



REPORT TO: Health and Wellbeing Portfolio Holder Meeting 19 February 2018
LEAD OFFICER: Director, Health and Environmental Services

Mobile Warden Scheme Grant Funding 2018/19

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 2018/19.
2. This is not a key decision.

Recommendations

3. It is recommended that the Portfolio Holder agrees to fund, subject to Council approval of the budget, local Mobile and Community Warden Schemes to the following amounts:

Scheme	Recommended Grant (£)
Histon & Impington (Age UK)	2,520
Swavesey (Age UK)	1,240
Small Villages ¹ (Age UK)	3,040
Teversham (Age UK)	1,600
Linton (Age UK)	2,500
Cottenham	1,200
Harston	1,250
Haslingfield	250
Melbourn	2,200
Milton	2,155
The Mordens & Litlington MWS	2,155
TOTALS	20,110

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

Reasons for Recommendations

4. The recommended grant levels for 2018/19 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.

Background

2. 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.
3. 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.
4. South Cambridgeshire District Council has been providing grant funding to Mobile and Community Warden Schemes for many years.

Considerations

5. Applications were welcomed from South Cambridgeshire Mobile and Community Warden Schemes from 27 November 2017 to 19 January 2018. 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.
6. Applications were received from all of the applicants that applied in the previous year. No new schemes have applied; however, the Melbourn scheme has now expanded to include Shepreth as well as Meldreth. 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).
7. The recommended levels of grant funding for 2018/19 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.

8. The total amount of funding for allocation is £20,110 subject to Council approving the budget.

Options

9. The Portfolio Holder could:
 - (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

10. 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

11. This Portfolio Holder's decision will be made subject to Council's approval of the budget. Should the amount of funding available for 2018/19 be amended it may be necessary for the Portfolio Holder to reconsider the amount of funding allocated to schemes.

Consultation responses

12. A small panel of officers met to discuss the applications and agree the levels of funding to recommend to the Portfolio Holder. The officers were: Cecilia Murphy-Roads (Project Officer), Lesley McFarlane (Development Officer - Health Specialist) and Gemma Barron (Head of Sustainable Communities and Wellbeing).

Effect on Strategic Aims

LIVING WELL

13. The Mobile Warden Scheme grants help support our residents to stay in good health as they grow old, with access to the services they need. The schemes are evidence of thriving communities, helping themselves.

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