

Grant Working Party



St Edmundsbury
BOROUGH COUNCIL

Title of Report:	Consideration of Community Chest Funding: 2016/2017	
Report No:	GWP/SE/15/004	
Report to and date/s:	Grant Working Party	16 November 2015
	Cabinet	8 December 2015
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Purpose of report:	To discuss applications for Community Chest funding in 2016/2017 and recommend allocations to Cabinet.	
Recommendation:	It is <u>RECOMMENDED</u> that that the allocation of Community Chest funding for 2016/2017, as detailed in Report No: GWP/SE/15/004 be considered and recommendations be made to Cabinet accordingly.	
Key Decision: <i>(Check the appropriate box and delete all those that do not apply.)</i>	<i>Is this a Key Decision and, if so, under which definition?</i> Yes, it is a Key Decision - <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No, it is not a Key Decision - <input type="checkbox"/> The Cabinet will be asked to make this decision on 8 December 2015, following receipt of the recommendations from the Grant Working Party under the following criteria: (ii) result in any new expenditure, income or savings of more than £50,000 in relation to the Council's revenue budget or capital programme; A decision taker may only make a key decision in	

	<p>accordance with the requirements of the Executive procedure rules set out in Part 4 of this Constitution.</p> <p>This decisions made by Cabinet are also however, subject to the budget setting process for 2016/2017.</p>		
<p><i>The decisions made as a result of the report to be considered by Cabinet on 8 December 2015 will usually be published within 48 hours and cannot be actioned until five clear working days of the publication of the decision have elapsed. This item is included on the Decisions Plan.</i></p>			
Consultation:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Given the number of applications received, the Grant Working Party has had prior sight of the applications via email. Initial discussions about the applications have been undertaken with the Chairman of the Working Party. 		
Alternative option(s):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The council could choose not to provide any grant funding; however it is recognised that some support to the Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise Sector is required. The Community Chest also enables the council to commission services to support the delivery of its priorities. 		
Implications:			
Are there any financial implications? <i>If yes, please give details</i>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding for Community Chest has to be contained within the funding pot available. 	
Are there any staffing implications? <i>If yes, please give details</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	
Are there any ICT implications? <i>If yes, please give details</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	
Are there any legal and/or policy implications? <i>If yes, please give details</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	
Are there any equality implications? <i>If yes, please give details</i>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The council's approach to grants has been the subject of an Equality Impact Assessment and no negative consequences have been identified. 	
Risk/opportunity assessment:		<i>(potential hazards or opportunities affecting corporate, service or project objectives)</i>	
Risk area	Inherent level of risk (before controls)	Controls	Residual risk (after controls)
Organisations are not aware of our approach to grants	Medium	Implement a wide ranging communications plan	Low

Requests for funding exceed the amount of money available	Medium	Eligibility criteria and an evaluation scoring matrix to be used to identify best fit and value for money	Low
Organisations do not have the capacity to respond to the council's approach to commissioning	Medium	Support provided to organisations and a phased approach to be taken to enable organisations to become familiar with the new approach	Low
Ward(s) affected:		All Ward/s	
Background papers: <i>(all background papers are to be published on the website and a link included)</i>		Report No: CAB/SE/15/028	
Documents attached:		Appendix 1 – Community Chest Spreadsheet Appendix 2-22 – 2016/2017 Applications Appendix 23 – Scoring Templates Appendix 24 – Scoring Matrix	

1. 2015/2016 Allocations

1.1 Following approval of the Grant Working Party's recommendations to Cabinet on 20 October 2015, the following allocations have now been made:

HomeStart	£5,000
Suffolk Accident and Rescue Service	£1,500
Suffolk West CAB	£17,500
Catch 22, Suffolk Positive Futures	£8,902.50

2. 2016/2017 Allocations

2.1 Applications for Community Chest funding for 2016/2017 closed on the 30 September 2015. A total of 21 applications were received from a wide variety of organisations as detailed in Appendix 1.

2.2 The Community Chest budget for 2016/2017 is **£281,483**. Applicants can apply for a maximum of three years.

2.3 Following discussions with the Chairman of the Working Party, it is felt that four of the applications received (listed below) were not considered to be appropriate for Community Chest funding with alternative funding sources available. Subject to the views of the Working Party, it is suggested that officers in the Families and Communities Team work with these organisations to source alternative funding. These alternative sources could be from other St Edmundsbury funds, sources such as the Rural Initiative Grants Scheme or Councillor Locality Budgets, or from external sources such as Suffolk Fit Villages, sport's national governing bodies, such as Sport England and the Suffolk Community Foundation.

- Coffee Caravan
- Eastgate Boxing Club
- Rojo Arts Project
- St Edmundsbury Sailing and Canoeing Club

2.4 There are a number of potential synergies within the remaining 17 applications and as such they have been grouped as follows:

Young people

- YMCA
- Young People of the Year

Older people

- Hopton Day Care Centre
- Sue Ryder
- The Voluntary Network (Befriending Scheme)
- The Voluntary Network (Community Cars)

Counselling services

- Bury St Edmunds Volunteer Centre (BSEVC)
- Fresh Start, New Beginnings
- Mentis Tree
- Relate
- Suffolk Rape Crisis
- Suffolk Mind
- Suffolk 4YP

Family/community support

- REACH
- Gatehouse Caring
- HomeStart
- SWCAB

Each application, including those felt more appropriate for alternative funding sources, has been summarised with the full applications attached as appendices to this report with personal or sensitive information redacted.

- 2.5 The Working Party will be aware that the Community Chest is a new approach to community funding and as such we would welcome feedback on the process and ways it could be improved for future rounds.