

**Oldham Borough Council  
Record of Decision**



1. **TITLE:** Priority Programme Fund Community Grants

2. **SERVICE AREA:** Public Health Services

3. **PURPOSE OF DECISION**

To allocate grant funding from the Priority Programme Fund (PPF) to community grants for one year (1st April 2025 – 31st March 2026).

4. **DECISION MADE BY:** Director of Public Health

5. **DECISION:**

RESOLVED - That: To allocate grant funding for one year (25/26) to Greenacres Community Association and to Oldham Credit Union for core costs. For The Credit Union this will provide a contribution to their core funding supporting them to continue to provide services to residents. For the Greenacres Community Association, it will support them to draw in the external grant funding from the Community Ownership Fund (£300k) by maintaining the match funding for one year. To allocated grant funding from the Asylum Dispersal Grant to Werneth & Freehold Community Development Project for their work supporting residents of Hotel 24/7.

6. **REASON FOR DECISION**

Option 1 – Do not renew any of the community grants. This is not regarded as a viable option. For The Credit Union this would represent a significant reduction in their core funding and may result in a reduction in the services they are able to offer, which provide alternative financial services to Oldham residents, in particular those in financial need. For the Greenacres Community Association, a decision to withdraw the grant at this time would potentially impact on their ability to draw in external national grant funding awarded from the Community Ownership Fund (£300k) for which this grant acted as match funding.

Option 2 – To allocate grant funding for one year (25/26) to Greenacres Community Association and to Oldham Credit Union for core costs. For The Credit Union this will provide a contribution to their core funding supporting them to continue to provide services to residents. For the Greenacres Community Association, it will support them to draw in the external grant funding from the Community Ownership Fund (£300k) by maintaining the match funding for one year. To allocated grant funding from the Asylum Dispersal Grant to Werneth & Freehold Community Development Project for their work supporting residents of Hotel 24/7.

7. **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

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Community Ownership Fund (£300k) for which this grant acted as match funding.

8. **INTERESTS AND NATURE OF INTERESTS DECLARED**

None

9. **PRINCIPAL GROUPS CONSULTED:** Not applicable

10. **DOCUMENT CONSIDERED:** Priority Programme Fund Community Grants