

SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Environmental Services Portfolio Holder
LEAD OFFICER: Director Health and Environmental Services

29 April 2014

Mobile Warden Scheme: Grants 2014/15 Report on the Delegated Officer Decision

Purpose

1. To inform the Portfolio Holder of the outcome of the officer delegated decision to award the grants for Mobile/Community Warden Schemes for 2014/15
2. This is not a key decision because the decision has been made under officer delegated powers, however the Portfolio Holder requested an update report showing the amount of grants awarded and the reasoning behind the allocations. It was also first published in the December 2013 Forward Plan.

Recommendations

3. It is recommended that the Portfolio Holder notes the grants awarded for the Mobile/Community Warden schemes as set out in the Table below

Reasons for Recommendations

4. The total budget available for the Mobile/Community Warden Schemes for 2014/15 is £18,550. The total amount requested from all the schemes totalled £26,200. The allocations to each scheme are made with reference to the following, using the grant application form:
 - The number of people benefitting from each scheme
 - The amount of financial reserves available to each scheme
 - The amount of funding requested by each scheme
 - The amount of funding allocated in previous years by the council to each scheme
 - The amount each scheme charges its clients

Background

5. Mobile/Community Wardens provide support for older people in the villages of South Cambridgeshire. In South Cambridgeshire there are 8 providers running 12 schemes covering 22 villages. Approximately 240 older people benefit directly across the schemes per year. The schemes support older people in a number of different ways and each scheme runs differently reflecting local need and resources. South Cambridgeshire District Council offers a grant to support these schemes.

Considerations

6. This year's scheme opened for applications in at the beginning of December 2013 and closed at the end of January 2014. A total of eight applications were received, covering 22 villages.
7. The funding has been allocated as per the table below based on the following rationale:

- Haslingfield is a scheme with surplus reserves, and £250 is all they request each year.
- There are seven schemes supported by Care Network based schemes and one Age UK Cambridgeshire scheme (which covers five separate schemes). Age UK Cambridgeshire has been allocated 54% of the total budget and serve 37% of the number of people benefiting from the schemes. Age UK Cambridgeshire Schemes are more expensive to run as the staff are paid employees of Age UK Cambridgeshire and therefore Age UK Cambridgeshire incur additional employee related expenditure compared to the other schemes which tend to rely on a self employed or volunteer model.
- A small increase has been made to Age UK Cambridgeshire schemes as they have increased the coverage of their small villages scheme to cover Carlton and also launched the Swavesey scheme last year.
- The Harston scheme asked for £3,950 but only serves eight clients. Their funding has been reduced to allow additional funding to be allocated to those schemes which have increased their client numbers. (Care Network will be asked to give additional support to the Harston Scheme to increase the number of clients served).
- The Council would wish to support all the schemes with the limited funding that is available, therefore it is a difficult balancing act to award the grants fairly as the amount requested totals £26,200 compared to the £18,550 available.

Scheme	Grant Awarded 2014-15	Amount requested for 2014-15
Milton Community Care Scheme	£1,250	£2000
Mordens & Litlington MWS	£1,250	£2000
Cottenham MWS	£1,200	£1,500
Harston & District Community Warden Scheme	£800	£3,950
Great Shelford MWS	£1,200	£1,200
Haslingfield Community Warden Scheme	£250	£250
Melbourn MWS	£2,600	£5,000
Histon & Impington (Age UK Cambridgeshire Scheme)	£1,650	£1,700
Teversham (Age UK Cambridgeshire Scheme)	£1,700	£1,700
Linton	£2,400	£2,500
Small Villages (Age UK Cambridgeshire Scheme)	£3,000	£3,100
Swavesey (Age UK Cambridgeshire Scheme)	£1,250	£1,300
Total	£18,550	£26,200

Options

8. None – for information only

Implications

9. 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: -
10. There are no significant implications

Consultation responses (including from the Youth Council)

11. The Portfolio Holder was consulted prior to the grants being awarded.

Effect on Strategic Aims

Aim 1 – Wellbeing - Ensure that South Cambridgeshire continues to offer an outstanding quality of life for our residents

12. The Mobile warden scheme enables older people to remain independent in their own homes for longer, and therefore improves the lives of not only the older person but also the community in which they live.

Aim 2 – Partnerships - Work with partners to create opportunities for employment, enterprise, education and world-leading innovation

13. As part funder to these schemes the Council is contributing to the wider community assets and enabling communities to sustain their schemes without relying on a single funder.

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.

None

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