

Cabinet



St Edmundsbury
BOROUGH COUNCIL

Title of Report:	Recommendations from the Grant Working Party: Community Chest Funding – 2017/2018: Deferred Recommendations					
Report No:	CAB/SE/17/013					
Report to and date:	Cabinet	7 February 2017				
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Purpose of report:	<p>On 8 December 2016, the Cabinet resolved to defer consideration of four applications for Community Chest funding in 2017/18 pending further information/clarification (Minute 283 (6) refers)</p> <p>On receipt of requested additional information, the Grant Working Party re-considered the applications between 6 January 2017 and 10 January 2017, and has now put forward recommendations for Cabinet's consideration and approval.</p>					
Recommendations:	<p>It is <u>RECOMMENDED</u> that:</p> <p>(1) the allocation of Community Chest funding for 2017/2018 be approved, namely:</p> <table style="margin-left: 40px;"> <tr> <td>(a) Suffolk Mind</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£4,970.30</td> </tr> <tr> <td>(b) Catch 22, Suffolk Positive Futures</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£8,189.00</td> </tr> </table>		(a) Suffolk Mind	£4,970.30	(b) Catch 22, Suffolk Positive Futures	£8,189.00
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	(c) HomeStart (Honington) £10,000.00		
	(2) No Community Chest funding for 2017/2018 be awarded to Unit Twenty Three ('Freefall' production)		
Key Decision: (Check the appropriate box and delete all those that do not apply.)	<i>Is this a Key Decision and, if so, under which definition?</i> Yes, it is a Key Decision - <input type="checkbox"/> No, it is not a Key Decision - <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
<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>			
Consultation:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See Report No: GWP/SE/16/003 		
Alternative option(s):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See Report No: GWP/SE/16/003 		
Implications:			
Are there any financial implications? <i>If yes, please give details</i>	See Report No: GWP/SE/16/003		
Are there any staffing implications? <i>If yes, please give details</i>	See Report No: GWP/SE/16/003		
Are there any ICT implications? <i>If yes, please give details</i>	See Report No: GWP/SE/16/003		
Are there any legal and/or policy implications? <i>If yes, please give details</i>	See Report No: GWP/SE/16/003		
Are there any equality implications? <i>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:		(a) Minutes of a meeting of the Cabinet held on Thursday 8 December 2016 (b) Cabinet Report: 8 December 2016 Report No: CAB/SE/16/064 (c) Grant Working Party Report: 7 November 2016 Report No: GWP/SE/16/003	
Documents attached:		None	

**1. Consideration of Community Chest Funding – 2017/2018
(Report Nos: GWP/SE/16/003 and CAB/SE/16/064)**

1.1 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. On 7 November 2016, the Grant Working Party considered Report No: GWP/SE/16/003, which included the applications submitted for the 2017/2018 financial year.

1.2 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.

1.3 On 8 December 2016, the Cabinet considered Report No: CAB/SE/16/064, which presented the recommendations of the Grant Working Party emanating from its meeting on 7 November 2016.

1.4 Each application, including those that had previously been allocated funding in 2016/2017 for 2017/2018, as part of two-year agreements, had been summarised in Appendix 1 to Report No: GWP/SE/16/003 with the full applications attached as appendices to that 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 summarised in Cabinet Report No: CAB/SE/16/064.

1.5 Following due consideration, recommendations were made to Cabinet for the reasons provided in Report No: CAB/SE/16/064. With the exception of four applications, these were approved as recommended.

1.6 At its meeting on 8 December 2016, Cabinet noted that the Working Party had deferred its consideration of four applications pending receipt of further information. These applications required further evaluation by the Working Party, and therefore it was decided that its recommendations for funding, or not, for these particular organisations would be considered at the next meeting of Cabinet on 7 February 2017, as minuted below:

(6) As further details and information is required from the following four organisations, the granting of appropriate levels (if any) of Community Chest funding for 2017/2018 be deferred and recommended to Cabinet on 7 February 2017 for approval:

- (a) Suffolk Mind;*
- (b) Catch 22, Suffolk Positive Futures;*
- (c) HomeStart (Honington); and*
- (d) Unit Twenty Three ('Freefall' production).*

1.7 The Grant Working Party has now re-considered these applications. The funding allocations to Suffolk Mind and Catch 22 (Positive Futures) have been recommended in accordance with their applications; however the Working

Party considers that a reduced grant of £10,000 from its applied figure of £12,294 should be awarded to HomeStart (Honington) and that although £5,000 had been applied for, no grant should be awarded to Unit Twenty Three ('Freefall' Production) for the following reasons:

- (a) HomeStart has been allocated a significant amount of funding from the 2017/2018 Community Chest and it is considered that £10,000 is a suitable amount to support this service, given its proposed client catchment.
- (b) After further careful consideration, the Grant Working Party does not consider the Unit 23 'Freefall' production satisfactorily meets the funding criteria.