

**South Cambridgeshire District Council
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- 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.

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Lead Cabinet Member	Lead Cabinet member for Finance
Subject Matter	Grants to Mobile Warden Schemes 2021/2024
Ward(s) Affected	All Wards
Date Taken	Wednesday, 31 March 2021
Contact Officer	Lesley McFarlane, Development Officer - Health Specialist 01954 713443 (lesley.mcfarlane@scambs.gov.uk)
Date Published	Thursday, 1 April 2021
Call-In Expiry/Exempt from call-in	Monday, 12 April 2021
Key Decision?	No
In Forward Plan?	No
Urgent?	No

Purpose / Background
<p>On 26 March 2021 the Grants Advisory Committee met to decide how to allocate the funding for existing Mobile/Community Warden schemes as part of the Council's scheme of grants to the voluntary sector.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>South Cambridgeshire District Council has been providing grant funding to Mobile and Community Warden Schemes for many years. The grant application process was run from</p>

November to January.

Grants Advisory Committee recommended to grant funding to the Mobile Warden Schemes as follows:

Year 1 (2021-2022) £33,800

Year 2 (2022-2023) £53,202

Year 3 (2023-2024) £71,708

An increase in funding was made possible due to an underspend from the procurement exercise last year. The increases in year 2 and 3 reflect incremental increases to operational costs and the addition of new schemes procured in 2020 by Age UK. This does not include the Gamlingay scheme which will require part funding from October 2022, for which funding has been set aside.

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.

Cllr Jose Hales declared an interest in the Melbourn Mobile Warden Scheme.

Dispensation(s)

In respect of any conflict(s) of interest declared above, record below any dispensation(s) granted by the Council's Standards Committee.

Consultation

Record below all parties consulted in relation to the decision.

The applications received for the grants were considered by an officer panel consisting of Kathryn Hawkes, Lesley McFarlane and Robyn Kerrigan. The recommendation from the officer panel was then considered by the Grants Advisory Committee on 26 March 2021.

Other Options Considered and Reasons for Rejection

- a) award the amount set out in Year 1 which remains static over the 3 year period; or
- b) award an alternative amount of funding to each scheme, including zero funding, to a maximum of the funding available within the scheme; or
- c) defer a decision if further information is required.

All the above options were rejected as Grants Advisory Committee recommended funding all the schemes to the full amount requested given the schemes may incur increased operational costs over the 3 year term of the agreement.

Final decision	Reason(s)
<p>To award the Mobile Warden Schemes the grant funding for 2021/24 as per table 1 below.</p> <p>To support a valuable community led service within each of these wards/villages in keeping with the Council's aims and objectives.</p> <p>The decision to award the grants as per Table 1 was made taking into consideration:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">a) the amount of grant funding requested,b) the fees charged by to the clientc) the number of clients supported in the	<p>All the above options were rejected as Grants Advisory Committee recommended funding all the schemes to the full amount requested given the schemes may incur increased operational costs over the 3 year term of the agreement.</p>

- previous year,
- d) income and expenditure for the previous year,
- e) the schemes finances, and
- f) the amount of reserved and unreserved funding.
- g) Increases to operational costs over the 3-year period
- h) Plans to promote schemes and build capacity to meet the needs of more clients throughout the term of the grant.

Table 1: Proposed Grant Allocation

See Appendix A

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

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