

REPORT TO PICKMERE PARISH COUNCIL

2nd October 2018

AGENDA ITEM 8.3.2 APPLICATION FOR MANCHESTER AIRPORT COMMUNITY TRUST FUND GRANT

1. Introduction

1.1 Members considered the possibility of making such an application some time ago. Further thought has been given to the matter.

2. Report

2.1 This Fund offers grants of up to £3000 for items and projects that will benefit the local community. The Fund operates continuously and considers grant applications quarterly.

2.2 Your Clerk and Cllr Flannery were asked to consider the possibility of seeking such grant funding and the purposes to which such funding might be put.

2.3 There is a possibility that such funding might not be awarded to a Parish Council, as we receive the annual precept. However, having had an initial discussion with the Fund administrators, it seems worth making an application.

2.4 It is recommended that we seek funding to replace the Village Hall's chairs with a set of stacking 'conference' chairs – i.e. provided with padded seat and backs. The cost of such chairs is around £30-£40 each; it is thought that application should be made for 40 such chairs to replace all the Hall's current chairs.

2.5 In addition, the possibility of funding to enable replacement of the village hall crockery was discussed but this seems unlikely to be successful, and it is not recommended to be pursued.

3. Recommendation

3.1 That the Clerk be authorised to submit an application for grant aid from the Manchester Airport Community Trust Fund in respect of replacement of chairs at the Village Hall.

Jack Steel
Clerk to Parish Council