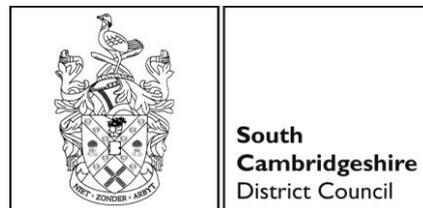


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5 December 2018

To: Vice-Chairman in the Chair – Councillor Clare Delderfield

All Members of the Grants Advisory Committee - Councillors Dr. Claire Daunton, Sue Ellington, Sarah Cheung Johnson (substitute for Jose Hales) and Bill Handley (substitute for Peter McDonald)

Quorum: 3

Dear Councillor

You are invited to attend the next meeting of **GRANTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**, which will be held in the **MONKFIELD ROOM, FIRST FLOOR** at South Cambridgeshire Hall on **THURSDAY, 13 DECEMBER 2018** at **10.00 a.m.**

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Yours faithfully
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Chief Executive

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1. Apologies for Absence Apologies for Absence have been received from Councillors Jose Hales and Peter McDonald. Their respective substitutes are Councillors Sarah Cheung Johnson and Bill Handley.		
2. Declarations of Interest		
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6. Frequency of meetings between now and May 2020, and date of next meeting

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Notes

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Agenda Item 3

SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Grants Advisory Committee held on
Tuesday, 27 November 2018 at 10.00 a.m.

PRESENT: Councillor Jose Hales – Chairman
Councillor Clare Delderfield – Vice-Chairman

Councillors: Dr. Claire Daunton Sue Ellington

Officers in attendance for all or part of the meeting:

Gemma Barron (Head of Sustainable Communities and Wellbeing), Ryan Coetsee
(Project Officer), Siobhan Mellon (Development Officer) and Ian Senior
(Democratic Services Officer)

Councillor John Williams (Lead Cabinet Member for Finance) was in attendance, by invitation.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Peter McDonald sent Apologies for Absence.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Sue Ellington declared a non-pecuniary interest as a Trustee of the Care Network (Agenda Item 5).

Councillor Jose Hales declared a non-pecuniary interest in the Grinnel Hill BMX Club and Melbourn Bowls Club (Agenda Item 4).

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Grants Advisory Committee authorised the Chairman to sign, as a correct record, the Minutes of the meeting held on 28 September 2018 subject to:

Minute 5 – Mobile Wardens Scheme

In the recommendation, replace "...at Appendix A..." with "...in Appendix A...".

4. COMMUNITY CHEST: FUNDING APPLICATIONS

The Grants Advisory Committee considered a report detailing applications received between 8 October 2018 and 11 November 2018 for funding from then Community Chest.

Members considered each application in turn. During the debate, the following points were made:

- Where multiple awards are made in respect of a particular piece of equipment, the Council should explore the options for entering into a commercial arrangement with a local supplier of, for example, grass mowers, as a way of increasing availability while potentially saving costs.
- The Council should, where appropriate, seek recognition for grants made. This could include the display of the Council's logo at events or on promotional material, or the provision by grant-aided bands of public concerts

- All applicants should be required to provide details of the number of members they have
- Council officers should offer advice and guidance on how to complete applications to best effect where such expertise is not otherwise available

The Grants Advisory Committee made the following recommendations to the Lead Cabinet Member for Finance:

Applicant	Village(s) affected	Description	Total applied for (£)	Total recommended (£)	Additional conditions/ comments
Papworth Everard Allotment Association	Papworth	Purchase a ride on mower	1000.00	1000.00	
Grinnel Hill BMX Club	Melbourn and surrounding	Site improvement	974.95	974.95	
Friends of Histon & Impington Rec	Histon & Impington	Purchase a triobike for H&I and surrounding villages	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Active New Communities	Northstowe Willingham Longstanton	Marketing, hall & coaching costs for taster sport sessions	1,000.00	1,000.00	

City of Cambs Brass Band Youth Academy & Training Band	Multiple	Production for a CD recording	1,000.00	1,000.00	Mention of SCDC in sleeve and insert of logo
Melbourn Bowls Club	Melbourn and surrounding	Replacement pushers	725.00	725.00	
Disability Cambridgeshire	Multiple	Upgrade IT	1,020.00	Deferred	
The Countryside Restoration Trust	Barton and Comberton	Purchase of pitchforks, hay rakes and scythes to manage hay meadows	600.00	Deferred	
Toft Historical Society	Toft	Erect memorial for WW1, confirming status as Thankful Village	300.00	300.00	Mention of SCDC in program during launch
1st Bourn Scout Group	Bourn and surrounding	Purchase a container for storage	1,000.00	1,000.00	Conditional award once planning permission is granted

Milton Colts Under 10 Navy	Milton	To purchase indoor training facilities, specialist coaching and a portable shelter	600.00	212.99	Grant awarded for portable shelter only
1st Papworth Scout Group	Papworth Everard	Purchase camping equipment	1,000.00	1,000.00	

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

The Grants Advisory Committee considered in detail a report examining the delivery of grant programmes to the voluntary sector funded by the Council in Quarters 1 and 2 of 2018-19.

The Grants Advisory Committee

1. **Noted** the report subject to the following comments
 - The importance of identifying the number of active members that belong to the groups being funded, or clients being supported
 - The desirability of committee members having a digital map to help them determine the distribution of funds across the district.

2. **Recommended** that the Lead Cabinet Member for Finance approve the reallocation to the Community Chest of £4,000 from the Cambourne Church / Cambourne Children's Centre project, which had been unable to proceed as intended.

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Members noted that the next meeting of the Grants Advisory Committee would be on Thursday 13 December 2018 at 10.00am.

7. SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS 2019-2020

This item was not discussed.

The Meeting ended at 12.15 p.m.



Report To: Grants Advisory Committee

13 December 2018

Lead Officer: Director, Health and Environmental Services

COMMUNITY CHEST: FUNDING APPLICATIONS

Purpose

1. To consider deferred applications from the Grants Advisory Committee of 27 November as well as new applications received between 12 November and 30 November to the Community Chest Grant funding scheme during 2018/19.
2. This is not a key decision, however, has been bought before the Grants Advisory Committee following agreement of Terms of Reference for the Grants Advisory Committee at Council on 23 May 2018.

Recommendations

3. It is recommended that the Grants Advisory Committee:
 - (a) considers all applications for funding that are set out in Appendix A of this report and makes a recommendation to the Lead Cabinet Member regarding the level of funding (£0 - £1,000) to be awarded for each or defer a decision if further information is required from grant applicants.

Reasons for Recommendations

4. The Grants Advisory Committee's role is to consider and make recommendations to the Lead Cabinet Member responsible for grants, or Cabinet as appropriate, including, but not limited to:
 - (a) Review of the Council's grants schemes to ensure they reflect Council priorities.
 - (b) Design of any new or revised grants schemes, including consideration of criteria and guidance applicable in respect of each scheme.
 - (c) Consideration of applications made under the Council's grants schemes.

Background

5. The Community Chest Grant was suspended between 1 August and 7 October 2018 in order to review the criteria and aims so as to ensure alignment with the Council's priorities. Following a workshop between the Grants Advisory Committee and Officers, the revised criteria and guidance was put forward to Cabinet and agreed on 5 September 2018.
6. Two notable changes are:
 - (a) Parish Councils with 160 registered electors or more are ineligible to apply.

- (b) Projects or initiatives on Parish Council land, if successful, will only receive a 50% grant with the other half expected to be match-funded by the Parish Council.
7. The Community Chest is grant funding available to voluntary and community sector groups, charities and public sector bodies wishing to further improve quality of life in South Cambridgeshire. Applicants may apply for up to £1,000 and the community activity or project must deliver one or more of the following:
- Improvements to community buildings and spaces (i.e. village halls / pavilions / play areas etc)
 - Repairs to historic buildings / monuments / memorials
 - Equipment / capital purchase
 - Materials
 - Start-up costs (may include training of staff / volunteers, hall hire and other revenue costs).
8. The revised guidance notes and eligibility criteria for 2018/19 can be found at Appendix B.
9. The total amount of funding made available in the Community Chest in 2018/19 is £57,000.
10. It was agreed at the Grants Advisory Committee meeting of 27 November 2018 that £4,000 be reallocated to the Community Chest Grant Fund. This was originally awarded under the Grants to Voluntary Sector Scheme to Cambourne Church / Cambourne Children's Centre project which did not go ahead with their intended project.

Considerations

11. There are two deferred applications for funding totalling £1,600.00 and five new applications totalling £4,070.91 to be considered at this meeting. The total funding requested equals £5,670.91. The amount of funding remaining for allocation is £16 431.32 (which includes the additional £4,000.00 referred to in paragraph 11 of this report). A summary of the applications can be found at Appendix A (copies of the application forms are available from the Sustainable Communities and Partnerships Team upon request).
12. A grant application was received from a Parish Council with more than 160 registered electors and therefore not included in this report. Officers will be working closely with this Parish Council to look at their options moving forward.

Options

13. The Grants Advisory Committee may consider all applications for funding that are set out in Appendix A of this report and recommend to the Lead Cabinet Member to
- (a) award the amount of funding requested
 - (b) award an alternative amount of funding, including zero funding, or
 - (c) defer a decision if further information is required from grant applicants.

Implications

14. 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:

Risk Management

15. Applicants are required to provide supporting documents such as copies of their constitution and quotes where applicable. Applicants must agree to the grant conditions before funds are released.

Consultation responses

16. Local members have been consulted on applications that directly affect their local area.

Effect on Strategic Aims

17. The corporate aims are referenced in the criteria and guidance notes for the Community Chest.

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COMMUNITY CHEST GRANT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED: 8 OCT – 11 NOV 2018/19

	Name of applicant	Type of organisation	Village(s) affected	Project description	Type of project	Total cost of project (£)	Total applied for (£)	Land owned by PC	Status of documentation
1	The Countryside Restoration Trust	Charity	Barton and Comberton	Purchase of pitchforks, hay rakes and scythes to manage hay meadows	Equipment/ Capital purchase	600.00	600.00	No	Complete
2	Disability Cambridgeshire	Charity	N/A	Upgrade IT	Equipment/ Capital Purchase	1,020.00	1,000.00	No	Complete

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COMMUNITY CHEST GRANT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED: 12 NOV – 30 NOV 2018/19

3	Linton Action for Youth	Group	Linton	Roof Repairs	Improvements To Community Buildings and Spaces	460.00	460.00	Yes	Complete
4	Northstowe Sports and Wellbeing Group	Group	Northstowe Willingham Longstanton	Community Development – fitness and wellbeing	Start-up and Equipment/Capital purchase	988.00	988.00	No	Complete

COMMUNITY CHEST GRANT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED: 12 NOV – 30 NOV 2018/19

	Name of applicant	Type of organisation	Village(s) affected	Project description	Type of project	Total cost of project (£)	Total applied for (£)	Land owned by PC	Status of documentation
5	Bethel Baptist Church	Church	Swavesey	Disabled Access Ramp to Church Hall	Improvements to community buildings and spaces	4,850.00 - 6,450.00	1,000.00	No	Complete
6	Friends of Duxford School	Group	Duxford	Supplies for Airday events held for fundraising purposes	Equipment/ capital purchase	622.91	622.91	No	Pending
7	Save Linton Heights Swimming Pool fundraising Committee	Group	Linton	Repair of Linton Heights' Decommissioned Swimming Pool	Improvements to community buildings and spaces	18,000.00 – 19,000.00	1,000.00	No	Pending

Guidance notes for Community Chest 18/19

What is the Community Chest?

The Community Chest is grant funding available to voluntary and community sector groups, charities and public sector bodies wishing to further improve quality of life in South Cambridgeshire.

Who can apply?

Applicants must:

- Be a non-profit group or organisation based in South Cambridgeshire or benefiting South Cambridgeshire residents OR a public sector body with a demonstrable community focus (individuals and businesses are not eligible)
- Be a Parish Council or Parish Meeting with less than 160 registered electors
- Have a written constitution or mission statement
- Have an elected committee or representative steering group
- Be able to provide an up to date copy of their accounts and any relevant protection policies

If you have questions about these criteria, please contact us using the details below.

If your organisation does not have a written constitution, mission statement and/or relevant protection policies please contact Cambridge Council for Voluntary Service for advice in meeting these requirements. Please call 01223 464696 or email enquiries@cambridgecvs.org.uk

What must the project deliver?

The community activity or project must:

- Help us deliver one or more of the following aims:
 - Promote healthy and active communities
 - Enable inclusive communities
 - Develop skills
 - Enhance the natural environment
- Meet local need and leave a legacy for the community
- Ensure equality of access

What can be funded?

The community activity or project should be one of the following:

- Improvements to community buildings and spaces (i.e. village halls/pavilions/play areas etc)
- Repairs to Historic Buildings/Monuments/Memorials
- Equipment/Capital Purchase
- Materials
- 'Start-up' costs (may include training of staff/volunteers, hall hire and other revenue costs)

Applications for projects that are considered more suitable for the Community Energy Grant will be transferred for consideration under that scheme rather than the Community Chest – additional questions may need to be asked.

What cannot be funded?

- On-going revenue costs or overheads (e.g. salaries, rent, advertising, promotional materials)
- Projects that replace funding by other public sector bodies, including parish councils (e.g. youth services, highways)
- Costs associated with preparing/printing Parish Plans
- Costs associated with Neighbourhood Watch schemes
- Costs associated with Community Speedwatch schemes or other traffic initiatives
- Costs associated with purchasing defibrillators
- Items that would only benefit 'individuals' and not the group (e.g. sports kits)
- Projects that have previously received Community Chest funding in the same financial year

How much can be applied for?

The maximum award is £1,000 in any financial year (April-March) and can be for 100% of the project's costs unless the initiative is on parish council land, in which case a 50% contribution from the parish council is expected.

If there is high demand for funding it may mean that the Council is only able to make a contribution to your project. The Council reserves the right to prioritise based on funding available, size of electorate, parish precept, indices of deprivation, number and type of applications received at any given time, priorities for the financial year and value for money. Eligibility does not guarantee grant funding.

When can groups apply?

The Community Chest opens in April and October each year, with 50% of the annual budget released at each point. Groups can apply at any time during the financial year until the funding is fully allocated for that period.

What supporting documentation is required?

- A copy of your organisation's constitution or mission statement
- A copy of your latest accounts (audited if available)
- A quote for the community activity or project

In addition the following will be required if relevant to the project:

- Appropriate protection policies: children, young people, vulnerable adults
- Public Rights of Way consent from landowner
- Any other relevant material that would support your application

How will the grant be paid?

If successful, the applicant will receive the grant payment once we have received acknowledgement of the grant offer and acceptance of the terms and conditions.

What are the conditions of funding?

Groups that are awarded a grant will be expected to comply with the following conditions as a minimum:

- Funding must only be used for the agreed purpose and spent within 12-months of the award being made (unless otherwise agreed in writing)
- Any publicity must acknowledge the award provided
- Unused grant must be returned to South Cambridgeshire District Council
- An end of project evaluation must be submitted to South Cambridgeshire District Council within 3-months of project completion. Details about this are available on the SCDC website

Any award will not be means tested but applicants will be expected to have sought other means of local funding, especially from the parish council who may have funds available through planning developments (S106) or through its precept (S137).

For further information please go to:

<https://www.scams.gov.uk/communitychest>

Contact Details: duty.communities@scams.gov.uk , 01954 713070

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Agenda Item 5

REPORT TO: Grants Advisory Committee

13 December 2018

LEAD OFFICER: Director, Health and Environmental Services

Grants to Voluntary Sector: Service Support Grants 2019/20-2021/22

Purpose

1. To determine the awards to be made for three-year programmes to the community and voluntary sector from the Service Support Grant fund for 2019/20 to 2021/22.
2. This is not a key decision. However, it is subject to Council's decision on budgets in February 2019.

Recommendations

3. That the Grants Advisory Committee recommends to the Lead Cabinet Member for Finance, that, subject to agreement by Council on budget, and subject to annual funding agreements with the organisations concerned, the following awards be made from the Service Support Grant Fund for 2019/20 to 2021/22:

Table 1

Applicants	Applied for pa £k	Year 1 £k	Year 2 £k	Year 3 £k	Total £k
Community Transport (indicative amount available £15,000 pa)					
Cambridge Dial-a-Ride	11.666	-	-	-	-
Care Network	7.616	7	7	7	21
Royston & District Community Transport	10	6	6	6	18
The Voluntary Network	7.288	3	3	3	9
Fit to Learn (indicative amount available £4,000 pa)					
Home-Start Royston & S Cambs/H-S Cambs	4	4	4	4	12
Independent Living (indicative amount available £20,000 pa)					
Arts & Minds	3	2.5	2.5	2.5	7.5
Camsight	8.063	-	-	-	-
Care Network	7.616	11.5	11.5	11.5	34.5
Cambridge Older People's Enterprise	5	2	2	2	6
Disability Cambridgeshire*	16.833	-	-	-	-
Disability Information Service Hunts (DISH)*	5.675	3	3	3	9
Headway*	20	-	-	-	-
Support for Parishes and Communities (indicative amount available £10,000 pa)					
Cambridge Council for Voluntary Service	10	10	10	10	30
Care Network	3.808	-	-	-	-
Welfare Advice – General (indicative amount available £80,000 pa)					
Consortium of Citizens Advice Bureaux**	80	80	80	80	240
Reach	10	-	-	-	-
Welfare Advice – Specialist (indicative amount available £5,000 pa)					
Consortium of Citizens Advice Bureaux**	5	5	5	5	15
Housing-related					
Cambridge Cyrenians	1.78	1.78	1.78	1.78	5.34
Cambridge Re-Use	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	5.4
Cambridge Women's Aid	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5	25.5
Totals					
	227.645	146.08	146.08	146.08	438.24

* these organisations applied under more than one theme, and are reported under the most relevant theme only to avoid confusion (the amount applied for under each theme was not specified)

** proposed allocations of funding to the individual Citizens Advice Bureaux are detailed in Appendix 3

Reasons for Recommendations

- The priorities for this grant fund were recommended by the Grants Advisory Committee and approved by Cabinet on 5 September 2018. The programmes recommended for funding align with these priorities and will provide support to the Community and Voluntary Sector to deliver important services for residents of the district.

5. Applications were assessed independently by five officers using an agreed assessment framework. These officers then came together to combine assessments and agree recommendations.
6. The activities eligible for funding under each theme and the assessment framework for all themes other than Housing-related are provided in Appendices 1 and 2 respectively.
7. Summaries of all applications received, and combined scores for all themes other than Housing-related are provided in Appendices 3 and 4 respectively.
8. A summary of applications received under the Housing-related grants scheme is provided in Appendix 5.

Background

9. The current Service Support Grant scheme was set up in 2015 following a comprehensive review of Council grants. The scheme provides funding to support the voluntary and community sector to run programmes which deliver Council priorities. Current themes, eligible activities and levels of funding were set out in September 2015 and restated following review in July 2018.
10. The scheme provides three-year funding agreements. This allows funded organisations to make longer term plans and is in line with the Compact agreement between government and the voluntary and community sector.
11. The fund was open for applications for the eight-week period between 24 September and 16 November 2018. Applications were invited from current recipients and previous applicants of the fund. Further promotion of the scheme was through a press release, social media posts, the C CVS newsletter, the weekly bulletin for district councillors and the e-bulletin to parish councils.
12. Applications were independently assessed by five officers from Sustainable Communities & Partnerships, Revenues & Benefits and Housing Advice & Options teams.
13. Applicants will be notified of award decisions following call-in, and before the end of December. This will give at least three months' notice to affected organisations, allowing time to make necessary arrangements and in line with the Compact agreement.

Considerations

14. The Grants Advisory Committee's role is to consider and make recommendations to the Lead Cabinet Member responsible for grants, or Cabinet as appropriate, including, but not limited to:
 - (a) Review of the Council's grants schemes to ensure they reflect Council priorities.
 - (b) Design of any new or revised grants schemes, including consideration of criteria and guidance applicable in respect of each scheme.
 - (c) Consideration of applications made under the Council's grants schemes.
15. Seventeen applications have been considered. Fifteen of these were received by the deadline. A technical problem resulted in a delay in receiving an application emailed

to the Council by Homestart Royston on the day of the deadline. Royston & District Community Transport submitted an application late due to pressures of workload. All applications have been considered for funding.

16. As noted in para 21, only one application was received under the Fit to Learn theme. No application was received from Cambourne Church in partnership with Cambourne Children's Centre. Subsequent enquiries revealed that this was due to the opportunity being overlooked due to staff illness.
17. The recommendations are based on an assumption that grants are to be awarded under each heading. Taking each theme in turn,

Community Transport (indicative amount available £15,000 pa)

18. Applications totalling £36,570 pa were received from four organisations.
19. Care Network submitted a strong application for £7,616 pa under this theme to continue their work supporting and developing community car schemes in the district. This was part of a wider application for community development work including £7,616 pa under the Independent Living theme and £3,808 pa under the Supporting Parishes and Communities theme. Officers recommend that £7,000 pa is awarded under the Community Transport theme, no award is made under the Supporting Parishes and Communities theme, and £11,500 pa is awarded under the Independent Living theme (see para 25), totalling £18,500 pa.
20. Awards of £5,000 pa and £3,000 pa are recommended to Royston & District Community Transport (RDCT) and The Voluntary Network (TVN) respectively, reflecting value for money and number of residents likely to benefit from their programmes. The application from Cambridge Dial-a-Ride was weaker on value for money and evidence of need. Their proposal for a new minibus would need to be fully funded at a cost of £10,000 pa to be viable, and so, taking that into account, no award is recommended to Cambridge Dial-a-Ride.

Fit to Learn (£4,000 indicative amount available pa)

21. One application was received, for £4,000 pa from Home-Start Royston & South Cambridgeshire in partnership with Home-Start Cambridgeshire (HSRSC/HSC). Officers recommend this application is fully funded.

Independent Living (indicative amount available £20,000 pa)

22. Applications totalling £66,187 pa were received from seven organisations. Applications from Camsight for £8,063 pa and Headway for £20,000 pa scored well. However, officers decided not to recommend awards because these applications were for services currently funded by Cambridgeshire County Council, whose future funding decisions relating to these services are not yet clear. It was not felt appropriate that the Council step in given these circumstances.
23. Two applications are from advice and information services including home visits for people with disabilities. There were concerns about value for money and the sustainability of the business plan in the application from Disability Cambridgeshire. Whilst both applications offer services across the district, the application from the Disability Information Service Hunts (DISH) scored more highly. An award of £3,000 pa is recommended for DISH and no award for Disability Cambridgeshire.

24. Cambridgeshire Older People's Enterprise (COPE) applied for £5,000 to continue their support of older people including a free bi-monthly newsletter. Whilst the value of COPE's work representing and serving older people, there were some concerns about value for money. An award of £2,000 pa to COPE is recommended.
25. Care Network applied under this theme to continue their community development work in the district working and to develop an Open Arms support and training package for organisations. Their application was strong in all aspects and an award of £11,500 pa is recommended, which would bring total funding of Care Network to £18,500 pa.
26. Arts & Minds applied for £3,000 pa to continue their programme of arts workshops for mentally ill people. The application was strong in all aspects and an award of £2,500 is recommended.

Support for Parishes and Communities (indicative amount available £10,000)

27. Applications were received from Care Network for £3,808 pa and from Cambridge Community Voluntary Service (CCVS) for £10,000 pa. Officers recommend no award is made to Care Network under this theme (see para 19) and that the full £10,000 available is awarded to CCVS.

Welfare Advice General (indicative amount available £80,000 pa)

28. Applications were received from a consortium of four Citizens Advice Bureaux operating in South Cambridgeshire for £80,000 and a Haverhill based charity with the aim of lifting people out of poverty, Reach, for £10,000.
29. Officers were impressed with the application from Reach, but felt Reach were unable to compete with the more comprehensive programme of advice provided by the CABx, and recommend that the CABx consortium are awarded £80,000 pa.

Welfare Advice Specialist (indicative amount available £5,000 pa)

30. Four applications were received under this theme. None provided details of activities proposed specifically under this theme and so it was decided not to score them specifically for this theme, and instead to take into account scores from their applications under other themes. Officers recommend that the strongest applicant - the consortium of CABx – is awarded the full £5,000 pa available.

Housing-related Grants

31. These grants are managed by the Housing team. Previously, three organisations received funding via the three year program of Homeless Prevention Grant Awards. The 2018/19 awards are listed below.

Cambridge Cyrenians	£1763
Cambridge ReUse	£1556
Cambridge Women's Aid	£8402

32. The application process was advertised via the Council's website and all three organisations submitted repeat applications as part of the 2019/20 bidding process. No applications were received from other organisations.

33. Amounts requested were similar to previous requests, although all three organisations requested uplifts. The largest of these was from Cambridge Re-Use to cover the increased running costs of the furniture van.
34. Historically, an uplift in the amount awarded to each organisation has been applied each year to allow for inflation and other increases in running costs. This tends to be within an envelope of £300-£400 per year. Approving all three grant applications at the requested amount represents an increase of £359 (as a comparator, an inflationary uplift of 2.7% would be £317). The total amount requested is within the typical uplift envelope and can be funded via the Homeless Prevention Budget, of which the Homeless Prevention Grant awards form part. All three organisations have a history of delivery the stated activities and provide regular monitoring information.
35. The panel recommendation is therefore to approve all three applications at the requested amount:

Cambridge Cyrenians	£1780
Cambridge Re-Use	£1800
Cambridge Women's Aid	£8500

Options

36. The Grants Advisory Committee may consider all applications for funding that are set out in Appendix 3 of this report and recommend to the Lead Cabinet Member to
- (a) award the amount of funding requested
 - (b) award an alternative amount of funding, including zero funding, or
 - (c) defer a decision if further information is required from grant applicants.
37. All awards would be subject to agreement of the budget by Council in February, and subject also to agreement of specific details of services to be delivered each year, with the organisations concerned.

Implications

38. 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

39. The awards recommended are within the Council's proposed budget for 2019/20. Agreements with grant recipients will make clear that funding in Year 1 is subject to confirmation of the Council's budget in February 2019, and that funding in Years 2 and 3 is subject to the continued availability of funds and confirmation of annual budgets by Council.

Legal

40. Agreements with grant recipients will allow variation or discontinuation of the grant in specified circumstances.

Consultation responses

41. The Deputy Leader and lead Cabinet Members for Customer Service and Business Improvement, for Housing and Health and Environmental Services have been consulted. Their comments were not available at the time of publication of this report and will be reported at the meeting.

Effect on Strategic Aims

42. Ensure that South Cambridgeshire continues to offer an outstanding quality of life for our residents: the grant programmes promote 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

Where [the Local Authorities \(Executive Arrangements\) \(Meetings and Access to Information\) \(England\) Regulations 2012](#) require documents to be open to inspection by members of the public, they must be available for inspection: -

- (a) at all reasonable hours at the offices of South Cambridgeshire District Council;
- (b) on the Council's website; and
- (c) in the case of documents to be available for inspection pursuant to regulation 15, on payment of a reasonable fee required by the Council by the person seeking to inspect the documents at the offices of South Cambridgeshire District Council.

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<http://scams.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=1096&MId=7342&Ver=4>

Cabinet, 5 September 2018

<http://scams.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=293&MId=7344&Ver=4>

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Appendix 1 – Activities supported by the Service Support Grant fund

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 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.
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
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.
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
Welfare Advice - Generalist	Not for profit organisations	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. 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.
Welfare Advice - Specialist	Not for profit organisations	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. 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.

Homelessness		<p>a) The proposal must contribute to the following service aims which are set out in the Council’s current Housing Strategy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preventing and Tackling Homelessness – To reduce homelessness through being proactive in preventative measures and ensuring there is sufficient suitable accommodation available to people who are, or who may become homeless • Improving housing options and extending choice – To work in partnership to provide housing advice so that people understand their housing options, help them to sustain their current home or access alternative suitable accommodation
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Appendix 2

Framework for Assessing Project Proposals

	Proposal Assessment Headings	Weighting
1.	Extent proposals align with the eligible activities	20% (x4)
2.	Value for money <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extent that proposals will benefit South Cambridgeshire residents and communities • The extent of additionality the proposals provide to known existing or future service support in the district 	30% (x6)
3.	Extent that the need for the proposals has been evidenced <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relevance, pertinence and accuracy of evidence • Extent of community involvement in determining need • Extent of risk to the South Cambridgeshire residents and communities of not funding proposals (specifying priority groups at greatest risk) • Extent to which proposals would not be realised without financial support from the District Council 	20% (x4)
4.	Extent to which the proposals constitute a sound, resilient and sustainable business plan	10% (x2)
5.	Extent and quality of monitoring offered to measure outcomes and outputs	10% (x2)
6.	Extent to which organisational capacities, resources and timescales for delivery of the proposals are considered realistic	10% (x2)
	Total	100

Evaluation of answers under each heading	Scoring
Proposals meet the required standard in all material respects	5
Proposals meet the required standard in most material respects, but are lacking or inconsistent in others	4
Proposals fall short of achieving expected standard in a number of identifiable respects	3
Proposals significantly fail to meet the standards required, contain significant shortcomings and/or are inconsistent with other proposals	2
Completely fail to meet required standard	1
Nil response (no answer provided)	0

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Appendix 3 - Summary of applications received

COMMUNITY TRANSPORT (indicative amount available £15,000)

Cambridge Dial-a-Ride (CDAR)

Who are they?	They are a Cambridge based charity providing transport for groups and individuals who otherwise have difficulty accessing public transport in Cambridge and surrounding area. They have approximately 400 members with 44 individual members and 16 groups in South Cambs.
What is the proposal?	They have requested funding for a second-hand minibus and driver to allow them to provide the same service in South Cambs that they provide in the City.
How much requested?	£11,666
Score	64

Care Network

Who are they?	They are a charitable organisation helping people to stay healthy, independent and in touch with their communities, and delivering three core services: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Help at Home providing free practical and emotional support for adults who have come out of hospital or are experiencing a crisis or illness at home- Community Navigators providing information, guidance and signposting to specialist support to local people- Community Development helping groups get set up and run safely. They currently support 56 community groups in South Cambridgeshire including 26 of the 29 community car schemes.
What is the proposal?	They have asked for funding to continue to employ a Community Development Officer to work with community car schemes in South Cambridgeshire. Their proposal includes a review of coverage and the provision of support and training. This proposal is one part of an application for a rebranded 'Open Arms' project which includes proposals under the Independent Living and Support for Parishes and Communities themes and is for £19,000 pa in total.
How much requested?	£7,616
Score	90

Royston & District Community Transport (RDCT)

Who are they?	They provide community transport services to residents in a large area of the south of the district, ie door to door transport using minibuses, MPVs and cars, some driven by paid drivers and some by volunteers. RDCT currently provide services for 21 organisations and 308 individuals.
What is the proposal?	They have asked for continued funding to support their services.
How much is requested?	£10,000
Score	84

The Voluntary Network (TVO)

Who are they?	They provide community transport for the area of South Cambridgeshire around Haverhill. They operate two DAR vehicles with paid drivers and run a community car scheme with volunteers driving their own cars. They have 77 registered users in South Cambs and 10 registered groups and provided 1112 journeys in South Cambs last year.
What is the proposal?	They have asked for continued funding to support their services in South Cambs including promotion of the service and recruitment of Community Car drivers.
How much is requested?	£7,288
Score	70.8

FIT TO LEARN (indicative amount available £4,000 pa)

Homestart Royston in partnership with Homestart Cambridgeshire

Who are they?	They support families by providing a home visiting service, a family support group and helping families link with other local services and resources.
What is the proposal?	They have asked for funding to continue to run their school readiness programme for 10 families in South Cambs.
How much is requested?	£4,000
Score	68

INDEPENDENT LIVING (indicative amount available £20,000 pa)

Arts & Minds

Who are they?	They help people maintain positive mental health by delivering high quality arts opportunities including community singing, pottery classes for people with young onset dementia and interventions in schools
What is the proposal?	They have asked for funding to continue the programme of Arts on Prescription for people experiencing depression and anxiety. Each series includes 14 arts workshops with visits to local heritage sites and galleries and led by a professional artist supported by a counsellor.
How much is requested?	£3,000
Score	86.8

Camsight

Who are they?	A Cambridgeshire charity that supports local people of all ages living with low vision and blindness to live the lives they choose. They have two Low Vision and Blindness Centres in Cambaridge and Wisbech to demonstrate equipment and technology, they run a technology training centre, provide sessions on daily living skills, run an emotional support servie and organise home visits.
What is the proposal?	They have for funding to allow them to continue their home visit service in South Cambs. The service is currently funded by Cambridgeshire County Council Officers under a contract which ends in March 2019.
How much is requested?	£8,063
Score	84.8

Care Network

Who are they?	They are a charitable organisation helping people to stay healthy, independent and in touch with their communities, and delivering three core services: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Help at Home providing free practical and emotional support for adults who have come out of hospital or are experiencing a crisis or illness at home- Community Navigators providing information, guidance and signposting to specialist support to local people- Community Development helping groups get set up and run safely. They currently support 56 community groups in South Cambridgeshire including 26 of the 29 community car schemes.
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What is the proposal? They have asked for funding to continue to support 56 community groups, and in particular to develop their Open Arms project which will tackle loneliness and social isolation by providing training to volunteer group co-ordinators on how to identify and support chronically lonely members of the community.

How much is requested? £7,616

Score 90.8

Cambridgeshire Older People's Enterprise (COPE)

Who are they? Entirely volunteer-run organisation providing a free bimonthly 20 page newsletter to all members, libraries, GP surgeries, community centres and care homes, and running social/lunch activities. Membership is free. COPE has 2581 members including 778 in South Cambs.

What is the proposal? They have asked for core funding to cover the cost of the newsletter and monthly social/lunch activities.

How much is requested? £5,000

Score 72

Disability Information Service Huntingdonshire (DISH)

Who are they? They are a charity providing benefits advice, guidance and advocacy to disabled and older people and their carers. This includes filling in forms, gathering evidence, contacting DWP on their behalf, submitting appeals and supporting clients at appeal tribunals. For clients who are unable to travel, they visit them in their homes to support their applications. 10% of their total number of clients are from South Cambs. This was 30 in the last full year.

What is the proposal? They have asked for core funding to continue to provide their service to South Cambs residents.

How much is requested? £5,675

Score 84.4

Disability Cambridgeshire

Who are they? They are a user-led advice and information service for disabled people, older people, their families and carers. applied for £16,833 pa to provide specialist welfare advice. During the year November 2017-18 they dealt with 203 clients, 50 of which (24%) came from South Cambridgeshire.

What is their proposal? They have asked for funding for a new part-time (25% FTE) case worker to cover the South Cambridgeshire area. The advisor would help clients with initial benefit form filling to get the correct level of welfare benefits, and would support and represent clients at all stages of benefit applications including if necessary at appeal tribunals. The case worker would be available to see people in all parts of the district, providing a home visiting service for housebound client.

How much is requested? £16,833

Score 80.4

Headway

Who are they? They provide services for people with an acquired brain injury, including:

- support for patients and their families in hospital and help to plan for post-discharge care needs
- a lifeline service offering advice and emotional support
- day programmes and structured group activities
- personal independence support
- training on understanding brain injuries for clients, employers, businesses and public service providers

Of the 700 active service clients on their books (including people with brain injury and carers or family members), 228 of these are from South Cambridgeshire.

What is the proposal? They have asked for support for the core costs of running their community services in South Cambs. These include ongoing specialist support in clients' homes.

How much is requested? £20,000

Score 89.6

SUPPORT FOR PARISHES AND COMMUNITIES (indicative amount available £10,000 pa)

Cambridgeshire Council for Voluntary Service (CCVS)

Who are they? An independent charity supporting community and voluntary groups in Cambridge, South Cambridgeshire and Fenland. They

- provide training and advice sessions to enable groups to become stronger and more sustainable
- act as a voice for the sector contributing to partnerships and committees that meet to determine public policy and action

- bring groups and individuals together through themed and geographical networks
- provide groups with up-to-date information to give them knowledge and confidence to meet their aims.

They have 137 member organisations working within South Cambs and delivered 259 support sessions to organisations working within the district in 2017-18.

What is the proposal?	They have requested core funding to continue to provide organisational support and development to charities and community groups, representation of the sector at strategic level, and newsletters and other communications to their contacts.
How much requested?	£10,000
Score	91.6

Care Network

See assessments above

WELFARE ADVICE - GENERAL THEME (indicative amount available £80,000 pa)

Consortium of Citizens Advice Bureaux operating in South Cambridgeshire

Who are they?	They provide a free, independent, confidential and impartial advice service to local residents on their rights and responsibilities, delivering the service with trained volunteers and specialist (usually paid) advisers. South Cambridgeshire residents account for 41% of their total work; they gave advice to 5255 South Cambs residents in 2017/18,	
What is the proposal?	They have asked for a continued contribution to core running costs enabling them to deliver advice from their main offices and outreach locations, funding debt & benefits caseworkers, general advice supervisors, volunteer costs and overheads.	
How much requested?	North Herts CAB	£17,580
	Suffolk West CAB	£5,950
	Uttlesford CAB	£5,950
	Cambridge & District CAB	£55,520
	Total	£85,000
	(This includes funding under the Welfare Advice - Specialist theme)	
Score	95.6	

Reach

Who are they?

They are a Haverhill-based charity lifting people out of poverty through six key projects:

- A drop-in centre
- Money advice
- A Foodbank
- Starter packs providing essential bedding and kitchenware
- Financial assistance through donation based projects
- Rural communities project delivering help through home visits

They supported approx 500 families/individuals between Oct 2017 and Sept 2018, 48 of whom were in South Cambs.

They have two Outreach Advisers, one operates in South Cambs, esp Linton, Abingtons, Balsham, Weston Colville and Horseheath.

What is the proposal?

They have asked for a contribution towards the running costs of their outreach project in South Cambs. Their Community Outreach Advisor (COA) works in South Cambs three days per week carrying out home visits and more recently, monthly surgeries in Linton. The COA helps clients with debt such as rent arrears, council tax and other debts, often dealing directly with social landlords to place a 'hold' on imminent eviction action until more evidence is gathered and a repayment plan put in place.

How much requested?

£10,000

Score

77.2

WELFARE ADVICE - SPECIALIST THEME (indicative amount available £5,000 pa)

All of the applicants for funding under this theme also applied under at least one other theme, and did not specify the amount applied for specifically under this theme. They are reported under the following themes:

Consortium of Citizens Advice Bureaux
Disability Cambridgeshire
Disability Information Service Hunts
Reach

Welfare Advice - Generalist
Independent Living
Independent Living
Welfare Advice - Generalist

HOMELESSNESS THEME - (indicative amount available £12,000 pa)

All applicants scored well and are recommended for funding at the level requested

Cambridge Cyrenians

Who are they?:	Cambridge based organisation providing a range of accommodation, support and specialist services for homeless men and women
What is the proposal?	They are requesting a continued contribution towards the costs of IT equipment and support to their residents - 101 homeless men and women, of whom approximately 9-12% have a local connection to South Cambs
How much requested?	£1780

Cambridge Re-Use

Who are they?	A service to help people on low income or benefits to buy furniture, electrical and white goods, and other household items that they may not otherwise be able to afford using items of furniture and electrical goods donated by the general public
What is the proposal?	They are requesting a continued contribution towards the cost of running their furniture van, which is particularly important for helping those in the villages
How much requested?	£1,800

Cambridge Women's Aid

Who are they?	They provide dedicated and specialist services to women and children affected by domestic abuse
What is the proposal?	They are requesting a continued contribution towards the costs of their Outreach Support Service, which last year served 151 South Cambs residents, which was 33 more than the previous year
How much requested?	£8,500

Appendix 4

Applicants	Score
Community Transport	
Care Network	90
Royston & District Community Transport	84
The Voluntary Network	70.8
Cambridge Dial-a-Ride	64
Fit to Learn	
Home-Start Royston & S Cambs/H-S Cambs	85**
Independent Living	
Care Network	90.8
Headway*	89.6
Arts & Minds	86.8
Camsight	84.8
Disability Information Service Hunts (DISH)*	84.4
Disability Cambridgeshire*	80.4
Cambridge Older Persons Enterprise	72
Support for Parishes and Communities	
Cambridge Council for Voluntary Service	91.6
Care Network	90.8
Welfare Advice – General	
Consortium of Citizens Advice Bureaux	95.6
Reach	77.2
Welfare Advice – Specialist	
Consortium of Citizens Advice Bureaux	95.6
Homelessness	
Cambridge Cyrenians	*
Cambridge Re-Use	*
Cambridge Women’s Aid	*

* Homelessness grants were assessed using slightly different criteria which did not include weightings. Please see Appendix 5.

** This score based on only 2 officer appraisals

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Appendix 5 – Assessment of Housing Related Grant Schemes 2019- 2022

Cambridge Re-use

Although this proposal does not directly provide an accommodation option, the proposal fits with the wider remit of preventing homelessness by allowing families on low income to furnish their accommodation. The service is well used – as evidenced by the monitoring information but also via direct feedback from the Housing Advice and team who regularly work with households on low incomes who cannot afford to furnish their accommodation without the aid of the Re-Use scheme.

The proposal represents good value for money with good revenue streams from the sale of second-hand goods, providing additional revenue streams and sustainability for the future.

Total score 25/25

Cambridge Women's Aid

This proposal meets the required standard in all material aspects. Over the last 3 years 'violent relationship breakdown' has been the third highest cause of homelessness within the district. Women's Aid is able to provide both advice and shelter/refuge and is a service that the Housing Advice and Options Team refer to on an ongoing basis. It is the main provider of domestic abuse support/services in the area.

The service represents good value for money. Demand for the service continues to increase annually. The service is very reliant on grant funding but the manager is proactive in seeking and maximising these opportunities to ensure the service's ongoing viability. Receipt of local authority funding is seen as a positive lever to allow the organisation to access additional funding sources. The impact of not funding the service would leave a gap in much needed service provision.

Total score 25/25

Cambridge Cyrenians

This proposal does not directly provide accommodation, but is part of a holistic package to hard to reach/vulnerable clients accommodated by Cyrenians. It helps prevent homelessness because it allows residents to access IT in their supported accommodation units. Without this access, it would be harder to submit benefit claims, search for work etc and the risk of benefit loss would be greater. The requirement to access benefits and fulfil work availability criteria online is a requirement of Universal Credit. Without the ability to access IT in a supported environment it is anticipated that the risk of income loss to each individual would lead to an increase in homelessness for a client group that already have complex needs and find it difficult to sustain accommodation. For this reason the proposal fits within the wider remit of homeless prevention.

Robust finances indicate a sustainable future.

Total Score 25/25

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