

SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the Leader's Portfolio Meeting held on
Thursday, 28 January 2016 at 10.00 a.m.

Portfolio Holder: Ray Manning

Councillors in attendance:

Scrutiny and Overview Committee monitors: Lynda Harford

Opposition spokesmen: Bridget Smith

Also in attendance: David Bard, Anna Bradnam, Kevin Cuffley and
Bunty Waters

Officers:

Gemma Barron

Clare Gibbons

Mike Hill

Ian Senior

Sustainable Communities & Partnerships Manager

Development Officer

Health and Environmental Services Director

Democratic Services Officer

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Leader signed, as a correct record, the Minutes of the meeting held on 16 December 2015.

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

The Leader considered a report asking him to determine further applications for three year programmes submitted by the community and voluntary sector, seeking grants from the Service Support Grant fund for 2016-17 to 2018-19.

The Leader said that all grant applications would have to be considered in the context of uncertainty over budget availability during the next few years. Councillor Lynda Harford suggested that the structure of the Council's grant award system allowed the Council some room for manoeuvre by not guaranteeing that payment would be forthcoming in Years 2 and 3.

Gavin Clayton, Executive Director with Arts and Minds, attended the meeting, and explained to what extent the Group was currently benefitting residents from South Cambridgeshire. While the Leader said that he was not convinced that financial support was justified in this case, he listened with interest to comments from those present. In particular, Councillor Lynda Harford said that South Cambridgeshire District Council had always been at the forefront of those organisations involved in mental health issues. She urged the Leader to support the Arts and Minds' grant application.

In connection with DISH, the Development Officer explained to the Leader the way in which that organisation worked alongside Citizens Advice Bureaux. The principle difference though was that DISH conducted home visits, unlike CABs. As such, it could sometimes identify issues not recognised by friends and family. Councillor Bridget Smith

said that DISH made a huge difference to those people for whom CABs were inaccessible. Councillor Bunty Waters said that the Council should publicise its recognition of, and support for, organisations such as DISH.

The Leader asked officers to review how grants should be considered in future. He expressed a preference for considering each grant application on its merits rather than as part of a specific category.

The Leader **resolved**

1. that the following grants be awarded:

Community Transport

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 2	Total
3 Counties Transport (in association with The Voluntary Network)	£3,835	£3,835	£3,835	£11,505
Royston and District Community Transport	£3,165	£3,165	£3,165	£9,495
Care Network	£8,000	£8,000	£8,000	£24,000
Year totals	£15,000	£15,000	£15,000	£45,000

Independent Living

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Total
Arts and Minds	£2,500	£2,500	£2,500	£7,500
Care Network	£6,500	£6,500	£6,500	£19,500
Cope	£4,000	£4,000	£4,000	£12,000
DISH	£3,000	£3,000	£3,000	£9,000
Year totals	£16,000	£16,000	£16,000	£48,000

Fit to Learn

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Total
Home-Start Royston and South Cambridgeshire with Home-Start Cambridgeshire	£4,000	£4,000	£4,000	£12,000
(Cambourne)	£4,000	£4,000	£4,000	£12,000

<i>Church with BMCG Children's Centre awarded funding 16/12/15</i>				
Year totals	£8,000	£8,000	£4,000	£24,000

2. That the grant applications from Cambridge Dial-a-Ride (Community Transport) be refused; and
3. That the unallocated funds of £4,000 per annum be redirected to the Fit to Learn theme.

4. **APPOINTMENT TO THE GREATER CAMBRIDGE CITY DEAL ASSEMBLY**

As a result of Councillor Francis Burkitt's recent appointment to the Council's Cabinet, the Leader was asked to make a replacement appointment to the Greater Cambridge City Deal Joint Assembly.

Councillor Kevin Cuffley agreed to put his name forward. There were no other nominations. Those present discussed briefly the structure of the City Deal.

The Leader **appointed** Councillor Kevin Cuffley to the Greater Cambridge City Deal Joint Assembly.

5. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Leader's Portfolio meeting would take place on Monday 25 April 2016, starting at 1.00pm.

The Meeting ended at 10.45 a.m.
