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## ***Grant Working Party***

***Tuesday 11 December 2012 at 5.00 pm in Room GFR12,  
West Suffolk House, Western Way, Bury St Edmunds***

**CONSTITUTION:**    *Chairman:*            *Mrs S O Broughton*  
                                 *Vice-Chairman:*       *J Thorndyke*

*Conservative*                            *Independent*  
*Members (6)*                            *Member (1)*

*Mrs Broughton*                            *Nettleton*  
*Clifton-Brown*  
*French*  
*Hale*  
*Mrs Rushen*  
*Thorndyke*

**SUBSTITUTES:**

*Conservative*                            *Independent*  
*Members (2)*                            *Member (1)*

*Mrs Mildmay-White*       *Redhead*  
*Spicer*

**QUORUM:**                            *Three Members*

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## ***Agenda***

**1. Substitutes**

Any Member who is substituting for another Member should so indicate together with the name of the relevant absent Member.

**2. Apologies for Absence**

**3. Minutes**

To confirm the record of the meeting held on 12 June 2012 (copy attached).

**4. Declarations of Interest**

Members are reminded of their responsibility to declare any pecuniary or local non-pecuniary interest which they have in any item of business on the Agenda ***no later than when the item is reached*** and, when appropriate, to leave the meeting prior to discussion and voting on the item.

**Part 1 – Public**

**5. Annual reports from Council-appointed representatives**

Councillor Christopher Spicer is the Council's appointed representative on the Suffolk West Citizens' Advice Bureau and the Brecks Partnership Core Management Group. Councillor Spicer's annual report on the Brecks Partnership is attached as Paper D218.

The grant to this organisation is not due for review this year, since the Council entered into new longer-term funding agreements in 2012/2013, as it did with most voluntary and community organisations. A new partnership agreement for the Brecks Partnership was entered into by the Council until 2015 with a grant contribution of £10,489. The Council had worked with the organisation prior to the new agreement to achieve a mutually agreed reduction of funding. As such, Councillor Spicer's annual report is for information only on this occasion.

**6. Rural Initiatives Grant Scheme (RIGS): Applications for Project Funding**

Report **D219** attached.

**7. Streamlined System of Rural Grant Applications**

The Cabinet would like the Working Party to look at ways of further streamlining the current process of handling applications for rural grants, perhaps making more use of the electronic system, and reviewing delegations. A report will be brought to the next meeting of the Working Party, which has been asked to report back to the Cabinet with suggestions to implement in 2013/2014, and in the meantime Members' views are sought on how a new streamlined system might work.

**8. 2013/2014 Core Funding Applications from Voluntary Organisations**

Report **D220** attached.

**9. Dates of Future Meetings**

The Working Party is asked to confirm the following dates for future meetings:

5 March 2013; and  
10 December 2013.

Both meetings will be on Tuesdays commencing at 5.00 pm.

**Part 2 – Private**  
**NONE**