

Cabinet 10 December 2013

Recommendations from the Grant Working Party: 5 December 2013 (Dec13/07)

(Report E203 has been amended to reflect the amended recommendations emanating from the meeting of the Grant Working Party on 5 December 2013. Amendments are shown in bold, italics, underlined and strikethrough where appropriate.)

1. Summary and reasons for recommendations

1.1 On 5 December 2013 the Grant Working Party will consider the following substantive item:

- (1) Core Funding Applications: 2014/2015

2. Recommendations

Core Funding Applications: 2014/2015

2.1 It is **RECOMMENDED** that subject to the budget setting process for 2014/2015 and in accordance with the details provided in Sections 5 to 9 of Report E192:

- (1) **unless another meeting of the Grant Working Party is convened sufficiently late in the financial year to allow Members to consider recommendations following the outcome of the review,** delegated authority be given to the Head of Leisure Culture and Communities, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Community, to review the performance of Open Road and Community Action Suffolk after a full year of operation and decide whether it is appropriate to release the second year of funding;
- (2) MENTA be awarded £2,970 per year for 2014/2015 and 2015/2016 to support the 'Go Menta – Create Your Future' project in St Edmundsbury;
- (3) Artheads be awarded £2,500 for 2014/2015 from the Substance Misuse core funding;

- (4) ~~no award be made to~~ SARS be awarded £1,500 for 2014/2015;
and
- (5) no award be made to the Haverhill Local History Group but that, as previously advised, they focus future applications to the Community Grants funding administered by ONE Haverhill on behalf of St Edmundsbury Borough Council.

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3. Corporate priorities

- 3.1 The recommendation meets the following, as contained within the Corporate Plan:
- (a) Corporate Priority 1: '*Working together for strong, healthy and diverse communities*'.

4. Key issues

Core Funding Applications: 2014/2015 (Report E192)

- 4.1 In line with the Grants Policy, each year the Council awards core funding grants to a variety of organisations. As Members will recall, the bulk of the funding was allocated to organisations for a four-year period from 2012/2013 (Reports C252 (Grant Working Party) and C317 (Cabinet) refer). As with last year this has given limited opportunity for some new applicants to apply for Core Funding.
- 4.2 Up to £11,000 is available for allocation in 2014/2015.
- 4.3 Report E192 will provide the Working Party with the applications received for funding for 2014/2015. Each application is firstly assessed in terms of whether it falls into a particular category to establish its eligibility for funding, as detailed in Section 4.2 of Report E192, or whether it could be referred to the four-year (up to 2015/2016) £50,000 grant scheme administered on behalf of the Borough Council by ONE Haverhill. Each application has been assessed in turn, as summarised in Report E192, and a recommendation has been provided by the officers for initial consideration by the Grant Working Party prior to Cabinet.
- 4.4 In addition, two applications, Open Road and Community Action Suffolk, were awarded funding of £2,500 and £18,0000 respectively in 2013/2014 for an initial year, with funding for a further year being subject to review (Cabinet

Minute 101 – 13 February 2013 refers). The funding for these two organisations is currently built into the base budget so the £11,000 quoted at 4.2 above will increase if these sums are not awarded for 2014/2015.

- 4.5 As the Working Party meets in December it is not yet possible to carry out a full year review. To allow a full year of operation it is recommended that delegated authority is provided for the review to be completed. **At its meeting the Working Party wished to amend the recommendation in 2.1 (1) above to reflect that should another meeting be arranged later in the 2013/2014 financial year, it would wish to consider whether the second year of funding should be released following the outcome of the review rather than automatically providing delegated authority to the relevant officer and Portfolio Holder to make this decision.**

4.6 The Working Party recommends that the full amount of £1,500 applied for by SARS should be awarded as it considers that whilst it is acknowledged that this is not a service area where the Council has responsibility, this charitable, voluntary organisation is an extremely valuable and worthy resource provided to the people of St Edmundsbury. This is therefore reflected in the recommendation at 2.1 (4) above.

5. Other options considered

- 5.1 See Report E192 to Grant Working Party.

6. Community impact

6.1 Crime and disorder impact (including Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998)

- 6.1.1 See Report E192 to Grant Working Party.

6.2 Diversity and equality impact (including the findings of the Equality Impact Assessment)

- 6.2.1 See Report E192 to Grant Working Party.

6.3 Sustainability impact (including completing a Sustainability Impact Assessment)

- 6.3.1 See Report E192 to Grant Working Party.

6.4 Other impact (any other impacts affecting this report)

- 6.4.1 See Report E192 to Grant Working Party.

7. Consultation (what consultation has been undertaken, and what were the outcomes?)

- 7.1 See Report E192 to Grant Working Party.

8. Financial and resource implications (including asset management implications)

- 8.1 See Report E192 to Grant Working Party.

9. Risk/opportunity assessment (potential hazards or opportunities affecting corporate, service or project objectives)

9.1 See Report E192 to Grant Working Party.

10. Legal and policy implications

10.1 See Report E192 to Grant Working Party.

11. Wards affected

11.1 All

12. Background papers

12.1 Report C252 to Grant Working Party: 6 December 2011, 2012/2013 Core Funding Applications from Voluntary Organisations

13. Documents attached

13.1 None.

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