



Cabinet 1 February 2012

Recommendations from the Grant Working Party: 6 December 2011 (Feb12/01)

Cabinet Member:
Cllr Robert Everitt

Chairman of the Working Party:
Cllr Sarah Broughton

1. Rural Initiatives Grant Scheme (RIGS): Applications for Project Funding: 2011/2012 (Report C251)

RECOMMENDED: - That

(a) Wickhambrook Parish Council

A grant of £10,000 be awarded to Wickhambrook Parish Council towards the refurbishment of their play area.

(b) Suffolk Wildlife Trust

A grant of £7,500 be awarded to Suffolk Wildlife Trust towards the purchase of Knettishall Heath.

2. 2012/2013 Core Funding Applications from Voluntary Organisations (Report C252)

RECOMMENDED: - That

(1) Grant Policy

Section 3.1 (1) of the Grant Policy be amended to extend the period for which organisations can apply for funding from three to up to four years, where that organisation makes a direct contribution to the service delivery of the Council.

(2) Suffolk West Citizens' Advice Bureau

Suffolk West Citizens' Advice Bureau be given a four year funding agreement from 2012/2013 at £181,800 per annum for the provision of services within St Edmundsbury.

(3) Three Counties Transport

Three Counties Transport be awarded a four year funding agreement from 2012/2013 at £2,500 per annum.

(4) Gatehouse Furniture Recycling

Gatehouse Furniture Recycling be awarded a four year funding agreement from 2012/2013 at £4,000 per annum.

(5) REACH

REACH be awarded a four year funding agreement from 2012/2013 at £3,750 per annum.

(6) St Edmund and Waveney YMCA

St Edmund and Waveney YMCA be awarded a four year funding agreement from 2012/2013 at £5,000 per annum.

(7) Relate Norfolk and Suffolk

Relate Norfolk and Suffolk be awarded a four year funding agreement from 2012/2013 at £5,000 per annum.

(8) Optua

Optua be awarded a four year funding agreement from 2012/2013 at £1,000 per annum.

(9) West Suffolk SOS Bus

The Newmarket Community Partnership be awarded a two year funding agreement from 2012/2013 at £2,500 per annum to support the operation of the West Suffolk SOS on the basis that the bus has a regular Friday or Saturday night presence in Bury St Edmunds.

(10) Ipswich and Suffolk Council for Racial Equality

Ipswich and Suffolk Council for Racial Equality be awarded a two year core funding agreement from 2012/2013 at £2,000 per annum.

(11) Voluntary Sector Infrastructure Organisations

Pending the conclusion of the county-wide review of such organisations, a four year ring-fenced funding allocation for volunteering and infrastructure support within St Edmundsbury not be established.

(12) Bury St Edmunds and Haverhill Volunteer Centres

For 2012/2013, the final year of the current three year grant agreements for the Bury St Edmunds and the Haverhill and District Volunteer Centres be honoured at £7,000 and £14,000 per annum respectively.

(13) HAVO

The current agreement to meet the rent and rates costs associated with HAVO's accommodation in the Lower Downs Slade Offices not be extended for a further year to 31 March 2013.

(14) Smiths Row Art Gallery

Smiths Row Art Gallery be awarded a two-year funding agreement from 2012/2013 at £36,300 per annum.

(15) Theatre Royal

The Theatre Royal be awarded a two-year funding agreement from 2012/2013 at £75,000 per annum.

(16) Haverhill & District Local History Group

The Haverhill and District Local History Group be awarded a grant of £1,750 for 2012/2013.

(17) Clare in Bloom

Clare in Bloom be awarded:-

*£1,500 for 2012/2013;
£1,000 for 2013/2014; and
£500 for 2014/2015.*

(18) Victim Support

The Council provide Victim Support with £900 of funding in 2012/2013, the final year of the current three year funding agreement, and gives notice that it will not provide on-going funding in subsequent years.

(19) West Suffolk Cruse Bereavement

The Council award Cruse Bereavement £900 of core funding for 2012/2013 and gives notice that it will not provide on-going funding in subsequent years.

(20) Catch 22 Community Mediation Service

No award of core funding be made to Catch 22 Community Mediation Service for 2012/2013.

(21) St Nicholas Hospice

An award of £2,500 be made to St Nicholas Hospice for 2012/2013.

3. Grants or Management Fees for Former Council Leisure Services (Report C253)

RECOMMENDED: - That

(1) Abbeycroft Leisure

A new agreement be negotiated with Abbeycroft Leisure to reduce the Borough Council's management fee by £100,000 over the next four years, subject to the Borough Council supporting Abbeycroft's income generation plans wherever appropriate;

(2) Victory Sports Grounds (Bury St Edmunds) Ltd

The grant payable to the Victory Sports Ground (Bury St Edmunds) Ltd be fixed at its current level for 2012/2013, namely £45,250;

(3) Haverhill Town Hall Arts Centre

No grant be paid to Haverhill Town Council from 1 April 2012 for the management of the Town Hall Arts Centre in recognition of the steps taken by the Town Council to take on all of the costs of the Arts Centre through its own parish precept; and

(4) Haverhill

Re-investing part of the savings from the Haverhill Town Hall Arts Centre, a new grant fund for Haverhill of £50,000 per annum be established from 1 April 2012 to 31 March 2016, to be administered by the ONE Haverhill Board.

4. Brecks Partnership and Dedham Vale Area of Natural Beauty (AONB) and Stour Valley Project

RECOMMENDED: -

That the Borough Council reduces its contributions to the Brecks Partnership and the Dedham Vale AONB and Stour Valley Project by 10% from 2012/2013 to £10,489 and £11,997 respectively.

5. Tackling Drug and Alcohol Problems (Report C254)

RECOMMENDED: - That

- (a) subject to the normal budget setting process, a new grant fund of £5,000 per annum to tackle drug and alcohol problems in the Borough be established from 1 April 2012 on the basis outlined in section 3 of Report C254; and***
- (b) the Council's Grants Policy and other documentation be updated to include details of the scheme.***

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