

**South Cambridgeshire District Council  
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<b>Lead Cabinet Member</b>	Lead Cabinet member for Finance
<b>Subject Matter</b>	Criteria for grant awards for Dual Use Leisure Facilities
<b>Ward(s) Affected</b>	All Wards
<b>Date Taken</b>	Friday, 28 May 2021
<b>Contact Officer</b>	Lesley McFarlane, Development Officer - Health Specialist 01954 713443 (lesley.mcfarlane@scamb.gov.uk)
<b>Date Published</b>	Friday, 28 May 2021
<b>Call-In Expiry/Exempt from call-in</b>	Monday, 7 June 2021
<b>Key Decision?</b>	No
<b>In Forward Plan?</b>	No
<b>Urgent?</b>	No

<b>Purpose / Background</b>
Grants Advisory Committee (GAC) met on the Friday 28 May 2021 to recommend to the Lead Cabinet Member for Finance the criteria and evaluation methodology for applicants of the one-off Dual Use Leisure Facility Grant Funding. A sum of £50,000 had been allocated by the Council for Health and Wellbeing from within the Central Government funding for Local Authorities with the purpose of mitigating the impacts of Covid-19.
Following discussion between Officers and Lead Members it had been proposed that the most effective use of this funding would be to help improve the leisure facility offer with

the aim of encouraging the return of existing facility members and attract new membership, thereby promoting exercise and health and wellbeing post-Covid. These leisure centres have largely remained closed for the past year.

It is anticipated that a small investment into the décor and the introduction of updated equipment and / or facility hire will help to encourage the return of members, provide an attractive offer for new members and help breathe new life into these facilities.

It was recommended that the grants be assessed by officers and signed off by the Lead Member for Finance. There are only 11 dual use centres eligible for this scheme and therefore there is a limited group of potential applicants by comparison with other schemes run by the Council, such as the Community Chest. The grant scheme provides very tight criteria and assessment methodology for a technical assessment within tight time frames working within the school year.

**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.*

Officers within The Sustainable Communities and Wellbeing team together with the Lead Member for Community Resilience & Wellbeing and the Chair of the Grants Advisory Committee.

**Other Options Considered and Reasons for Rejection**

- agree the criteria and evaluation methodology for applications, with award recommendations made by officers and agreed by the Lead Member for Finance, with amendments;
- defer a decision if further information was required.

<b>Final decision</b>	<b>Reason(s)</b>
To agree the criteria and evaluation methodology for applications, with award recommendations to be made by officers and agreed by the Lead Member for Finance, as presented to the Grants Advisory Committee.	It was agreed that no amendments were necessary.  It was agreed that no further information was required.

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

<b>Further Information</b>