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Title of Report:	Recommendations from the Grant Working Party: 7 November 2016: Community Chest Funding – 2017/2018	
Report No:	CAB/SE/16/064	
Report to and date:	Cabinet	8 December 2016
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Purpose of report:	On 7 November 2016, the Grant Working Party considered the following substantive item of business: (1) Consideration of Community Chest Funding – 2017/2018 Recommendations emanating from (1) above are provided for Cabinet’s consideration below.	
Recommendations:	It is <u>RECOMMENDED</u> that: (1) the allocation of Community Chest funding for 2017/2018, as previously approved in 2016/2017 as part of two-year funding agreements, be noted, namely: (a) Gatehouse Caring in East Anglia (home furnishings): £5,000 <i>Continued...</i>	

	(b) HomeStart (borough wide):	£9,800
	(c) REACH Community Projects:	£5,000
	(d) Relate Norfolk and Suffolk:	£5,000
	(e) The Voluntary Network (Befriending Scheme):	£10,800
	(f) The Voluntary Network (Community Cars):	£4,434
	(g) Suffolk Rape Crisis	£4,800
	(2) the allocation of Community Chest funding for 2017/2018, as detailed in Report No: GWP/SE/16/003, be approved, namely:	
	(a) Gatehouse Caring in East Anglia (towards Dementia Hub):	£10,000
	(b) Millennium Farm Trust:	£10,000
	(c) Upbeat Heart Support:	£7,875
	(d) Suffolk Cruse Bereavement Care:	£9,458
	(e) Survivors in Transition (SiT):	£11,560
	(f) Bury St Edmunds Women's Aid Centre Ltd:	£5,400
	(g) HomeStart (Mildenhall Road Estate):	£10,767
	(h) HomeStart (Acorn House):	£7,454
	(i) HomeStart (Coupals Court):	£7,454
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(j) Our Special Friends: £6,000

(k) Suffolk West
Citizens Advice
Bureau
(Operations): £182,000

(3) subject to the budget setting process for 2018/2019, and subject to the satisfactory submission of evidence-based reports detailing the benefits and success of each individual project in 2017/2018, the allocation of Community Chest funding for 2017/2018 and 2018/2019, be approved, namely:

2017/18 2018/19

(a) Suffolk Accident
Rescue Service
(SARS): £2,000 £2,000

(b) Theatre Royal
(Bury St
Edmunds): £5,000 £5,000

(4) No Community Chest funding for 2017/2018 be awarded to:

- (a) ActivLives;
- (b) Cancer Campaign in Suffolk;
- (c) Rural Coffee Caravan;
- (d) Suffolk Academy;
- (e) FamilyCarersNet;
- (f) Suffolk West Citizens Advice Bureau (Health);
- (g) AMP and DECK;
- (h) Unit Twenty Three (Bury Youth Forum);
- (i) YOPEY Befriender; *Continued...*
- (j) Spinning Wheel;
- (k) COMPASSION;
- (l) Fresh Start New Beginnings;
- (m) Junction 10;
- (n) Community Action Suffolk (Volunteering);
- (o) Community Action Suffolk (Locality);
- (p) Suffolk Coalition of Disabled People (SCODP);
- (q) Suffolk West Citizens Advice Bureau (MoneySmart);
- (r) The Matthew Project;

	<p>(s) Multicultural Women’s Group Bury St Edmunds; (t) Creative Arts East (Rural Touring Scheme); (u) Creative Arts East (Our Day Out); and (v) Haverhill Community Trust.</p> <p>(5) No allocation of Community Chest funding for 2019/2020 be approved at this present time.</p> <p>(6) Appropriate levels (if any) of Community Chest funding in 2017/2018 for the following organisations be verbally recommended at the Cabinet meeting on 8 December 2016, as outlined in paragraph 1.8.9 of Report No: CAB/SE/16/064, for approval:</p> <p>(a) Suffolk Mind; (b) Catch 22, Suffolk Positive Futures; (c) HomeStart (Honington); and (d) Unit Twenty Three (‘Freefall’ production).</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 2018/2019 (the budget for 2017/2018 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/16/003
<p>Alternative option(s):</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See Report No: GWP/SE/16/003
<p>Implications:</p>	
<p><i>Are there any financial implications? If yes, please give details</i></p>	<p>See Report No: GWP/SE/16/003</p>
<p><i>Are there any staffing implications? If yes, please give details</i></p>	<p>See Report No: GWP/SE/16/003</p>
<p><i>Are there any ICT implications? If yes, please give details</i></p>	<p>See Report No: GWP/SE/16/003</p>

<i>Are there any legal and/or policy implications? If yes, please give details</i>		See Report No: GWP/SE/16/003	
<i>Are there any equality implications? If yes, please give details</i>		See Report No: GWP/SE/16/003	
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)
See Report: GWP/SE/16/003			
Ward(s) affected:		All Wards	
Background papers:		Grant Working Party: 7 November 2016 Report No: GWP/SE/16/003	
Documents attached:		None	

**1. Consideration of Community Chest Funding – 2017/2018
(Report No: GWP/SE/16/003)**

1.1 Report No: GWP/SE/16/003 provided a number of applications submitted for Community Chest funding in the 2017/2018 financial year.

1.2 Applications for Community Chest funding for 2017/2018 closed on 30 September 2016. A total of 39 applications were received from a wide variety of organisations as detailed in Appendix 1 to Report No: GWP/SE/16/003.

1.3 The Community Chest budget for 2017/2018 is £332,147, as follows:

Community Chest Budget :	£281,483
Public Health Funding:	£95,498
	£376,981
Funds already allocated	£44,834
Remaining Budget	£332,147

Applicants can apply for a maximum of three years.

1.4 As indicated above, £44,834 had previously been allocated in 2016/2017 for 2017/2018, as part of two-year funding agreements, as follows:

(a) Gatehouse Caring in East Anglia (home furnishings):	£5,000
(b) HomeStart (borough wide):	£9,800
(c) REACH Community Projects:	£5,000
(d) Relate Norfolk and Suffolk:	£5,000
(e) The Voluntary Network (Befriending Scheme):	£10,800
(f) The Voluntary Network (Community Cars):	£4,434
(g) Suffolk Rape Crisis	£4,800

1.4.1 These allocations were noted by the Grant Working Party and are duly recommended to Cabinet for noting.

1.5 There are a number of potential synergies between the applications and as such they were grouped in the following categories for consideration by the Working Party:

- Health
- Young People
- Counselling
- Advice, Advocacy and Support
- Arts
- Events

1.6 Each application had been summarised in Appendix 1 within the appropriate category listed above, 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 2, and was considered in turn, as follows:

1.7

Appendix attached to Report No: GWP/SE/16/003	Organisation	Amount Requested
Health		
3	ActivLives	2017/18: £15,529 2017/18: £14,493
4	Cancer Campaign in Suffolk	2017/18: £16,919
5	Gatehouse Caring in East Anglia	2017/18: £10,000
6	Millennium Farm Trust	2017/18: £10,532.67 2018/19: £10,532.67 2019/20: £10,532.67
7	Rural Coffee Caravan	2017/18: £3,210
8	Suffolk Academy	2017/18: £14,000
9	Suffolk Accident and Rescue Service (SARS)	2017/18: £2,000 2018/19: £2,000
10	Suffolk Mind	2017/18: £4,970
11	FamilyCarersNet	2017/18: £28,500 2018/19: £28,500
12	Suffolk West Citizens Advice Bureau (Health)	2017/18: £53,228
13	Upbeat Heart Support	2017/18: £7,875 2018/19: £7,875
Young People		
14	AMP & DECK	2017/18: £13,900
15	Catch 22, Suffolk Positive Futures	2017/18: £8,189
16	Unit Twenty Three (Bury Youth Forum)	2017/18: £5,000
17	YOPEY Befriender	2017/18: £8,000
18	Spinning Wheel	2017/18: £5,880
Counselling		
19	COMPASSION	2017/18: £20,102
20	Fresh Start New Beginning	2017/18: £10,000
21	Junction 10	2017/18: £5,000
22	Suffolk Cruse Bereavement Centre	2017/18: £9,458

23	Survivors in Transition (SiT)	2017/18: £11,560 2018/19: £11,560
Advice, Advocacy and Support		
24	Bury St Edmunds Women's Aid Centre Ltd	2017/18: £5,400
25	Community Action Suffolk (Volunteering)	2017/18: £10,000 2018/19: £10,000 2019/20: £10,000
26	Community Action Suffolk (Locality)	2017/18: £7,500 2018/19: £7,500 2019/20: £7,500
27	HomeStart (Mildenhall Road Estate)	2017/18: £10,767
28	HomeStart (Acorn House)	2017/18: £7,454
29	HomeStart (Coupals Court)	2017/18: £7,454
30 (Amended)	HomeStart (Honington)	2017/18: £12,294
31	Our Special Friends	2017/18: £6,000 2018/19: £6,000 2019/20: £6,000
32	Suffolk Coalition of Disabled People (SCODP)	2017/18: £18,060 2018/19: £18,060
33	Suffolk West Citizens Advice Bureau (MoneySmart)	2017/18: £27,192
34	Suffolk West Citizens Advice Bureau (Operations)	2017/18: £182,000
35	The Matthew Project	2017/18: £5,153 2018/19: £5,153
36	Multicultural Women's Group Bury St Edmunds	2017/18: £2,500 2018/19: £2,500
Arts		
37	Unit Twenty Three ('Freefall' Production)	2017/18: £5,000
38 (Amended)	Creative Arts East (Rural Touring Scheme)	2017/18: £4,000 2018/19: £4,000
39	Theatre Royal (Bury St Edmunds)	2017/18: £15,000 2018/19: £15,000
40 (Amended)	Creative Arts East (Our Day Out)	2017/18: £16,830 2018/19: £16,830
Events		
41	Haverhill Community Trust	2017/18: £31,200

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

- 1.8.1 The Working Party considered the following applications fully met the eligibility and selection criteria and supported the allocation of the full amount for each project in 2017/2018, as applied for:

- (a) Gatehouse Caring in East Anglia;
- (b) Suffolk Cruse Bereavement Care;
- (c) Bury St Edmunds Women's Aid Centre Ltd;
- (d) HomeStart (Mildenhall Road Estate);
- (e) HomeStart (Acorn House);
- (f) HomeStart (Coupals Court); and
- (g) Suffolk West Citizens Advice Bureau (Operations).

1.8.2 The Working Party considered that the following applications met the eligibility and selection criteria; however as the Council had not previously granted Community Chest funding to these organisations before, Members felt that the allocation should be granted for one year only and not for two/three years, as applied for, in order that these organisations can firstly be given the opportunity to adequately demonstrate the benefits and success of their individual projects:

- (a) Millenium Farm Trust;
- (b) Upbeat Heart Support;
- (c) Survivors in Transition (SiT); and
- (d) Our Special Friends.

1.8.3 The Working Party considered that the following applications met the eligibility and selection criteria and were satisfied that funding should be recommended to be allocated for 2017/2018 and 2018/2019, as applied for:

- (a) Suffolk Accident and Rescue Service (SARS); and
- (b) Theatre Royal (Bury St Edmunds) (reduced amount, see 1.8.4 below)

In respect of the above two organisations, they would be asked to submit an evidence-based report detailing the benefits and success of their individual project in 2017/2018 so a re-assessment can be made before releasing funding for 2018/2019.

1.8.4 Regarding the application submitted by the Theatre Royal in Bury St Edmunds for support towards funding their outreach programme, the Working Party noted that Bury St Edmunds Town Council had only very recently allocated a significant amount of its own grant funding towards this scheme, which due to timing, was not reported in the application. Members also noted that the Borough Council also allocated approximately £60,000 per year in core funding to the Theatre Royal.

The Working Party recognised the benefits of the project and considered it met the eligibility and selection criteria; however, it felt that an allocation of £5,000 in 2017/2018 and 2018/2019 instead of the £15,000 that had been applied for in 2017/2018 and 2018/2019, was a more appropriate amount for the reasons given above.

1.8.5 The Working Party considered that no organisation should be granted for a three year period, as this was considered to be excessive at the present time.

1.8.6 The following applications were not supported on this occasion and have therefore not been recommended for funding:

- (a) ActivLives;
- (b) Cancer Campaign in Suffolk;
- (c) Rural Coffee Caravan;
- (d) Suffolk Academy;
- (e) FamilyCarersNet;
- (f) Suffolk West Citizens Advice Bureau (Health);
- (g) AMP and DECK;
- (h) Unit Twenty Three (Bury Youth Forum);
- (i) YOPEY Befriender;
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- (r) The Matthew Project;
- (s) Multicultural Women's Group Bury St Edmunds;
- (t) Creative Arts East (Rural Touring Scheme);
- (u) Creative Arts East (Our Day Out); and
- (v) Haverhill Community Trust.

1.8.7 Reasons for this included:

- not meeting the eligibility and selection criteria;
- the quality of the application;
- lack of justification for the amount of funding requested and the amount of match funding achieved;
- similar projects already existed in St Edmundsbury, therefore some projects could be consolidated with other existing organisations through effective collaborative working; and
- projects could be funded by alternative funding sources.

If the Working Party's recommendations are approved by the Cabinet, the officers will provide individual feedback to those applicants that have been unsuccessful.

1.8.8 Again, subject to approval, including subject to approval of total funding for the four applications outlined in 1.8.9 below, a total of £26,725.70 will remain available in the Community Chest Fund for 2017/2018, which if left unallocated in the 2017/2018 year, this balance can be carried forward to the 2018/2019 financial year.

1.8.9 Also on 7 November 2016, the Grant Working Party resolved, that:

(1) *although minded to support an allocation of funding in 2017/2018, consideration of the following applications be deferred to enable further information/clarification to be sought on the relevant application, namely:*

- (a) *Suffolk Mind: £4,970.30;*
- (b) *Catch 22, Suffolk Positive Futures: £8,189;*
- (c) *HomeStart (Honington): £12,294; and*
- (d) *Unit Twenty Three ('Freefall' production): £5,000.*

- (2) *Having obtained the further information/clarification required on each of the four 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.*

The Working Party is presently re-considering these applications by email in accordance with its second resolution above following receipt of further information/clarification. Its recommendations will be verbally reported at the meeting, as set out in Recommendation (6) on page four of this report.