

**South Cambridgeshire District Council
Record of Executive Decision**

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- a General Exception notice has been published under Rule 15 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules and the Chairman of Scrutiny and Overview Committee has been informed in writing; or
- a Special Urgency notice has been published under Rule 16 of those Rules and the Chairman of Scrutiny and Overview Committee has agreed the decision is urgent.

Unless permission has been obtained from the Chairman of Council and the Chairman of the Scrutiny and Overview Committee that this decision may be treated as a matter of urgency under Rule 12.19 of the Scrutiny and Overview Committee Procedure Rules, this decision will come into force, and may then be implemented, on the expiry of five working days after the publication of the decision, unless called in under Rule 7 of the Budget and Policy Framework Procedure Rules or Rule 12 of the Scrutiny and Overview Committee Procedure Rules. Where consent has been obtained to exempt the decision from call-in, this will be specified below.

Lead Cabinet Member	Lead Cabinet member for Finance
Subject Matter	Community Chest Grants (February - additional text)
Ward(s) Affected	Various
Date Taken	Monday, 15 March 2021
Contact Officer	Jason Clarke, Development Officer (jason.clarke@scambs.gov.uk)
Date Published	Monday, 15 March 2021
Call-In Expiry/Exempt from call-in	Monday, 22 March 2021
Key Decision?	No
In Forward Plan?	No
Urgent?	No

Purpose / Background
<p>On 26 February 2021 the Grants Advisory Committee met and agreed the following temporary amendments to the Community Chest Guidance to allow Parish Councils and other Community Groups to make Covid Specific Community Chest Grant applications for a limited time.</p> <p>After consideration of temporary amendments to the Community Chest Guidance, the Committee recommended to the Lead Cabinet Member for Finance that:</p> <p>1. The following text be inserted to the Community Chest Guidance (Appendix B) The Grants Advisory Committee have agreed to relax the eligible body requirements for Community Chest Applications until 28th May 2021 committee meeting (and a second round of applications to be invited to June 2021 Committee if unspent funding remains). This is to allow any group or Parish Council to apply for a Covid recovery related grant of up to £2,000. The Committee can award a maximum grant allocation of up to £2000 specifically in the case of applications designed to mitigate the effects of the Coronavirus pandemic and aid recovery.</p> <p>This is in addition to the standard Community Chest application that may be made. This is a temporary change to Community Chest Guidance, for applications brought</p>

before May 2021 (and possibly June 2021) committee meetings depending on remaining funding. For example, a parish council which would usually be ineligible for funding can apply for Covid specific funding for up to £2,000, a group could apply for up to £2,000, or if a particularly worthwhile project requested part funding, the Grants Advisory Committee may fund the project at a higher level than requested if it feels appropriate to do so. Covid recovery related applications are restricted to one application per eligible body, and a group may apply for both Community Chest grant and Covid Recovery Grant in the current financial year. This is a temporary change in guidance and any applications reviewed under this guidance are done so entirely at the discretion of the Grants Advisory Committee. No guarantee of funding is made for normal or Covid recovery related Community Chest Applications.

Declaration(s) of Interest
Record below any relevant interest declared by any executive Member consulted or by an officer present in relation to the decision.
 None

Dispensation(s)
In respect of any conflict(s) of interest declared above, record below any dispensation(s) granted by the Council's Standards Committee.
 None

Consultation
Record below all parties consulted in relation to the decision.
 The subject of Covid recovery based community chest grants was discussed by the Grants Advisory Committee on February 26th 2021.

Other Options Considered and Reasons for Rejection
 To reject or vary the recommendations of the Grants Advisory Committee and make a decision regarding the temporary changes to the Community Chest scheme to allow groups and Parish Councils to apply for.

Final decision	Reason(s)
To accept the recommendations of the Grants Advisory Committee (see above).	To aid communities in Covid recovery.

Signed	Name (CAPITALS)	Signature	Date
Lead Cabinet Member	Signed copy available upon request from Democratic Services (democratic.services@scambs.gov.uk)		
Chief Officer			

Further Information