

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

Purpose / Background
Grants Advisory Committee (GAC) met on the Friday 28 May 2021 to recommend to the Lead Cabinet Member for Finance that Gamlingay Guardians Community Warden Scheme be permitted to alter their service delivery model, including the fees charged, in order to attract clients to the scheme. As a result of the assistance provided to vulnerable residents during the Covid pandemic, which itself has been positive, no one has wanted to sign up to a paid service. It is felt that a change in the model would help resolve this problem.

Such a change would also negate the need for additional grant funding from Oct 2022 to March 2024. Consequently, any remaining unspent Mobile Warden Scheme funding could be included in the sum previously allocated across the 3 years of the next round of Service Support Grants (2022-25) (a decision made at the 30 April 2021 meeting of Grants Advisory Committee).

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

Recommendations:

It is proposed that GAC recommends to the Lead Member for Finance, both the following:

- i. to leave in place the grant that was allocated to Gamlingay Guardians Community Warden Scheme and approve the alteration to service delivery to clients, including the service fees charged; and
- ii. to reassign the c. £8k funding that was ring-fenced for the Gamlingay Guardians Community Warden Scheme and use it instead towards the agreed increase in Service Support Grants for 2022-25 (along with the remaining unspent Mobile Warden Scheme funding agreed at GAC 30 April 2021).

With regard to recommendation i) the committee could alternatively have agreed to recommend to the Lead Member for Finance to:

- withdraw support for the Gamlingay Guardians Community Warden Scheme and reallocate the grant; or
- defer a decision if further information were required.

With regard to recommendation ii) the committee alternatively have agreed to recommend to the Lead Member for Finance to:

- reassign the c. £8k funding that was ring-fenced for the Gamlingay Guardians Community Warden Scheme for a purpose to be recommended by GAC.

Final decision	Reason(s)
<p>With regard to recommendation i)</p> <p>Decision: to continue to support the Gamlingay Guardians Community Warden Scheme in accordance with the new proposal, i.e. fewer client contacts, reduced fees (and with no requirement for additional funding).</p> <p>With regard to recommendation ii)</p> <p>Decision: to reassign the c. £8k funding that was ring-fenced for the Gamlingay Guardians Community Warden Scheme and use it instead towards the agreed increase in Service Support Grants for 2022-25 (along with the remaining unspent Mobile Warden Scheme funding agreed at GAC 30 April 2021).</p>	<p>With regard to recommendation i):</p> <p>Neither option was felt necessary and it was hoped that with more time and some development work the Gamlingay Guardians Community Warden Scheme would be successful.</p> <p>With regard to recommendation ii):</p> <p>This option was not considered necessary. A decision was made at the 30 April meeting of GAC to allocate unspent Mobile Warden Scheme funding to the Service Support Grants for 2022-25 and this was also considered the best option for the funding no longer required by the Gamlingay Guardians Community Warden Scheme.</p>

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

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