

## LEADER'S PORTFOLIO MEETING

WEDNESDAY, 16 DECEMBER 2015

### DECISIONS

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the Leader's Portfolio Meeting held on Wednesday, 16 December 2015. Decisions made by the Portfolio Holder will be subject to call-in. Recommendations made to the Cabinet or to the Council are not subject to call-in. The wording used does not necessarily reflect the actual wording that will appear in the minutes.

If you have any queries about any matters referred to in this decision sheet please contact Patrick Adams.

#### 1. SERVICE SUPPORT GRANTS FOR 2016-2019 TO COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTARY SECTOR

The Leader

**AGREED** to award the following grants, subject to agreement by Council on budget, on awards from the Service Support Grant fund (subject to three year funding agreements) to run from April 2016 to March 2019:

##### General and Specialist Welfare Advice

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Total (Inc. Specialist Welfare Advice)
<i>General and Specialist Welfare Advice</i>				
Cambridge and District CAB	£52,000 £3,250	£52,000 £3,250	£52,000 £3,250	£165,750
North Herts CAB	£16,800 £1,050	£16,800 £1,050	£16,800 £1,050	£53,550
Suffolk West CAB	£5,600 £350	£5,600 £350	£5,600 £350	£17,850
Uttlesford CAB	£5,600 £350	£5,600 £350	£5,600 £350	£17,850
<b>Year totals</b>	<b>£85,000</b>	<b>£85,000</b>	<b>£85,000</b>	<b>£255,000</b>

##### Fit to Learn

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Total
Cambourne Church with BMCG Children's Centre	£4,000	£4,000	£4,000	£12,000

##### Support for Parishes and Communities

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Total
Cambridge CVS	£10,000	£10,000	£10,000	£30,000

The Leader **deferred** making a decision on the other applications in the report until the next meeting when it was expected that the Council's financial position would be clearer.

**Other Options Considered:** The Leader considered approving, varying, rejecting or deferring the recommended funding allocations detailed in the report.

**Reason For Decision:** The priorities for this grant fund were agreed by the relevant Portfolio Holders and approved by the Leader on 24 September 2015.

It was noted that the Council was still waiting for the Government to announce its grant funding figures for local government following this year's autumn statement and so the Council's financial position for 2016/17 remained unclear.

## 2. GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY SECTOR: 6-MONTHLY UPDATE REPORT

The Leader

### AGREED

- A) that the £2,120 allocated to Melbourn Play Parks Project and the £1,000 allocated to Swavesey Village College Satellite Connections Project under the Capital Grant programme be returned to balances, following confirmation from officers that these projects had not progressed.
- B) That the £30,000 allocated to Hardwick Scout Group be returned to balances at the end of the financial year if the project had not progressed by then.
- C) To approve the continued provision of grant assistance to current grant recipients supported through the Services Support Grant fund (subject to three year funding agreements).

The Leader **NOTED** the delivery of all other grant programmes within the scope of this report, as currently delivered.

**Other Options Considered:** The Leader considered approving, varying or discontinuing the current grant funding arrangements for the Service Support Grant Fund.

**Reason For Decision:** To ensure a meaningful review of grants awarded to the voluntary sector within current budgets during 2015/16.