

Cabinet



St Edmundsbury
BOROUGH COUNCIL

Title of Report:	Recommendations from the Grant Working Party: 16 November 2015: Community Chest Funding – 2016/2017	
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Purpose of report:	On 16 November 2015, the Grant Working Party considered the following substantive items of business: (1) Rural Initiatives Grant Scheme: Update; and (2) Consideration of Community Chest Funding – 2016–2017 Recommendations emanating from (2) above are provided for Cabinet’s consideration below.	
Recommendations:	It is <u>RECOMMENDED</u> that: (1) the allocation of Community Chest funding for 2016/2017, as detailed in Report No: GWP/SE/15/004, be approved, namely: (a) Hopton Day Care Centre: £5,000 (b) Bury St Edmunds Volunteer Centre: £6,586	

(2) Subject to the provision of a presentation on the work of the organisation prior to consideration of an allocation of funding for 2017/2018 and beyond, Community Chest funding for Suffolk West Citizens Advice Bureau of £182,500 for 2016/2017, be approved;

(3) subject to the budget setting process for 2017/2018, and subject to the satisfactory submission of evidence-based reports detailing the benefits and success of each individual project in 2016/2017, the allocation of Community Chest funding for 2016/2017 and 2017/2018, be approved, namely:

	<u>2016/17</u>	<u>2017/18</u>
(a) The Voluntary Network (Befriending Connect Service):	£9,860	£10,238
(b) The Voluntary Network (Community Car Service):	£5,310	£4,434
(c) Relate Norfolk and Suffolk	£5,000	£5,000
(d) REACH Community Projects	£5,000	£5,000
(e) Gatehouse Caring in East Anglia	£5,000	£5,000
(f) HomeStart	£13,250	£9,800

(4) Due to not being considered to be appropriate for Community Chest funding but with the intention of signposting to alternative funding sources available, Community Chest funding for 2016/2017 not be awarded to:

- (a) Coffee Caravan;**
- (b) Eastgate Amateur Boxing Club;**
- (c) Rojo Art Projects;**
- (d) St Edmundsbury Sailing and Canoeing Association; and**
- (e) Suffolk Mind.**

	<p>(5) No Community Chest funding for 2016/2017 be awarded to:</p> <p>(a) YMCA Suffolk; (b) Young People of the Year - Befriending; (c) Fresh Start – New Beginnings; and (d) Suffolk Young People’s Health Project (4YP).</p> <p>(6) No allocation of Community Chest funding for 2018/2019 be approved at this present time.</p>		
<p>Key Decision:</p> <p><i>(Check the appropriate box and delete all those that do not apply.)</i></p>	<p><i>Is this a Key Decision and, if so, under which definition?</i></p> <p>Yes, it is a Key Decision - <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>No, it is not a Key Decision - <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>(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.</p> <p>Some of the decisions made by Cabinet are also however, subject to the budget setting process for 2017/2018 (the budget for 2016/2017 has already been approved.)</p>		
<p><i>The decisions made as a result of this report 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>			
<p>Consultation:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See Report No: GWP/SE/15/004 		
<p>Alternative option(s):</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See Report No: GWP/SE/15/004 		
<p>Implications:</p>			
<p><i>Are there any financial implications? If yes, please give details</i></p>	<p>See Report No: GWP/SE/15/004</p>		
<p><i>Are there any staffing implications? If yes, please give details</i></p>	<p>See Report No: GWP/SE/15/004</p>		
<p><i>Are there any ICT implications? If yes, please give details</i></p>	<p>See Report No: GWP/SE/15/004</p>		
<p><i>Are there any legal and/or policy implications? If yes, please give details</i></p>	<p>See Report No: GWP/SE/15/004</p>		
<p><i>Are there any equality implications? If yes, please give details</i></p>	<p>See Report No: GWP/SE/15/004</p>		
<p>Risk/opportunity assessment: <i>(potential hazards or opportunities affecting corporate, service or project objectives)</i></p>			
<p>Risk area</p>	<p>Inherent level of risk (before controls)</p>	<p>Controls</p>	<p>Residual risk (after controls)</p>
<p>See Report: GWP/SE/15/004</p>			
<p>Ward(s) affected:</p>		<p>All Wards</p>	
<p>Background papers:</p>		<p>Grant Working Party: 16 November 2015 Report No: GWP/SE/15/004</p>	
<p>Documents attached:</p>		<p>None</p>	

**1. Consideration of Community Chest Funding – 2016/2017
(Report No: GWP/SE/15/004)**

- 1.1 Report No: GWP/SE/15/004 provided a number of applications submitted for Community Chest funding in the 2016/2017 financial year.
- 1.2 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 to Report No: GWP/SE/15/004.
- 1.3 The Community Chest budget for 2016/2017 is £281,483. Applicants can apply for a maximum of three years.
- 1.4 Following discussions previously held with the Chairman of the Working Party, it was felt that four of the applications received (listed below and attached as Appendices 19 to 22 to Report No: GWP/SE/15/004) were not considered to be appropriate for Community Chest funding. It had been suggested that the Families and Communities Team worked with these organisations to source alternative funding. These alternative sources could be from other St Edmundsbury funds, 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.

Appendix 19: Coffee Caravan

Appendix 20: Eastgate Amateur Boxing Club

Appendix 21: Rojo Art Projects

Appendix 22: St Edmundsbury Sailing and Canoeing Association

The Working Party considered that whilst there was some merit in the application from St Edmundsbury Sailing and Canoeing Association and that this submission in particular should be directed to other funding sources, this was a sensible approach.

- 1.5 Each application, including those felt more appropriate for alternative funding sources, had been summarised in Appendix 1 with the full applications attached as appendices to the report. Each application was required to be evaluated in accordance with the eligibility and selection criteria set out in Appendix 24, and was considered in turn, as follows:

1.6

Appendix attached to Report No: GWP/SE/15/004	Organisation	Amount Requested
2	YMCA Suffolk	2016/17: £47,977 2017/18: £47,977
3	Young People of the Year - Befriending	2016/17: £5,000
4	Hopton Day Care Centre	2016/17: £5,000
5	Sue Ryder	2016/17: £10,000
6	The Voluntary Network (Befriending Connect Service)	2016/17: £9,860 2017/18: £10,238 2018/19: £10,800
7	The Voluntary Network (Community Car Service)	2016/17: £5,310 2017/18: £4,434 2018/19: £4,304
8	Bury St Edmunds Volunteer Centre	2016/17: £6,586
9	Fresh Start – New Beginnings	2016/17: £10,200
10	Mentis Tree	2016/17: £9,000
11	Relate Norfolk and Suffolk	2016/17: £5,000 2017/18: £5,000 2018/19: £5,000
12	Suffolk Rape Crisis	2016/17: £31,000 2017/18: £31,000
13	Suffolk Mind	2016/17: £8,854.72 2017/18: £8,854.72
14	Suffolk Young People’s Health Project (4YP)	2016/17: £23,670 2017/18: £24,140 2018/19: £24,600
15	Reach Community Projects	2016/17: £5,000 2017/18: £5,000 2018/19: £5,000
16	Gatehouse Caring in East Anglia	2016/17: £5,000 2017/18: £5,000 2018/19: £5,000
17	HomeStart Mid Suffolk	2016/17: £13,250 2017/18: £9,800
18	Suffolk West Citizens Advice Bureau	2016/17: £182,500 2017/18: £182,500 2018/19: £182,500

1.7 **Consideration of Grants and Recommendations: Summary**

- 1.7.1 The Working Party considered the applications submitted by Hopton Day Care Centre and Bury St Edmunds Volunteer Centre fully met the eligibility and selection criteria and supported the allocation of the full amount for each project in 2016/2017, as applied.

- 1.7.2 The Working Party then considered that no organisation should be granted for a three year period, as this was considered to be excessive at the present time.
- 1.7.3 Those that had been recommended for two year agreements would be asked to submit an evidence-based report detailing the benefits and success of their individual project in 2016/2017 so a re-assessment can be made before releasing funding for 2017/2018.
- 1.7.4 In respect of the application from the Suffolk West Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB), the Grant Working Party considered that before funding is confirmed for 2017/2018, the CAB should provide a presentation to the Working Party setting out background history; their aims and objectives; what the Suffolk West CAB specifically provided for St Edmundsbury; fundraising efforts; and the types of issues brought to them for advice.
- 1.7.5 The application from Suffolk Mind was not considered to be eligible for Community Chest funding; however, the Working Party acknowledged the potential benefits, and considered it should be recommended to be funded from alternative funding sources, and therefore should be added to the list of four contained in Appendices 19 to 22 (see 1.4 above).
- 1.7.6 The following applications were considered not to meet the eligibility and selection criteria and have therefore not been recommended for funding:
- (a) YMCA Suffolk;
 - (b) Young People of the Year - Befriending;
 - (c) Fresh Start – New Beginnings; and
 - (d) Suffolk Young People’s Health Project (4YP).

The specific reasons are set out below:

YMCA Suffolk

It was considered the project would not satisfactorily achieve a facility that would be regularly used by young people and it was felt that the application amount of £47,977 each year for two years could be better spent on youth facilities elsewhere.

Young People of the Year - Befriending

The Working Party considered the concept of the project was acceptable; however the application lacked specific detail and the proposed administration costs appeared to be excessive. Members considered their efforts should be consolidated with other existing organisations.

Fresh Start – New Beginnings

Given the complexities and specialist nature of dealing with children that had disclosed sexual abuse, the Working Party considered this application should not be supported and addressing such issues should remain provided, in the first instance, by the Police and National Health Service.

Suffolk Young People's Health Project (4YP)

It was commented that, similarly with other organisations of this nature as considered earlier, the service being offered within this project should be consolidated with other organisations that were already addressing such issues.

Concern was also expressed that the application lacked specific detail on their project objectives.

1.7.6 Also on 16 November 2015, the Grant Working Party resolved, that:

(1) *consideration of the following applications be deferred to enable further information/clarification to be sought on the relevant application, namely:*

- (a) *Sue Ryder;*
- (b) *Mentis Tree; and*
- (c) *Suffolk Rape Crisis.*

(2) *Having obtained the further information/clarification required on each of the three applications above, further discussion be undertaken on them with the Grant Working Party by email, following which delegated authority be given to the Head of Families and Communities, in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Working Party to determine the level of grant (if any) to be recommended to Cabinet for approval.*

Recommendations regarding those applications listed above will be tabled or verbally presented at the Cabinet meeting.