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To: Councillor Ray Manning, Portfolio Holder

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Scrutiny and Overview Committee
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Dear Sir / Madam

You are invited to attend the next meeting of **LEADER'S PORTFOLIO MEETING**, which will be held in **LEADER'S ROOM - SOUTH CAMBS HALL** at South Cambridgeshire Hall on **THURSDAY, 28 JANUARY 2016 at 10.00 a.m.**

Yours faithfully
JEAN HUNTER
Chief Executive

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South Cambridgeshire will continue to be the best place to live, work and study in the country. Our district will demonstrate impressive and sustainable economic growth. Our residents will have a superb quality of life in an exceptionally beautiful, rural and green environment.

OUR VALUES

We will demonstrate our corporate values in all our actions. These are:

- Working Together
- Integrity
- Dynamism
- Innovation

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Agenda Item 2

SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the Leader's Portfolio Meeting held on
Wednesday, 16 December 2015 at 3.00 p.m.

Portfolio Holder: Ray Manning

Councillors in attendance:

Scrutiny and Overview Committee monitors: Lynda Harford

Opposition spokesmen: Bridget Smith

Officers:

Patrick Adams	Senior Democratic Services Officer
Gemma Barron	Sustainable Communities & Partnerships Manager
Kirstin Donaldson	Development Officer
Clare Gibbons	Development Officer

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Lynda Harford declared a non pecuniary interest in item 3 as a member of the Cambridge and District Citizens' Advice Bureaux Management Committee Trustee Board.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 12 November 2015 were agreed as a correct record.

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

The Leader introduced this item on the awards to be made for three year programmes to the community and voluntary sector from the Service Support Grant for 2016/17-2018/19. The Leader stated that, contrary to expectations, the financial implications of the Government's autumn statement were still unclear. He therefore announced he would defer making a decision on the majority of grants to avoid committing the Council to expenditure it could not afford. The Development Officer summarised the applications made, giving reasons for the officer's recommendations.

The Development Officer explained that as there were insufficient funds in the specific budget to meet demand, all grant applications had been evaluated and the lower scoring applications had been recommended for rejection. Full details were available in the appendices to the report, which were examined by the Leader and the other councillors present.

Councillor Bridget Smith expressed her support for the application from the organisation Arts and Minds, by stating that the benefits for the participants fully justified the high cost per service user. Councillor Smith also expressed support for the application from Cambourne Church with the Bassingbourn-Melbourn-Cambourne Children Centres Group for its work in preparing deprived children for school. The Leader recognised that this organisation could benefit from being awarded a grant now instead of made to wait until the new year and so he agreed to pledge £4,000 a year for the next three years.

The Leader recognised the benefit of the Citizen Advice Bureaux to the District's residents and the strength of the application. He agreed to fund the services at the level requested.

The Leader recognised the support Cambridge CVS provided to the District's community groups and parish councils. He agreed to fund the service at the level requested.

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
Year totals	£85,000	£85,000	£85,000	£255,000

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.

4. GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY SECTOR: 6-MONTHLY UPDATE REPORT

The Development Officer presented this item, which examined the delivery of grant programmes funded by the Council during the first six months of 2015/16.

Capital Grants programme

The Leader reviewed the capital grants programme and noted that nine projects remained uncompleted but all bar three of these were awaiting a completion certificate to enable a final payment. The Leader decided that the funds allocated to the Melbourn Play Parks Project and the Swavesey Village College Satellite Connections Project should be returned to balances unless they had progressed. He also decided that the funds allocated

to the Hardwick Scout Group's new community building project should be returned to balances at the end of the year unless the project had progressed by then.

The Leader and councillors present went through the report and its appendices page by page, highlighting matters of note.

The Partnerships Manager agreed to investigate the possibility of erecting a visual display of funded projects in the reception area of South Cambs Hall, to advertise the work of the Council for queuing visitors.

The Partnerships Manager explained that three yearly grants were subject to the Council's budget and the authority was not legally obliged to fund a project for three years.

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.

5. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Leader agreed to hold his next meeting at 10am on Thursday 28 January 2016.

The Meeting ended at 4.20 p.m.

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Agenda Item 3

REPORT TO: Leader's Portfolio Meeting

28 January 2016

LEAD OFFICER: Director, Health and Environmental Services

GRANTS TO THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR: 3-YEAR SERVICE SUPPORT GRANTS 2016/17-2018/19

Purpose

1. To determine further awards to be made for three year programmes to the community and voluntary sector from the Service Support Grant fund for 2016/17-2018/19.
2. This is not a key decision, however, it is subject to Council's decision on budgets in February 2016.

Recommendations

3. That the Leader agrees to make the following decisions, 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:

Community Transport

4. A That the following applicants be awarded funding as shown in Table 1.

Table 1: 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

- B That the application from Cambridge Dial-a-Ride is not awarded funding.

Independent Living

5. A That the following applicants be awarded funding as shown in Table 3.

Table 3: Independent Living

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Total
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Arts and Minds	£2,500	£2,500	£2,500	£7,500
Care Network	£6,500	£6,500	£6,500	£18,500
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

B The unallocated funds of £4,000 per annum be redirected to the Fit to Learn theme.

Fit to Learn

6. A That the following applicant be awarded funding as shown in Table 4.

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

Reasons for Recommendations

7. The priorities for this grant fund were agreed by the relevant Portfolio Holders and approved by the Leader on 24 September 2015. The programmes recommended for funding align with these priorities and will provide support to the Community and Voluntary Sector to deliver vital services for the district's residents.
8. Applications for Service Support Grant funding were openly invited from the sector. The scheme was promoted both by the Council and by its partners. The criteria by which applications would be judged and scored were included in the scheme criteria and guidance notes for the purposes of transparency. The applications were independently assessed by a panel of three development officers and their scorings pooled, ensuring the process was conducted in a fair and transparent manner.
9. The applications received under the Community Transport theme are summarised in Appendix 2 and the assessment score indicated. This theme was over-subscribed by £8,223 per annum. The case made for continued support for Cambridge Dial-a-Ride was considered weak in comparison with other applications under this theme and therefore a discontinuation of funding to this applicant is recommended.
10. The applications received under the Independent Living theme are summarised in Appendix 3 and the assessment score indicated. Following assessment of the grant applications and subsequent allocation of funds according to the quality of the applications, there was an under-allocation of £4,000 per annum for this theme.
11. The applications received under the Fit to Learn theme are summarised in Appendix 4. A new theme to the programme, the Fit to Learn strand received two applications

of high quality, and It is therefore recommended that the application from Homestart be awarded funding in addition to the Cambourne Church – BMCG consortium’s proposal agreed at the last Leader’s Portfolio Holders meeting (16 December 2016), using the unallocated funds from the Independent Living theme redirected to the Fit to Learn theme. This has been discussed with the Portfolio Holder for Health and Environmental Services, who is supportive of this re-direction.

Background

12. South Cambridgeshire District Council concluded its Grants Review in February 2013, a process first begun in 2011. As a result significant changes were introduced allowing a tighter focus on priorities, with grants and partnership funding arrangements simplified and responsibility assigned to the respective Portfolio Holders according to theme. (See Appendix 1 of the Background Paper, Leaders Portfolio Holders Meeting 1 February 2013).
13. The themes, eligible activities and levels funding assigned to a further three year programme of support for the Community and Voluntary Sector were agreed by the Leader on 24 September 2015 and given in Appendix 1 to this paper.
14. Applications were invited for this fund and assessments made for the grant programme in accordance with the timetable given below:

Activity	Timescale
Bidding round launches	Monday 12 October 2015
Bidding round closes	Friday 20 November 2015
Applications assessed and panel meets	Assessment week commencing 23 November, panel met 27 November
Officer recommendations brought to Portfolio Holder meeting	16 December 2015
Organisations to be notified of decisions, following call-in	23 December 2015
Grant schedules to be agreed and signed	March 2016
First funding instalments payable	April 2016

15. The Leader considered all applications at the Portfolio Holder meeting, 16 December 2016, where he determined the awards to be made (subject to budgets) under the Generalist and Specialist Welfare Advice Theme, the Support for Parish and Communities Theme and the Fit to Learn Theme.
16. The Leader deferred decisions on the remaining themes within the fund, namely Community Transport, Independent Living and the remaining application under Fit to Learn, until a subsequent meeting at which point there would be further clarity around budgets available for 2015/16, improving the confidence level at which offers of grant could be made, albeit subject to budgets.

Considerations

17. The grant programme to support services provided by the community and voluntary sector should align with our corporate objectives and the schemes funded be both effective (i.e. evidence based) and offer good value for money. The proposed priorities for a further three year Service Support Grant programme were refined to

align with these refreshed corporate priorities (see Appendix 1) and developed with the benefit of further discussions with the Portfolio Holders responsible.

18. The Leader is expected to make a decision on grants under all of the themes; however, officers have discussed the scoring of applications and recommended allocations with other relevant Portfolio Holder's prior to the meeting.
19. A summary of each application within all themes under consideration is given in Appendix 2 (Community Transport), Appendix 3 (Independent Living) and Appendix 4 (Fit to Learn).

Options

20. The Leader could approve or vary or reject the recommended funding allocations for the Service Support Grant fund (all subject to three year funding agreements).

Implications

21. In the writing of this report, taking into account financial, legal, staffing, risk management, equality and diversity, climate change, community safety and any other key issues, the following implications have been considered:

Financial

22. The total awards are within the Council's proposed three year financial commitment of £402,000 to the Service Support fund (both grant offers and grant agreements would need to make clear that funding is subject to availability of budget). The Council's approach to obtaining the additional £0.4m of funding necessary in 2016/17 to match planned commitments following the reduction in Revenue Support Grant announced in the Autumn Statement has yet to be determined, but could result from either additional savings, reallocating resources from the New Homes Bonus away from infrastructure, by increasing council tax, or by a combination of these measures. Therefore a degree of uncertainty still remains around the availability of budget to resource the Service Support Grant fund not only in the next financial year but also in subsequent years of the programme.

The staffing implications have been considered; there is a staff requirement to monitor and oversee the work of the grant recipients, report on activity and administer payments, which remains in line with the current commitment.

Legal

23. Arrangements will be put in place with grant recipients, which would allow variation or termination of grant under certain circumstances.

Consultation responses (including from the Youth Council)

The recommended awards were discussed both with the Portfolio Holder for Environmental Services and for Strategic Planning and Transportation, who were supportive of the officer recommendations relating to their Portfolio Holder activities.

Effect on Strategic Aims

24. Ensure that South Cambridgeshire continues to offer an outstanding quality of life for our residents: the grant programmes promotes a good quality of life for all residents, assisting directly or indirectly through voluntary organisations schemes which help

overcome the challenges faced by residents imposed by age, infirmity, disability, low income or rurality.

Background Papers

Leader's Portfolio Meeting 1 Feb 2013

<http://moderngov/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=883&MId=5969&Ver=4>

Joint Leader, Planning Policy and Localism and Environmental Services Portfolio Holders Meeting 23 May 2014

<http://moderngov/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=883&MId=6132&Ver=4>

Leader's Portfolio Meeting 16 Jan 2014

<http://moderngov/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=883&MId=6032&Ver=4>

Cabinet, 10 July 2014

<http://moderngov/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=293&MId=6276&Ver=4>

Leaders Portfolio Meeting 17 July 2014

<http://moderngov/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=883&MId=6335&Ver=4>

Cabinet, 12 February 2015

<http://scams.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=293&MId=6280&Ver=4>

Leader's Portfolio Meeting 11 March 2015

<http://scams.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s79459/Community%20Chest%20Eligibility%20Report%20110315.pdf>

Leaders Portfolio Meeting 24 September 2015

<http://scams.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=883&MId=6624&Ver=4>

Leaders Portfolio Meeting 16 December 2015

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Appendix 1

Table 1 Themes and eligible activities for the Service Support Grant fund 2016- 2019

Theme	Who can apply?	Activities supported
Community Transport	Operators of community transport schemes and parish councils delivering / planning to deliver transport services within South Cambridgeshire and for South Cambridgeshire residents.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Delivery of existing community transport services within South Cambridgeshire and to residents of South Cambridgeshire (b) Engagement with geographic communities or user groups to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Promote existing services to increase take up of provision o Develop new services which meet identified need. (c) Development of the quality and capacity of community transport schemes. (d) Development of learning networks to advance good practice and cooperation among Community Transport providers.
Generalist Welfare Advice	Not for profit organisations	<p>The provision of free, independent, confidential and impartial advice to South Cambridgeshire residents on their rights and responsibilities in the following areas: Debt, Benefits, Employment, Housing, Legal, Relationship and Family matters.</p> <p>Applicants must describe how residents will access the services offered and demonstrate capacity to meet the needs of those unable to travel to district centres.</p>
Specialist Advice	Not for profit organisations	<p>The provision of free, independent, confidential and impartial advice and advocacy to South Cambridgeshire residents who are disabled, carers and to families with disabled children.</p> <p>Applicants must describe how residents will access the services offered and demonstrate that they have capacity to meet the needs of those unable to travel to district centres.</p>
Independent Living	Organisations providing support to South Cambridgeshire residents to maintain their independence and reduce rural isolation, either through service provision or a means of access to services.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Support the set up and continuation of good neighbour and befriending schemes (excluding Mobile Warden Schemes and Community Transport Schemes). (b) Offer advice, information and support to those who would otherwise be unable to live independent lives; (c) Support carers; and/or (d) Tackle loneliness, dementia and depression.
Fit to learn	Not for profit organisations	The delivery of services which help pre-school children develop strength, coordination, language & communication skills and good mental health
Support for Parishes and Communities	Organisations providing support to local community groups and charitable bodies who themselves wish to provide services for South Cambridgeshire residents.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) The provision of services and support to enable effective, sustainable and legal operation in the provision of services and activities for South Cambridgeshire residents, including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Practical assistance and support including fundraising and training o General support on governance, management and employment (b) The representation of the Voluntary Sector at a strategic level, facilitating third sector involvement in shaping the delivery of public services. (c) The facilitation of consultation and communication, including providing an effective liaison function between the District Council and the voluntary, community, charitable and social enterprise sector in South Cambridgeshire and assist in capacity building of the voluntary sector

Table 2: Funding assigned by theme of the Service Support Grant

Theme	Services supported	Indicative allocation p.a.
Community Transport	Delivery, development and promotion of Community Transport services	£15,000
Specialist Welfare Advice	Free, independent, confidential and impartial advice and advocacy to residents who are disabled, carers and to families with disabled children	£5,000
General Welfare Advice	Free, independent, confidential and impartial advice to residents on their rights and responsibilities in the following areas: Debt, Benefits, Employment, Housing, Legal, Relationship and Family matters	£80,000
Independent Living	Delivery of services that allow residents to maintain their independence; reduce rural isolation; tackle loneliness, depression and isolation; offer support to carers	£20,000
Fit to Learn	The delivery of services that help pre-school children develop strength, coordination, language and communication skills and good mental health	£4,000
Support for parishes and communities	Delivery of services to support and enable effective, sustainable and legal operation of community and voluntary sector organisations and their representation at a strategic level	£10,000

Appendix 2: Applications received under the Community Transport Theme

Cambridge Dial a Ride will serve any South Cambridgeshire resident in accordance to its timetable, with individuals in some areas able to access a daily dial-a-ride service, with other areas able to use the service weekly or fortnightly. There is also a group bookings service.

Of the 120 South Cambridgeshire residents registered to use the service, through the monitoring meetings it is clear that only 16 of these are regular users. The application lacked evidence of any plan to increase the use of the service, or to re-scale according to the current level of use. Due to the lack of financial information given within the application form regarding the costs of the service provided to South Cambridgeshire residents, or clear indications of the relative contribution of SCDC funding within the proposal, the application scored poorly in comparison with other applications under this theme. **Application scored 56/100.**

Funding requested	YR1	YR2	YR3	Total
	£5,333	£5,333	£5,333	£15,999

Royston and District Community Transport serve a large part of the district, covering much of the south west locality. With 400 residents currently benefitting from the community car service, minibus and Wheel-chair accessible MPV; they provided 4259 individual services last year. They have recognised the likely changes to transport landscape over the period of grant and begun to plan to meet emerging need. Representing exceptional value for money, they scored **83/100.**

Funding requested	YR1	YR2	YR3	Total
	£3165	£3165	£3165	£9,495

3CT serve the South East area of the district, with a focus on Haverhill. They provided evidence of intent and capacity for expansion of their service, which provides a Dial-a-Ride service for individuals and groups and also a community car scheme service. However, the current ridership does not warrant funding at the levels requested. **Application scored 74/100**

Funding requested	YR1	YR2	YR3	Total
	£6722	£6722	£6722	£20,166

Care Network provides on-going support to 28 car schemes. They aim to increase the resilience of the existing car schemes (which may face capacity issues if the levels of public transport are further reduced over the period of grant) and plan to set up one new community car scheme over each year of the grant period, aiming to create district wide cover by 2019. This activity is time intensive, the funding will allow cover the staff time of a community development worker to progress this work.

Application scored 87/100.

Funding requested	YR1	YR2	YR3	Total
	£8,003	£8,003	£8,003	£24,009

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Appendix 3 : Applications considered under the Independent Living Theme

Care Network help people to stay healthy, independent and maintain contact with their community. They support volunteers with information, practical help and relevant training. Their South Cambs Community Development helps start up and support local community groups that offer practical help and social contact for older and vulnerable people. Currently support is provided to 18 groups, including lunch clubs, singing groups, good neighbour schemes and social groups (in addition to the 28 Community Car Schemes. Care Network works with statutory and other agencies to raise issues affecting older people and older people's support or social groups.

Care Network's proposal is to support 22 social groups per year and offer one to one support to at least one group to sustain or expand. They plan to set up at least four new groups per year and encourage at least one inter-generational event. It is recommended that funding is allocated at the level requested. **Application scored 87/100.**

Funding requested YR1	YR2	YR 3	Total
£6,500	£6,500	£6,500	£19,500

Arts and Minds offer a GP referral scheme to address depression and anxiety, which provides a series of 12 workshops led by professional artists, plus 4 visits to heritage sites and culminating in a public art exhibition. The proposal is to run a single course per year in South Cambs, plus one in Cambridge, benefitting 21 individuals per year.

The nature of the scheme results in a high cost per participant, but studies into the effectiveness of the scheme indicate a good outcome for participants. The relative costs per individual are high and 50% costs are sought from SCDC – it is recommended that the amount awarded is 25% of costs, allocating £2,500 per annum to this project.

Application scored 59/100

Funding requested YR1	YR2	YR3	Total
£5,000	£5,000	£5,000	£15,000

COPE exist to promote and activate the interests and wellbeing of older people and aim to help the disadvantaged older members of the community. They provide representation, information to their members through their newsletter and signposting and social activities. They have around 257 members in South Cambridgeshire.

The proposal seeks funding to support the representation function, information service (the production and distribution of their newsletters) and social activities. The extent to which South Cambridgeshire residents benefit from the latter service has not been demonstrated. The recommendation is to allocate £4000 per annum to this project.

Application scored 54/100

Funding requested YR1	YR2	YR3	Total
£5,000	£5,000	£5,000	£15,000

DISH provide assistance to people with disabilities, their carers and to families with disabled children to enable independent living in Huntingdonshire and in South Cambridgeshire, where they plan to expand their work should their proposal receive funding. They provide

advice, information and advocacy services, with an emphasis on home visits. The nature of the service means it is high cost per individual.

The service is currently focused on Huntingdonshire and there is some concern on the part of the appraisal panel that there may be insufficient capacity to expand the service as proposed, therefore the recommendation is to allocate £3,000 per annum.

Application scored 78/100

Appendix 4: Applications received under the Fit to Learn theme

Waterbeach Toddler Play Group Although the toddler play group is geared towards readying children for the school setting, the proposal does not highlight the particular aspects of development that are the focus of this theme, or suggest that there is clear evidence that the client group needs an intervention above and beyond a standard pre-school setting.

It is clear the Toddler Play Group provide a valued service, but the lack of alignment with eligible activities mean that no recommendation can be made to fund this proposal.

Application scored 41/100

Funding requested	FY1	FY2	FY3	Total
	£4,000	£4,000	£4,000	£12,000

Home-Start Royston & South Cambridgeshire propose the rolling out of a nationally successful pilot programme, known as Big Hopes Big Future in South Cambridgeshire. The proposal aims to tackle problems of attainment at a family level and can bring wider benefits to the family as well as to the child. The programme will deliver to 10 families, with up to 30 children benefitting, per annum, with support sustained across a year. The proposal is in good alignment with the eligible activities and well evidence. The recommendation is to fund this proposal at the level requested. **Application scored 83/100**

Funding requested	FY1	FY2	FY3	Total
	£4,000	£4,000	£4,000	£12,000

Cambourne Church proposes a collaboration with the Bassingbourn-Melbourn-Cambourne Children Centres Group to deliver a Ready Steady Go school readiness programme to children identified as most in need of the intervention. It would provide a six week programme delivered in Cambourne and Melbourn Children's Centres at the end of each school term and support 100 children per annum. Although this application scored highly in some areas, with the ingredients of a good programme evident, some elements of the proposal were not fully worked up, meaning the **application scored 69/100**. However, if capacity existed elsewhere in the Service Support Grant programme, the recommendation would be to fund the project at the level requested.

Funding requested	FY1	FY2	FY3	Total
	£4,000	£4,000	£4,000	£12,000

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