

EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD SHEET

Name of Portfolio Holder:	Councillor Neil Harden
Portfolio:	Community & Regulatory Services
Date of Report:	30 November 2018
<u>Heritage Funding Levels</u>	
Recommendation made and reasons:	
1. To award Dacorum Heritage Trust a grant of £58,000 for the 2019/20 financial year.	
Background	
<p>Dacorum Heritage Trust have been funded by DBC from 2011, originally as part of the Strategic Partner Programme. This programme no longer exists, but it is widely recognised that the support provided by the Dacorum Heritage trust is of great cultural and historical value to the area, providing unique opportunities for residents, visitors and schools to understand the rich and diverse past in Dacorum.</p> <p>The Council is proposing to extend the arrangement for the Dacorum Heritage Trust, which will see the current funding levels continue for 2019/20, under a Service Level Agreement. This decision supersedes portfolio holder decision on Heritage funding (PH-010-18).</p> <p>It has been previously agreed that funding levels would remain in place while the Trust investigates options for becoming more sustainable, perhaps through the management of a museum.</p>	
<u>Financial Analysis</u>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Existing funding of £58,000 to be granted to Dacorum Heritage Trust for 2019/20 	
Officers / Councillors / Ward Councillors / Stakeholders Consulted:	
Linda Roberts, Assistant Director, People, Performance and Innovation Matthew Rawdon, Group Manager People and performance Alex Care, Community Partnerships Team Leader Cllr Neil Harden (Residents & Corporate Services)	
Monitoring Officer/Chief Financial Officer Comments:	
Monitoring Officer: No comments to add to the report. Deputy S151 Officer: This funding can be met from the approved 2019/20 budget.	

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Implications:

Risk: failure to approve the recommendations in this report will result in a reduction in financial support of the heritage community in Dacorum. This could have a negative impact on the delivery of heritage in Dacorum. There is also a reputational consequence to the Council.

Value for Money: Dacorum Heritage Trust is uniquely positioned to ensure Heritage plays an important part to the community and the Council ensures value for money by monitoring their outcomes/performance against Council objectives.

Options Considered and reasons for rejection:

To not fund any heritage organisations/projects: This is rejected because there will be a significant detrimental impact on the local heritage community and on local residents, along with the risk of the museum not being delivered.

Portfolio Holders Signature:

Date:

Details of any interests declared and any dispensations given by the Standards Committee:**For Member Support Officer use only**

Date Decision Record Sheet received from portfolio holder:

Date Decision Published: 11/04/2019 Decision No: PH-013-19

Date of Expiry of Call-In Period: 18/04/2019

Date any Call-In received or decision implemented: