

REPORT TO: Grants Advisory Committee 28 February 2020

LEAD CABINET MEMBER: Cllr John Williams – Lead Cabinet Member for Finance

LEAD OFFICER: Kathryn Hawkes – Programme Manager

Grant Review

Executive Summary

1. To review options for the re-purposing of two previously identified grant schemes in line with business priorities, namely – Children and Young People’s Area Partnership and Elite Athlete Award Scheme.

Key Decision

2. No

Recommendations

3. It is recommended that Grants Advisory Committee (GAC) notes the content of this report on each reviewed grant scheme and recommends to the Lead Cabinet Member for Finance that:
 - (a) The funding previously made available for the Elite Athlete Awards Scheme (EAAS) for 2020/21, and beyond, be added to the fund for existing mobile warden schemes.
 - (b) The funding previously made available for the Children and Young People’s Area Partnership (CYPAP) for 2019/20 be added to the pot for existing mobile warden schemes.

Reasons for Recommendations

4. The two schemes identified in paragraph 3 above have been identified for review as follows:
 - (a) EAAS – this scheme has already been discontinued for the purpose of review and now needs a decision on it’s future use.
 - (b) CYPAP - this committee of countywide partners was disbanded/discontinued with no allowance made in the budget from 2020/21 and beyond.

Details

Elite Athlete Award Scheme

5. There is a budget of £10 000 allocated to the discontinued EAAS. On 3 April 2019, Cabinet approved the discontinuation of the EAAS. It was also decided that this funding was to remain grant funding and be used in line with Council priorities to be advised by GAC.
6. On 27 September 2019 the decision was taken to amalgamate the EAAS funding for 2018/19, which was unused, and 2019/20 into the Community Chest Grant for the financial year 2019/20 with a decision yet to be made on the permanent allocation of this grant going forward.

Children and Young Peoples Area Partnership

7. SCDC has been making contributions to the CYPAP of £10,000 per year. The County Council started a review of this partnership in 2016/17 which led to the partnership being discontinued leaving a total of £40,000 in reserve.
8. £30,000 of this funding was subsequently approved, by the former Director of Health and Environmental Services, for use to meet a SCDC S106 liability for floodlights on the MUGA at Northstowe.
9. The remaining £10,000 from the CYPAP is currently still unallocated for 2019/20 and no further contributions have been included in the budget beyond 2020/21.

Options

1. Permanently combine the EAAS budget of £10,000 pa and CYPAP, a one-off amount of £10,000, into the mobile warden scheme with effect from April 2020/21.
2. Combined the total mentioned in paragraph 2 into a “holding-pot” for future allocation as advised by GAC.
3. Allocate funding to another existing grant scheme as advised by GAC.

Implications

10. In the writing of this report, taking into account financial, legal, staffing, risk, equality and diversity, climate change, and any other key issues, the following implications have been considered:-
11. There are no significant implications.

Alignment with Council Priority Areas

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12. Within the business plan we have pledged to “support and celebrate South Cambridgeshire communities” by “providing grants to community and voluntary groups to help them carry out projects to benefit local people”. This review aims to increase the amount of grant funding available to local people and thereby enable them to deliver more projects within their communities.

Background Papers

Cabinet, 3 April 2019

<https://scambs.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=293&MId=7366&Ver=4>

Grants Advisory Committee, 27 September 2019

<https://scambs.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=1096&MId=7582&Ver=4>

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