

**REPORT TO:** Grants Advisory Committee

28 April 2023

**LEAD CABINET MEMBER:** Cllr John Williams

**LEAD OFFICER:** Jeff Mambery

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## **Children and Young People's Grant end of Year Report 2023**

### **Executive Summary**

1. Grants Advisory Committee (GAC) agreed at committee in January 2022 to allocate £78,000 to provide some financial support to children and young people's organisations in the district in a one-off grant fund.
2. This report follows on from the Children and Young People's Grant Review provided on 24 June 2022 and provides GAC with an end of year update from each organisation as to how these one-off funds were spent and the outcomes attained.

### **Key Decision**

3. No. This report provides information only.

### **Recommendations**

4. Members of the Grants Advisory Committee are asked to note the content of the report and offer comments and/or make recommendations to the Lead Member for Resources as appropriate. Specifically, there are requests from three organisations to extend the timescales originally set, or to re-focus their projects.

### **Reasons for Recommendations**

5. The Grants Advisory Committee's role is to consider and make recommendations to the Lead Cabinet Member responsible for Finance, or Cabinet as appropriate, including, but not limited to:
  - a. Reviewing the Council's grants schemes to ensure they reflect Council priorities.
  - b. Designing any new or revised grants schemes, including consideration of criteria and guidance applicable in respect of each scheme.

- c. Considering applications made under the Council's grants schemes.

## Details

6. The Children and Young Peoples grant scheme was a one-off grant fund making best use of £38,000 of unspent funds for the expansion across the district of the Mobile Warden Schemes (as agreed at Grants Advisory Committee in August 2021).
7. The pilot grant fund was subsequently increased by an additional £40,000 following funding being provided by Cambridgeshire County Council, bringing the total available to £78,000 for this one-off grant fund.
8. Applications were open to voluntary and community sector groups, charities and public sector bodies wishing to further improve quality of life for the children and young people of South Cambridgeshire. Applicants were invited to apply for sums £4,000 - £8,000 with the objective that the initiative/activity or project must deliver one or more of the following:
- Help children, young people and their communities to develop their own initiatives and by doing so contribute to their own resilience and well-being and that of their community
  - Motivate and empower other children and young people and their community members to take part and, by doing so, develop social capacity.
  - Develop opportunities for children, young people and their families to engage in positive activity which is beneficial to their physical and mental health and well-being
  - Address social disadvantage and equality of opportunity.
9. Thirteen projects were funded totalling £77,920.33:

App Number	Applicant	Ref	Category	Amount awarded
1	Cambridge Fire & Rescue	PTHGWLFV	Anti Social Behaviour	£7,000
2	Orchard Park Community Council	QKKZLZMZ	Anti Social Behaviour	£8,000
3	Creative Cooking (WAY)	MQQWGDLL	Diet	£5,722
4	Let's Cook CIC	VVTLKRSH	Diet	£7,568.33
5	Orwell Eco Youth Council	SCFVDWGV	Environmental	£4,860
6	Cambridge Joint Play schemes	LWWNRQVS	Learning Disabilities	£5,000
7	Kite Trust	PCXGSCMC	LGBTQ Mental Health	£6,500

8	Blue Smile	NSXBJNJT	Mental Health	£5,422
9	Cambridge Acorn Jazz	BZWRRPP	Mental Health	£5,000
10	Histon & Impington M Health	XSMCPDPN	Mental Health	£4,190
11	Romsey Mill	VPTQWPXM	Mental health	£4,158
12	Unique Feet	FCGGIZBS	Mental Health	£7,500
13	SSYL Sawston	SQWLKHFF	Non-specific	£7,000

10. Of the thirteen applications, eight addressed mental health, two addressed food/diet, two addressed anti-social behaviour and one was non-specific.
11. Appendix A gives an end of year summary with officer comments on what the schemes and initiatives have achieved since funds were awarded in January 2022.
12. The funding has largely been spent or allocated for spending. 10 of the organisations have achieved the objectives stated in their applications. The following three organisations are behind schedule and Appendix A provides details.:
- **Orchard Park Community Council** - project did not get under way until March 2022 and will not be completed until the end of March 2023. We await further information about outcomes achieved and to what degree there are synergies between this work and the Council's Community Safety Partnership and Community Led Plan work, which could increase the sustainability of the outcomes GAC is asked to consider recommending an extension to the original timescales.
  - **Orwell Eco Youth Council** - three-month delay before recruitment of a youth worker started as the Parish Council discussed options for a way forward. This was also compounded by no one coming forward to take the role on once it was advertised. Therefore, the project could not properly start until June 2022. Although they have achieved their main objectives, their estimated completion date is July 2023 and consequently GAC is asked to recommend an extension to the original timescales.
  - **Friends of Histon & Impington Community (HI Friends)** – the original training provider withdrew in July 2022 which was a significant project setback. A replacement trainer was sourced and confirmed in October 2022. GAC is asked to consider recommending an extension to the agreed timescales.
13. If requested, a further paper could be brought to GAC summarising the final outcomes of the three projects that are incomplete at present.

## Background Papers

Grants Advisory Committee Meetings

<https://scambs.moderngov.co.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?CId=1096&Year=0>

## **Appendices**

Appendix A: Applications Summary Report

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