



AREA COMMITTEE DEVELOPMENT GRANT APPROVAL FORM

1. Committee: **Royston Area Committee**

2. Date: **9 Mar 2011**

3. Summary of application: **rental support**

Name of organisation: **The House Youth Drop-In Centre**

Sum requested: **£7,000**

Total project cost: **£19,305**

Brief details:

The House is supported by voluntary contributions from local benefactors, churches and trusts. It is perhaps not surprising in the current financial climate that some support has fallen away, and additional funds are needed to pay the rent, currently around £12,500 p.a. The sum applied for is not an error, simply an indication of the scale of the current difficulty, and any contribution would be greatly welcomed.

The application was received very shortly before the circulation of papers for this meeting: a verbal update will be given at the meeting.

Matched / linked funding: **£8,000**

Funder: **Racher Trust applied to.**

Discretionary rate relief: **£5,335**

Funder:

Comments from Development Officer:

The House Drop-in Centre has for many years provided a venue for young people who else might well be causing problems in the town centre. A recent visit by the Youth Services Task & Finish Group arrived just before opening time, and within moments there was a great buzz of activity from more than a dozen happy young people. This Committee has rarely contributed to The House, once in 2009 (£250 for equipment, jointly with the Police) and once in 2003 when it contributed £1,745 to a Youth Music programme. CDO fully supports: the recommendation is the maximum available under the Agreed Criteria.

Amount recommended: **£1,250**

4. Comments from Ward Members:

I support / do not support this application

Name:

Signed:

Date:

I support / do not support this application

Name:

Signed:

Date:

5. For officer use:

Amount awarded from Area Budget:

£0

Amount awarded from Dev't Budget

£0

Signed off by Head of Service

Signed:

Date: