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To: Chairman – Councillor Jose Hales
Vice-Chairman – Councillor Clare Delderfield
All Members of the Grants Advisory Committee - Councillors Dr. Claire Daunton,
Sue Ellington and 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 **FRIDAY, 22 FEBRUARY 2019 at 10.00 a.m.**

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Yours faithfully
Beverly Agass
Chief Executive

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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
Friday, 25 January 2019 at 10.00 a.m.

PRESENT: Councillor Jose Hales – Chairman

Councillors: Dr. Martin Cahn (substitute) 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)

Councillors Anna Bradnam and John Williams (Lead Cabinet Member for Finance) were in attendance, by invitation.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors Clare Delderfield and Peter McDonald sent Apologies for Absence. Councillor Dr. Martin Cahn substituted for Councillor McDonald.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Sue Ellington declared a non-pecuniary interest in the Community Chest application from Bethel Baptist Church in Swavesey because she organises and attends social events there.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Committee authorised the Chairman to sign, as a correct record, the Minutes of the meeting held on 13 December 2018.

4. COMMUNITY CHEST: FUNDING APPLICATIONS

The Grants Advisory Committee considered a report detailing applications deferred from the meeting held on 13 December 2018 as well as new applications received between 1 December 2018 and 31 December 2018.

Members discussed each application, and recommended as follows to the Lead Cabinet Member for Finance:

Applicant	Village(s) affected	Description	Total applied for (£)	Total recommended (£)	Additional conditions/ comments
Bethel Baptist Church	Swavesey	Replace disabled access ramp to church hall	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Save Linton	Linton	Repair of Linton	1,000.00	Nil	Land is owned

Heights Swimming Pool Fund-raising Committee		Heights' decommissioned swimming pool			by County Council.
Cambourne United Football Club	Cambourne	Provide new equipment for FA's new 'Just Play' project	1,000.00	Deferred	Incomplete documentation
Quy Village Association	Stow-cum-Quy	Upgrade toilets which are 25 years old	1,000.00	500.00	Parish Council building - 50% grant awarded, matched by PC
1 st Whittlesford and Duxford Scout Group	Duxford and Whittlesford	Extension of mobile caving system	1,000.00	1,000.00	
1 st Over St Mary's Scout Group	Over	Purchase of new tents for camping events	1,000.00	Deferred	Incomplete documentation
St Catherine's Parochial Church Council	Litlington	Installation of kitchen and toilet facility	1,000.00	Deferred	Further information requested

5. GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY SECTOR: SERVICE SUPPORT GRANTS 2019/20-2021/22 - AWARDING OF ADDITIONAL FUNDS

Further to the meeting held on 13 December 2018 (Minute 5 refers), the Grants Advisory Committee considered a report on the proposed award of extra funding to community and voluntary sector organisations for three-year programmes for 2019/20 to 2021/22.

Following a brief discussion, the Grants Advisory Committee **recommended** unanimously 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:

- (a) £5,000 per year to Disability Cambridgeshire
- (b) £4,110 per year to Reach

6. FARMLAND MUSEUM: PROPOSED FUNDING AGREEMENT 2019/20-2021/22

The Grants Advisory Committee considered a report proposing a new three-year funding agreement for the Farmland Museum for 2019/20 through to 2021/22.

Representatives of the Farmland Museum attended the meeting and presented to Members their aspirations for the future development of the facility, including its significance for the proposed New Town at Waterbeach. Councillor Anna Bradnam, a local

Member for Waterbeach, was in attendance to support the uniqueness of the Farmland Museum and its contribution to, and engagement with, the local community.

During the ensuing discussion, Members explored options for enhanced collaboration with organisations such as English Heritage and the Milton Maize Maze. They also discussed options for greater commercialisation and educational involvement, including comparisons between traditional and modern farming practices.

Councillor John Williams, Lead Cabinet Member for Finance, suggested that any proposal for ongoing funding should be subject to review in two years' time.

The Grants Advisory Committee **recommended** to the Lead Cabinet Member for Finance that, subject to agreement by Council annually on budget, he approves a three-year funding agreement providing £8,500 to the Farmland Museum for 2019/20 through to 2021/22.

7. ELITE ATHLETE AWARD SCHEME: 2018/19 REVIEW

The Grants Advisory Committee considered a report reviewing the Elite Athlete Award Scheme with the intention of ensuring that it reflects current Council priorities.

Councillor Dr. Claire Daunton highlighted the existence of Elite Artists, Elite Musicians and so on, suggesting that money allocated to the Elite Athlete Scheme should instead be directed more generally. The ensuing debate centred on use of the word 'elite', and the question of means testing. The majority of Members present felt that further discussion was needed, and that the money available should continue to be allocated by the Lead Cabinet Member for Finance as recommended by the Grants Advisory Committee.

Councillor John Williams (lead Cabinet Member for Finance) expressed the view that the aim should be to help fund a cross-section of the community. Councillor Sue Ellington felt unable to agree. She said that the Scheme had always been about promoting excellence – initially as part of national preparations for the London Olympics in 2012.

The Chairman said that awards scheme should be extended to recognise outstanding achievement by those coping with mental health challenges.

The Grants Advisory Committee **deferred** making a recommendation to the Lead Cabinet Member for Finance pending further discussion between relevant Members and officers, and informal feedback from Cabinet. The Grants Advisory Committee emphasised the importance of it retaining control of the funds previously forming part of the Elite Athlete Scheme.

Councillor Sue Ellington abstained from voting.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Grants Advisory Committee noted that its next meeting had been scheduled for Friday 22 February 2019, starting at 10.00am.

The Meeting ended at 12.20 p.m.

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Agenda Item 4



South
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Report To: Grants Advisory Committee
Lead Officer: Director, Health and Environmental Services

22 February 2019

Community Chest: Funding Applications

Purpose

1. To consider deferred applications from the Grants Advisory Committee of 25 January as well as new applications received between 1 January and 31 January 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 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).

6. 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.

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.

The revised guidance notes and eligibility criteria for 2018/19 can be found at Appendix B.

7. The total amount of funding made available in the Community Chest in 2018/19 was £57,000. 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. The total amount available for allocation during 2018/19 is therefore £61,000.
8. Little Shelford Bowls Club was awarded £1,000 in June 2018 on condition that they were unsuccessful in pursuing funding from other grant providers. They successfully applied to Living Sport and Mick George therefore no longer qualify for a grant from SCDC.

Considerations

9. There are three deferred applications for funding totalling £3,000.00 and 7 new applications totalling £6,349.69 to be considered at this meeting. The total funding requested equals £9,349.69. The amount of funding remaining for allocation is £11,943.32 (which includes the additional £4,000 referred to in paragraph 7 and £1,000 referred to in paragraph 8 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).

Options

10. 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

11. 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

12. 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

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

Effect on Strategic Aims

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

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Community Chest Grant Applications Received: 1 Dec – 31 Dec 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	Cambourne United Football Club	Sports Club	Cambourne	Provide new equipment for FA's new 'Just Play' project	Equipment/ Capital Purchase	2,529.00	1,000.00	N/A	Pending
2	1 st Over St Mary's Scout Group	Group	Over	Purchase of new tents for camping events	Equipment/ Capital Purchase	1,167.99	1,000.00	N/A	Pending
3	St Catherine's Parochial Church Council	Church	Litlington	Installation of kitchen and toilet facility	Improvements to community buildings and spaces	55,598.00 + VAT	1,000.00	No	Complete

COMMUNITY CHEST GRANT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED: 1 JAN – 31 JAN 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
4	Footprints Café Ltd	Community Café	Sawston	Sound proof panels to enhance acoustics in training room and café	Improvements to community buildings and spaces	2,450.00	1,000.00	No	Pending
5	Willingham Action Group	Group	Willingham	Purchases and install bird boxes	Improvements to community buildings and spaces	354.19	354.19	No	Pending
6	Histon and Impington Communications Community Interest Company	Community Interest Company	Histon and Impington	Develop and create a new online "hub" for news in Histon and Impington	Start-up	10,140.00	1,000.00	N/A	Complete
7	Heathfield Area Recreation Trust	Charity	Thriplow (Heathfield)	Purchase a marquee to support a new youth club	Equipment	3,500.00	1,000.00	N/A	Complete
8	The Connections Bus Project	Charity	Cottenham	Provide a 10-week babysitting course for students in Cottenham	Start-up (training, hall-hire and revenue costs)	1,469.30	1,000.00	N/A	Pending

	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
9	Cambridge Past, Present and Future	Charity	Stapleford	Purchase materials for outdoor education program	Materials	995.50	995.50	No	Complete

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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

22 February 2019

LEAD OFFICER: Director, Health and Environmental Services

Mobile Warden Scheme Grant Funding 2019/20

Purpose

1. To agree the level of grant funding to be awarded to local Mobile and Community Warden Schemes, subject to budget approval, as part of the Council's scheme of grants to the voluntary sector for 2019/20.
2. This is not a key decision.

Recommendations

3. It is recommended that Grants Advisory Committee recommends to the Lead Cabinet Member to agree to fund, subject to Council approval of the budget, local Mobile and Community Warden Schemes to the following amounts in 2019/20:

Scheme	Recommended Grant (£)
Age UK Cambs & Peterboro x 7 schemes	10,210.00
Cottenham	1,800.00
Harston	1,250.00
Haslingfield	250.00
Melbourn	2,000.00
Milton	2,000.00
The Mordens & Litlington MWS	2,000.00
Great Shelford	1,000.00
TOTALS	20,510.00

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.
5. The recommended grant levels for 2019/20 take into account:
- (a) The amount of grant funding requested.
 - (b) The fees charged to the client.
 - (c) The number of clients supported in the previous year.
 - (d) Income and expenditure for the previous year.
 - (e) The schemes finances.
 - (f) Amounts of reserved and unreserved funding.

Background

6. Mobile and Community Wardens Schemes (sometimes called Community Care Schemes) exist in South Cambridgeshire to support older people to live independently in their homes and in the community they know, and which knows them.
7. The warden schemes are complementary to statutory care services and do not duplicate or replace the medical or social care services that individuals may also require. They can help to combat loneliness and social isolation and can provide significant benefits to clients at relatively low cost. They are seen by clients and their families as a vital community-based service.
8. South Cambridgeshire District Council has been providing grant funding to Mobile and Community Warden Schemes for many years.
9. The grant funding scheme criteria was reviewed by Grants Advisory Committee and amendments were approved by Cabinet on 7 November 2018.

Considerations

10. Applications were welcomed from South Cambridgeshire Mobile and Community Warden Schemes from 30 November 2018 to 25 January 2019. The scheme was advertised on the Council's website, via press release, on social media, via the parish e-bulletin, via local voluntary organisations and direct to all applicants from the previous two-years.
11. Applications were received from all of the applicants that applied in the previous year. Age UK have applied for two additional schemes, Waterbeach and Stapleford. An application was also received from Great Shelford this year. Great Shelford last applied financial year 2016/17. 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. The recommended levels of grant funding for 2019/20 take the following into account:
- (a) The amount of grant funding requested.

- (b) The fees charged to the client.
 - (c) The number of clients supported in the previous year.
 - (d) Income and expenditure for the previous year.
 - (e) The schemes finances.
 - (f) Amounts of reserved and unreserved funding.
13. The total amount of funding for allocation for 2019/20 is £20,510 subject to Council approving the budget.
 14. Total amount of funding applied for by all Mobile Warden Schemes 2019/20 was £31,359.00.
 15. A number of the schemes will receive less funding than they received in 2018/19 due to the additional number of schemes applying for 2019/20. In order to fund all of the schemes to the level they received last year, plus fund the additional schemes to the amount they requested, the total would be £23,410.
 16. It is suggested that all schemes should be encouraged to charge at least £6 per week minimum for their services, in-line with average charge across current schemes. This will help with the ongoing sustainability of the schemes.

Options

17. 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) agree to fund, subject to Council approval of the budget, local Mobile and Community Warden Schemes to the amounts set out in paragraph 3, or
 - (b) award an alternative amount of funding to each scheme, including zero funding, up to the amount of funding available (subject to Council approval of the budget), or
 - (c) defer a decision if further information is required.

Implications

18. 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

19. This Lead Cabinet Member's decision will be made subject to Council's approval of the budget. Should the amount of funding available for 2019/20 be amended it may be necessary for the Lead Cabinet Member to reconsider the amount of funding allocated to schemes.

Consultation responses

20. A small panel of officers met to discuss the applications and agree the levels of funding to recommend to the Lead Cabinet Member. The officers were: Katherine

Southwood (Project Officer), Lesley McFarlane (Development Officer - Health Specialist) and Gemma Barron (Head of Sustainable Communities and Wellbeing).

Effect on Strategic Aims

21. The Mobile Warden Scheme grants help support South Cambridgeshire communities through providing grants to community and voluntary sector groups to help them carry out projects to benefit local people..

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Mobile Warden Scheme Grant Applications For 2019/20

Scheme	Max. no. of people benefitting during the last year	No. of organisations and/or individuals benefited from these activities last year	Equivalent weekly charge (£)		Total requested 2019/20 (£)	Grant 2018/19 (£)	Officer recommendation 2019/20 (£)	Notes
Age UK Cambs x 7 schemes	129	100's	6.00	<i>Histon & Impington</i>	2,520	2,520	2,060	Age UK has requested an additional £2990 from last years requested as they now support Waterbeach and Stapleford. Stapleford has recently received £2000 start up funding from SCDC.
				<i>Swavesey</i>	1,240	1,240	1,000	
				<i>Small villages¹</i>	3,040	3,040	2,400	
				<i>Teversham</i>	1,600	1,600	1,200	
				<i>Waterbeach</i>	1,300	n/a	1,000	
				<i>Linton</i>	2,500	2,500	2,150	
				<i>Stapleford</i>	1,000	n/a	400	
				TOTAL	13,200	10,900	10,210	
Cottenham	22	22	5.00		7,909	1,200	1,800	Uplifted grant this year from last year's award due to Cottenham's low reserves. (Though this year's total request has not been recommended).
Harston	15	20 members	5.00		1,250	1,250	1,250	

¹ Small villages = Balsham, Western Colville, West Wrating, Horseheath, West Wickham, Castle Camps and Shudy Camps

Haslingfield	20	20	12.00		500	250	250	
Melbourn	47	230-420+ client family members, 200 min community members by taking part in events co- organised by the scheme.	7.00		2,500	2,200	2,000	
Milton	20	25	6.00		2,500	2,155	2,000	
The Mordens & Litlington MWS	25	30	7.00		2,500	2,155	2,000	
Great Shelford	36	36	6.00		1,000	n/a	1,000	Great Stapleford does not apply every year but they have applied this year. They last applied 2016/17.
TOTALS	314	~ 537			31,359	20,110	20,510	

Agenda Item 6

REPORT TO: Grants Advisory Committee

22 February 2019

LEAD OFFICER: Head of Sustainable Communities and Wellbeing

Elite Athlete Award Scheme: 2018/19 Review

Purpose

1. To review the Elite Athlete Award Scheme to ensure that it reflects Council priorities and make recommendations to Cabinet.
2. This is not a key decision.

Recommendations

3. It is recommended that Grants Advisory Committee recommends to Cabinet that:
 - (a) the Elite Athlete Award Scheme is discontinued, and
 - (b) the £10,000 set aside for 2018/19 is carried forward into 2019/20, and
 - (c) Grants Advisory Committee is asked to further consider and recommend how the £10,000 funding for 2018/19 and the £10,000 funding for 2019/20 be reallocated in line with the new Business Plan priorities.

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.
5. The Elite Athlete Award Scheme, whilst beneficial for the individuals that receive it, is not currently reflective of the Council's draft priorities for 2019 to 2024. There is £10,000 set aside in the 2018/19 budget and 2019/20 draft budget towards the scheme, which could be reallocated if a decision is made to discontinue with the scheme.

Background

6. South Cambridgeshire District Council was inspired by the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games to invite all elite athletes to apply for an elite athlete award to support their sporting talent. The Elite Athlete Awards Scheme was launched by Lord Sebastian Coe in July 2009.
7. The scheme is open to both able-bodied and disabled athletes, with priority going to those taking part in Olympic, Paralympic and Commonwealth sports.

8. The scheme supports any athlete who lives in South Cambridgeshire. If an applicant studies or trains outside South Cambridgeshire they can still apply, provided their family home is in the district. Applicants who are studying at a College or University within South Cambridgeshire are not eligible unless they also have a family home within the district.
9. All grant recipients are expected to provide a short end of year report including details of their performance and how the grant has been spent in accordance with the information provided in the application. A further condition of grant is that recipients are able to attend at least one community event within a 12 month period following receipt of the grant.
10. Grants are awarded to athletes competing at all levels from regional level (up to £500), national level (up to £1,000), to world class level (up to £2,000). It is a competitive process and applications are assessed with regard to eligibility, performance and potential.
11. The scheme was originally set up to run from 2009 until 2012, however, has since been extended as a legacy to the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games.
12. Historically, a multi-agency grants panel has made award recommendations to members for decision. In recent years, the panel has been made up of representative from the South Cambs School Sports Partnership, Living Sport and the Council.

Considerations

13. The budget for the scheme was initially £20,000 per year, which was reduced to £10,000 in 2012/13. The budget was increased in each of the previous two years to accommodate additional applicants.

Year	Budget ¹ (£)	Total Amount Awarded (£)	Number of applicants
2017/18	10,000	16,350	35
2016/17	10,000	12,000	32
2015/16	10,000	10,050	16
2014/15	10,000	3,300	8
2013/14	10,000	5,350	17
2012/13	10,000 ²	10,000	19
2011/12	20,000	12,700	33
2010/11	20,000	14,550	26
2009/10	20,000	14,250	24

¹ A small amount of funding has been allocated to publicity each year.

² Uncommitted balances from previous years.

14. Prior to 2015/16 the awards were made twice a year. This was amended to ensure that all applications could be viewed together and to ensure that the most deserving athletes were awarded the grants. Additional publicity was also put in place from 2015/16, with social media, radio and film being utilised as well as the South Cambs Magazine and other media outlets.

15. At a workshop of the Grants Advisory Committee, held on 11 September 2018, the following points/questions were raised. Information is also provided below following investigation into the points/questions raised.

(a) Are there other grants available for South Cambridgeshire applicants?

Many grant funding schemes are only available to groups. Schemes that we believe are available to individuals include:

- Sports Aid (Cambridgeshire Sports Aid) – typically 12-18 year olds, must be nominated by their sport governing body.
- TASS (Talented Athlete Scholarship Scheme) – up to £3,500
- The Ron Pickering Memorial Fund – typically 15-23 year olds
- The Dickie Bird Foundation – children under 16, varying amounts
- GLL Sports Foundation – all ages, £250-£1,500
- Johanna Brown Trust – young people, £100-£1,000
- Prices Trust – 16-30 year olds, up to £500
- Get Kids Going (Disabilities) – up to 26 year olds
- Caudwell Children ‘Enable Sport’ (Disabilities) – under 19 years old

Most of the funds are national pots.

(b) The scheme is not currently means tested. How can the Council be sure that the grants are being awarded to those most in need?

Looking at other grant funding schemes available, some are means tested. Examples of questions include “do the child's parents/guardians earn less than £45k gross per annum?”. It should be remembered that the South Cambs Elite Athlete Award Scheme has historically been available to people of any age.

Feedback from previous recipients show that the grants are appreciated because it

- provided a welcome additional contribution to equipment and training,
- allowed sportmen and women to take their sport to the next level,
- allowed opportunities to train and compete abroad, and
- is a positive scheme for young people.

16. In reviewing the scheme against the current Corporate Plan and the Council’s draft priorities for 2019-2024 (to be considered at Council on 21 February), it is difficult to see a clear fit:

(a) The ‘housing that is affordable for everyone to live in’ priority area includes reference to encouraging more people to participate in active and healthy lifestyles, including increasing the number of sporting activities we deliver, or in partnership, for all ages and abilities each year. Whilst there is a wealth of evidence to support that participation in regular physical activity has both direct and indirect impacts on people’s physical and mental health, and

enables people to build social capital³, there is a lack of evidence to support that the Olympic Games, or individual elite athletes, can encourage the wider population into physical activity⁴. According to the most recent UK Physical Activity Report published by the British Heart Foundation 2017⁵, 39% of adults in the UK still do not meet the recommended physical activity levels and the number of children meeting the recommended amount of physical activity for healthy development drops by 40% as they progress through primary school⁶. It is likely that the people being supported by the scheme would continue to remain active and healthy if the grant scheme was discontinued.

- (b) The draft 'economic development' priority area includes a focus on skills, however, these are in the context of developing skills needed by local employers.

Options

- 17. The Grants Advisory Committee could recommend to Cabinet that:
 - (a) the Elite Athlete Award Scheme is discontinued, or
 - (b) the Elite Athlete Award Scheme is continued under the same terms and conditions as the existing scheme, or
 - (c) the Elite Athlete Award Scheme is continued, with amendments (to be specified) to the existing scheme.

- 18. The Grants Advisory Committee could recommend to Cabinet that, if discontinued,
 - (a) the £10,000 funding for 2018/19 is carried forward into 2019/20, or reallocated to:
 - (i) another grant scheme (to be specified, with reasons, by the Committee), or
 - (ii) the General Fund, or
 - (iii) another purpose (to be specified, with reasons, by the Committee).
 - (b) the £10,000 funding for 2019/20 is reallocated to:
 - (i) another grant scheme (to be specified, with reasons, by the Committee), or
 - (ii) the General Fund, or
 - (iii) another purpose (to be specified, with reasons, by the Committee).
 - (c) Grants Advisory Committee is asked to further consider how the £10,000 funding for 2018/19 and/or the £10,000 funding for 2019/20 be reallocated in line with the new Business Plan priorities.

Implications

- 19. 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: -

Equality and Diversity

- 20. It is difficult to quantify the potential impact of discontinuing the Elite Athlete Award Scheme because equality and diversity information has not been required of applicants and the scheme has not been means tested.

³ Improving the public's health: A resource for local authorities, The King's Fund, 2013.

⁴ [Can the London 2012 Olympics inspire a generation to do more physical or sporting activities. An overview of systematic reviews](#)

⁵ [BHF Physical Inactivity and Sedentary Behaviour Report 2017](#)

⁶ <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/number-of-children-getting-enough-physical-activity-drops-by-40>

Consultation responses

21. There has been no consultation carried out, however, the recommendations are linked to the current Corporate Plan and draft priorities for 2019-2024, which has recently been consulted upon. The consultation responses for the draft priorities for 2019-2024 were published with the agenda for the Scrutiny and Overview Committee on 22 January 2019. There were no significant comments that relate to this report.

Effect on Strategic Aims

22. See paragraphs 16 above.

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