

**Report to:** Cabinet

**Date of Meeting:** 6<sup>th</sup> June 2016

**Report Title:** 1066 Anniversary Community Grants

**Report By:** Monica Adams-Acton  
Assistant Director for Regeneration and Culture

---

### **Purpose of Report**

- 1) To seek approval to establish a 1066 Anniversary Community Grant scheme for 2016
- 2) To encourage and support 1066 Anniversary activities in more isolated and disadvantaged communities.

---

### **Recommendation(s)**

1. To establish a 1066 Anniversary Community Grant scheme with a maximum value of £30,000.
2. All projects to be delivered by end of December 2016.
3. To invite applications for grants based on the attached guidance (Appendix 1).
4. To give priorities to applications from the most deprived wards of the borough.
5. To establish a grant decision making panel consisting of two lead members, the Director of Hastings Voluntary Action and a senior officer from the council.

---

### **Reasons for Recommendations**

There is a major programme of cultural activities programmed this year across parts of the town to mark the 950<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Hastings. The 1066 Anniversary Community Grant scheme will i) enable residents and community groups in more isolated and disadvantaged areas of the town to participate in marking the anniversary of this historic event by organising and enjoying activities and events within their own communities; ii) promote social cohesion; and iii) raise awareness of the town's cultural heritage within communities who face considerable barriers to social and economic inclusion.

## Introduction

### Introduction

- 1) The 1066 Anniversary Grant Fund is aimed at helping community and resident groups living in the most disadvantaged wards of the borough to hold their own events or develop their own projects as part of the town's anniversary activities. A particular focus for this one-off grants programme will be to support activities in more isolated and disadvantaged communities where the main 950<sup>th</sup> anniversary programme of events will not be staged.
- 2) The fund will support a diverse range of projects, which enable people to mark the anniversary in any way, but might include cultural or community events, educational activities or more permanent memorials.

### Grant Application Process

- 3) A 1066 Anniversary Community Grants Fund guidance has been produced to help community and residents organisations with their application – see Appendix 1.
- 4) The maximum grant per application has been set at £3000.
- 5) Events or activities that most closely meet the following priorities will be awarded grants over others:
  - Events that help local people explore, engage and connect with the history and legacy of the Battle of Hastings.
  - Events and activities that attract a wide range of residents to directly participate
  - Events or activities that provides learning opportunities on the significance of the 950 year anniversary of the Battle of Hastings.
  - Events and activities which take place in the most deprived wards of the borough (as according to Index of Multiple Deprivation), outside of the main centres of the town.
- 6) The deadline for submission of applications will be midday on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2016.
- 7) The grant decision making panel will be established consisting of two lead members, the Director of Hastings Voluntary Action and a senior council officer. Their decision will be final and all applicants will be provided with the necessary feedback should they fail in their submission.

---

### Wards Affected

All

---

---

## Policy Implications

a) Equalities and Community Cohesiveness:

The Grant Fund provides an opportunity for isolated and excluded communities to actively engage in the 1066 Anniversary celebrations. The activities to be supported will encourage social cohesion in disadvantaged areas.

b) Economic/Financial Implications:

There are a number of these that are set out in this report.

c) Organisational Consequences:

These are limited to supporting the application process and monitoring the activities.

d) Local Peoples Views

Local people will have a greater opportunity to take part in the 1066 celebration activities

e) Anti-poverty

Applications from the most disadvantaged wards (outside of the town centres) will be prioritised.

Please identify if this report contains any implications for the following:

Equalities and Community Cohesiveness	Yes
Crime and Fear of Crime (Section 17)	No
Risk Management	No
Environmental Issues	No
Economic/Financial Implications	Yes
Human Rights Act	No
Organisational Consequences	No
Local People's Views	Yes
Anti-Poverty	Yes

---

## Additional Information

Appendix 1 - 1066 Anniversary Community Grants Fund 2016

### Officer to Contact

Pranesh Datta      [pdatta@hastings.gov.uk](mailto:pdatta@hastings.gov.uk) 01424 45178