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Report Title	APPOINTMENT TO OUTSIDE BODIES - COMMUNITY ENABLING FUND ADVISORY PANEL
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1. Summary

This report sets out the proposed membership of the Community Enabling Fund Advisory Panel (CEFAP).

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that the following Councillors be appointed to CEFAP:

Councillor Brendan Glynane
Councillor Jenny Conroy
Councillor Irene Markham
Councillor David Palethorpe
Councillor Penelope Flavell
Councillor Tess Scott

3. Report Background

- 3.1 The Community Enabling Fund enables the voluntary sector and community groups to assist the Council deliver against the priorities set out in the Corporate Plan through the delivery of various community services, schemes and projects.
- 3.2 The role of CEFAP is to consider applications made by the voluntary sector and community groups against a set of criteria. CEFAP then makes a number of recommendations to the Chief Executive who has delegated powers related to the disbursement and management of grants.
- 3.3 CEFAP consists of Councillors from each of the political parties with a proportionality of 3:2:1. The following Councillors have been nominated by each political group as members of CEFAP:
Councillor Brendan Glynane
Councillor Jenny Conroy
Councillor Irene Markham
Councillor David Palethorpe
Councillor Penelope Flavell
Councillor Tess Scott

- 3.4 In addition to Borough Councillors, CEFAP also includes representatives of the voluntary and community sector and officers of the Council. Representatives from the voluntary and community sectors are included as members of CEFAP as it is considered by Government to be good practice. Additionally, their involvement is in line with the underlying values and principles of the Northamptonshire COMPACT agreement. The Northamptonshire COMPACT is an agreement on relations between public bodies (including the Council) and the voluntary and community sectors with the aim to improve their relationship for mutual advantage.
- 3.5 Historically CEFAP met four times a year to consider applications from the voluntary and community sector. The panel met four times to allocate funding from the Small Grants Programme (funding up to £2,500), and once a year to allocate funding from the Partnership Fund (for large projects). However, as from April 2006 the make up of CEFAP changed to include representation from the voluntary and community sector and from 2007/08 the Small Grants Programme was merged into the Partnership Fund and all funds allocated in one meeting of CEFAP.
- 3.6 It is anticipated that CEFAP will now meet once to allocate funds from the Partnership Fund for two years - 2008/09 and 2009/10.

4. Implications (including financial implications)

4.1 Resources and Risk

Two working days will be allocated for CEFAP to consider the 32 applications that have been received. The voluntary sector receives recompense to cover their attendance at the meetings at the rate of £15 per hour including meeting preparation. The costs will be met from within existing budgets.

4.2 Legal

CEFAP is not a formally constituted panel, so it cannot make decisions on behalf of the Council. CEFAP will act as an advisory panel to the Chief Executive, who will then make decisions under Part 8 of the Scheme of Delegations in the Council's Constitution.

4.3 Other Implications

Equality Impact Assessments will be undertaken on the process and in addition on the recommendations made by CEFAP so that we can fully understand the implications of our funding decisions on all communities.

5. Background Papers

- 5.1 Constitution of Northampton Borough Council, Part 8, page 8-3, point 3.
5.2 www.n-compass.org/document/Compact%20Main%20Doc%20Final.pdf

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