMMUNITY GRANT SCHEME – YEAR END POSITION  
2014/15**

**Report by Service Director Strategy & Policy**

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**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**10 MARCH 2015**

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**1 PURPOSE AND SUMMARY**

- 1.1 **This report recommends the approval of estimated carry forwards into the Community Grant Scheme (CGS) for 2015/16.**
- 1.2 The current budget position of the Community Grant Scheme 2014/15 and estimated carry forwards are as follows:

	Budget 2014/15	Expenditure to Date	Applications Pending	Estimated Underspend
Berwickshire	£26,441	£26,441	£0	£0
Cheviot	£36,257	£26,722	£5,000	£4,535
Eildon	£39,238	£30,155	£5,000	£4,083
Teviot & Liddesdale	£21,941	£13,795	£5,000	£3,146
Tweeddale	£26,202	£3,148	£9,410	£13,644
Generic	£21,071	£13,950	£4,500	£2,621
<b>Totals</b>	<b>£171,150</b>	<b>£114,211</b>	<b>£28,910</b>	<b>£28,029</b>

- 1.3 Following approval, the estimated carry forward of £28,029 will be detailed as a virement request for ear-marking in a separate report by Financial Services to Executive Committee. Each Area Forum and the Generic Budget will retain its individual carry forward protecting balances for allocation to projects in 2015/16.

**2 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 **I recommend that the Committee approves the estimated carry forwards for 2015/16.**

### 3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The 2014/15 base budget for the Community Grant Scheme was £135,465.
- 3.2 On 18 March 2014, the Executive Committee approved the amalgamation of the former Borders-wide and non Borders-based budgets into a single Generic Budget. It was further agreed that an allocation of £10,000 from the annual base budget would be set aside for the Generic Budget.
- 3.2 The remainder of the base budget (£125,465) was divided between the 5 Area Forums, based on the Census 2011 population levels.
- 3.3 Some organisations did not fully spend their 2013/14 grant award and the following amounts were returned to the respective Area Forum budgets:  
 Berwickshire: £2,164 – increasing the balance available to £26,441  
 Eildon: £82 – increasing the balance available to £39,238
- 3.4 As agreed by the Grants to External Bodies Sub Committee on 26 February 2008 and Executive on 29 January 2009, any underspends in the Community Council’s Support budget and the Local Festival Grants budget is to be carried forward into the Borders-wide budget (now the generic budget).
- 3.5 There were no underspends carried forward into 2014/15 from the Community Council’s Support budget or the Local Festival Grants budget.
- 3.6 £1,569 was returned to the Generic Budget in unspent grants from 2013/14.
- 3.7 Following carry forward of approved ear-marked balances from 2013/14 the budget available to each area forum and generic budget was as follows:

	Base Budget 2014/15	Approved ear-marked balances 2013/14	Grant Refunds	2014/15 Total Budget
Berwickshire	£23,211	£1,066	£2,164	£26,441
Cheviot	£20,325	£15,932	£0	£36,257
Eildon	£38,882	£274	£82	£39,238
Teviot & Liddesdale	£20,752	£1,189	£0	£21,941
Tweeddale	£22,295	£3,907	£0	£26,202
Generic	£10,000	£9,502	£1,569	£21,071

- 3.8 In 2014/15 the Community Grant Scheme has awarded grants totalling £114,211 to date.

## 4 BUDGET INFORMATION

### 4.1 Berwickshire Area

Grants awarded are as follows:-

Date	CGS No	Description	Award
02/05/14	CGS/05/14	Duns Tennis Club – Clubhouse & Tennis Courts	£5,000
02/05/14	CGS/51/13	Chirnside Development Group – Chirnside Community Centre	£5,000
02/05/14	CGS/50/13	Duns Rugby Football Club – Installation of Electricity Supply	£5,000
17/10/14	CGS/34/14	Allanton Village Hall – Renovation Programme	£3,096
17/10/14	CGS/31/14	Coldstrea Community Trust – Support Grant	£1,800
11/11/14	CGS/40/14	Gunsgreen House Trust – Support Grant	£5,000
20/11/14	CGS/45/14	Ayton Community Council – Christmas Lights	£400
9/12/14	CGS/22/14	Grantshouse Community Council – Community Action Plans	£1,145
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>£26,441</b>

There is no underspend for the Berwickshire area.

### 4.2 Cheviot Area

Grants awarded are as follows:-

Date	CGS No	Description	Award
04/06/14	CGS/15/14	St Boswells Parish Community Council – Gypsy Fair Exhibition	£1,852
18/07/14	CGS16/14	Ancrum Community Council – Planters & Plants	£625
18/07/14	CGS/47/13	Jedburgh Community Council – Xerscape Project	£5,000
22/09/14	CGS/25/14	Jedburgh Leisure Facilities Trust – Jedburgh Town Hall Start Up	£4,895
17/10/14	CGS/26/14	Kalewater Community Council – Defibrillator Project	£304
17/10/14	CGS/21/14	Sprouston Village Hall – Replacement Floor	£5,000
17/10/14	CGS/23/14	Crailing Eckford & Nisbet Community Council – Defibrillators	£4,892
20/11/14	CGS/37/14	Yetholm & District Community Council – Replacement LED Christmas Lights	£374
05/01/15	CGS/39/14	Jedburgh & District Community News Group – Blue Plaques Scheme	£2,430
14/01/15	CGS/42/14	Kelso Community Council – New War Memorial	£1,350
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>£26,722</b>

One application totalling £5,000 is awaiting approval and the total estimated underspend for Cheviot area is £4,535.

#### 4.3 Eildon Area

Grants awarded are as follows:-

Date	CGS No	Description	Award
02/05/14	CGS/04/14	Selkirk Chamber of Trade – Support Grant	£4,300
20/05/14	CGS/08/14	Ettrick & Yarrow Community Council – Brockhill Bridge Re-instatement	£562
20/05/14	CGS/58/13	Selkirk Christmas Illuminations Group – Christmas Illuminations Project	£2,203
20/05/14	CGS/07/14	Kirkhope Parish Church – Energy Audit Project Finale Phase	£3,000
04/09/14	CGS/24/14	Melrose Music Society – Support Grant	£650
15/10/14	CGS/35/14	The Tim Stead Trust – Tim Stead Main Issues Study	£5,000
15/10/14	CGS/36/14	Galashiels Chamber of Trade – Christmas Lights	£5,000
25/11/14	CGS/44/14	Galashiels Swimming Club – New Pool Equipment	£4,440
09/12/14	CGS/33/14	Galashiels Fairydean Rovers FC – Upgrade of Changing Rooms/PA System	£5,000
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>£30,155</b>

One application totalling £5,000 is awaiting approval and the total estimated underspend for Eildon area is £4,083.

#### 4.4 Teviot & Liddesdale Area

Grants awarded are as follows:-

Date	CGS No	Description	Award
02/05/14	CGS/01/14	Burnfoot Community Council – Support Grant	£1,480
02/05/14	CGS/59/13	Hawick Community Café – Shop Frontage Change	£5,000
04/06/14	CGS/02/14	Minto Golf Club Ltd – Drainage Project 3 <sup>rd</sup> Fairway	£5,000
02/09/14	CGS/30/14	Hawick Royal British Legion – Beating Retreat	£880
05/01/14	CGS/50/14	Future Hawick – Support Grant	£1,435
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>13,795</b>

One application totalling £5,000 is awaiting approval and the total estimated underspend for Teviot & Liddesdale area is £3,146.

#### 4.5 Tweeddale Area

Grants awarded are as follows:-

Date	CGS No	Description	Award
22/09/14	CGS/32/14	Friends of Dovecot – Grand Hands Travelling Club	£1,848
15/10/14	CGS/29/14	Peebles Burgh Silver Band – Borders Entertainment Contest	£1,000
07/01/15	CGS/46/14	Clovenfords & District Community Council – History Leaflet	£300
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>£3,148</b>

Two applications are awaiting approval totalling £9,410 and the total estimated underspend for Tweeddale area is £13,644.

#### 4.6 Generic Budget

Grants awarded are as follows:-

Date	CGS No	Description	Award
19/08/14	CGS/14/14	NTC Touring Theatre Co Ltd – Rumpelstiltskin	£2,650
19/08/14	CGS/28/14	Survivors Unite – Group Development & Learning Project	£1,370
11/11/14	CGS/41/14	Instinctively Wild – Support Grant	£4,930
20/01/15	CGS/49/14	Borders Community Radio & Media Ltd – TD1 Radio FM	£5,000
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>£13,950</b>

One application is currently awaiting approval totalling £4,500 and the total estimated underspend for the Generic Fund is £2,621.

## 5 IMPLICATIONS

### 5.1 Financial

There are no additional financial implications on the Council's resources.

### 5.2 Risk and Mitigations

There are no risks to the Council in relation to the recommendation in this report. The report recommends the carry forward balances which will protect the budget in each respective area and ensure it remains available to Members for allocation to projects in 2015/16.

### 5.3 Equalities

- (a) An Equalities Scoping Assessment has been carried out on this proposal and it is anticipated that there are no adverse equality implications.

### 5.4 Acting Sustainably

- (a) The Community Grant Scheme can assist with funding for a wide range of community projects, many of which have positive economic, social or environmental impacts.

**5.5 Carbon Management**

(a) There are believed to be no effects on carbon emissions relative to the recommendation in this report.

**5.6 Rural Proofing**

(a) Not applicable.

**5.7 Changes to Scheme of Administration or Scheme of Delegation**

(a) There are no changes to be made.

**6 CONSULTATION**

6.1 The Chief Financial Officer, the Monitoring Officer, the Chief Legal Officer, the Chief Officer Audit and Risk, the Chief Officer HR and the Clerk to the Council have been consulted and any comments received have been incorporated into the final report.

**Approved by**

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**Background Papers:**

**Previous Minute Reference: Executive Committee 18 March 2014**

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