



## **Full Council Meeting – 29 September 2022**

### **Agenda Item CC2345/22**

#### **Winter Grants for Croxley Green Community Organisations**

##### **Discussion**

Everyone is acutely aware of the significant increase in energy costs, even with the recent announcement made capping costs at £2500.00 / other available support, will still leave many residents of Croxley Green in fuel poverty this winter.

At national level, there have already been outline discussions encouraging community organisations such as churches, community centres to open their doors, inviting residents to come along and stay warm during the daytime rather than worry about sitting at home in the cold and not eat.

The purpose of this paper is for general discussion on making funds available from reserves whereby community organisations in Croxley Green can apply to the Parish Council for a grant to support initiatives for staying warm throughout the winter. This will be for the sole benefit of local residents in Croxley Green that are struggling to heat their homes, to encourage wellbeing and also reduce cases of isolation and loneliness, particularly amongst the older population of Croxley Green

This has been discussed in principle with Councilor Cole, we have identified 6 churches in Croxley Green plus the potential for a further 3 / 4 organisations such as The Royal British Legion that may open their doors to this type of initiative.

##### **Community Impact**

As with any grant, we would expect that any successful applicant to publicise the support from the Parish Council and also keep a record of how many residents of Croxley Green were to benefit.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this proposal.

##### **Recommendations**

1. That council resolves to make funds totaling £5000.00 available from the reserves to support this initiative.
2. Grants will be made available up to a maximum of £500.00 per organisation that will be opening its doors, inviting Croxley Green residents to join them for food and / or a warm place to sit, encouraging people to come together.
3. Parish Council officers to publicise the availability of grants to churches and community and social organisations that offer this support to the residents of Croxley Green.

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