

REPORT TO: Grants Advisory Committee

27 November 2018

LEAD OFFICER: Director, Health and Environmental Services

Grants to Voluntary Sector: 6-Monthly Update Report

Purpose

1. To examine the delivery of grant programmes to the voluntary sector funded by the Council in quarters 1 and 2 of 2018-19.
2. This is not a key decision because it reviews expenditure within current budgets.

Recommendations

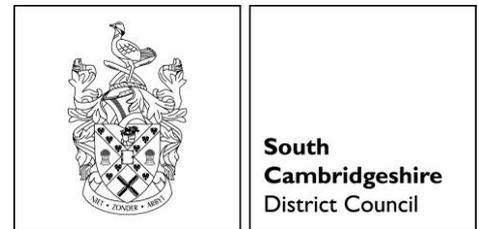
3. The Grants Advisory Committee is asked to review the report and make recommendations to the Lead Cabinet Member for Finance to inform his decision-making in respect of
 - (i) Concerns, if any, for future investigation or action
 - (ii) Reallocation of £4,000 from the Cambourne Church/Cambourne Children's Centre project, which is unable to proceed as intended.

Reasons for Recommendations

4. All organisations receiving grants, except Cambourne Church/Cambourne Children's Centre, are on track to deliver the agreed outputs to time and to budget, achieving the objectives of individual grant programmes. All recipients are being actively monitored.

Background

5. The scope of this report covers the following grant funds:
 - (a) Supporting Parishes and Communities
 - (i) Community Chest
 - (b) Voluntary Sector – Advice and other grants
 - (i) Service Support Grants
 1. Generalist and Specialist Advice
 2. Community Transport
 3. Independent Living
 4. Support Parishes and Communities
 5. Fit to Learn
 6. Homelessness Prevention
 - (c) Housing and Independent Living
 - (i) Mortgage advice
 - (ii) Mobile Warden Scheme



- (d) Planning and Economic Development
 - (i) Farmland Museum
 - (ii) Wildlife Enhancement
- (e) Young people
 - (i) Young People's Partnership
 - (ii) Elite Athlete Award Scheme
- (f) Community Energy Fund

Considerations

- 6. A summary report of progress during quarters one and two for all grant programmes is provided in Appendix 1. The summary also gives an officer opinion on the status against targets agreed within grant agreements.
- 7. Appendix 2 comprises further detailed reports from grant recipients of Service Support Grants.
- 8. Appendix 3 comprises a report from the Farmland Museum.
- 9. Following the Grants Advisory Committee on 21 June 2018, the grant to Cambourne Church/Children's Centre was withdrawn and ring-fenced pending an attempt to resolve the situation preventing delivery of the project. Cambourne Children's Centre subsequently informed the Council's Development Officer that delivery of the project would not be possible in 2018-19 as, due to the timings of the school year, it was then already too late to start the project.
- 10. There are a number of options that the led Cabinet Member could consider regarding the funding that was allocated to the Cambourne Church / Children's Centre (£4,000), for example, the lead Cabinet Member could reallocate the funding to another project / recipient, return the funding to the General Fund or add it to the Community Chest.. In order to continue to benefit local communities during the financial year the simplest option would be to vire the monies into the Community Chest.
- 11. Funding agreements for grants provided through the Service Support Grants programme are for three years, subject to satisfactory performance at annual review. This report is on the first two quarters of year 3 for funding agreements for 2016-19. Monitoring and reporting on grants takes place at six monthly intervals.

Options

- 12. Grants Advisory Committee could:
 - (a) note the delivery of all grant programmes within the scope of this report, as currently delivered; and/or
 - (b) highlight any concerns for further investigation or action
 - (c) recommend reallocation of £4000 from the Cambourne Church/Children's Centre project for 2018/19 to the Community Chest, return the funding to the General Fund or vire the amount to another budget

Implications

13. 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: -

Legal

14. Arrangements are in place with grant recipients, which should be followed, if a variation or discontinuation of funding is agreed.

Consultation responses

15. None

Effect on Strategic Aims

16. 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
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Leaders Portfolio Meeting, 1 Feb 2013

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Leaders Portfolio Meeting, 16 December 2016

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