

ADDENDUM to Report No: CAB/SE/15/081

St Edmundsbury Cabinet: 8 December 2015

Agenda Item 10: Recommendations from the Grant Working Party: 16 November 2015 – Consideration of Community Chest Funding 2016/2017

Following their initial deferral, the following applications for Community Chest funding have now been reconsidered by the Grant Working Party by email and its recommendations are now provided to Cabinet for consideration:

Organisation	Amount Requested
Mentis Tree	2016/17: £9,000
Sue Ryder	2016/17: £10,000
Suffolk Rape Crisis	2016/17: £31,000 2017/18: £31,000

Mentis Tree

Members are supportive of a £9,000 one year grant to Mentis Tree who provide low cost psychological therapies to improve mental health and wellbeing. The funding will be used to allow clients that are in hardship within St Edmundsbury to access free longer term therapy which is not available on the NHS.

The service is provided, in part, by volunteer counsellors working towards accreditation. It is considered this application satisfactorily meets the eligibility and selection criteria and should be supported.

Sue Ryder

Members felt that although supporting people with dementia and their family carers is an important cause there were concerns about funding such a large national charity who already have a large number of resources and funding opportunities available to them nationally. It is considered that this application should not be supported.

Suffolk Rape Crisis

Whilst Members were mindful of the essential support that Suffolk Rape Crisis provide for victims of abuse there were reservations on supporting the application due to the high proportion of salary and expenses costs. It is considered that the application should not be supported in its current form and that Officers from the Families and Communities Team work with Suffolk Rape Crisis to come back to the Grant Working Party with a revised application in January 2016.

£35,477 remains in the 2016/2017 Community Chest.

It is therefore **RECOMMENDED** that:

- (1) an allocation of £9,000 Community Chest funding to Mentis Tree for 2016/2017, be approved;
- (2) no Community Chest funding for 2016/2017 be awarded to Sue Ryder; and
- (3) following further discussions with the Families and Communities Team, a revised application from Suffolk Rape Crisis be submitted to the Grant Working Party for consideration in January 2016 with a view to making a recommendation to Cabinet on 9 February 2016.