

**REPORT TO:** Grants Advisory Committee 24 June 2022

**LEAD CABINET MEMBER:** Councillor John Williams, Lead Cabinet Member for Finance

**LEAD OFFICER:** Gareth Bell, Service Manager, Comms and Communities

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## **Children and Young People's Grant Funding – review of pilot**

### **Executive Summary**

1. The purpose of this paper is to present a review of outcomes to date of funds granted in January 2022 to children and young people's organisations. A one-off Children and Young People's Grant (CYPG) saw funding awarded to organisations and groups supporting initiatives promoting wellbeing for children and young people in the District. This report is being brought to Grants Advisory Committee ahead of a review of the Council's Service Support Grants to the Voluntary and Community Sector in advance of the 2023/26 scheme launch at the end of 2022.

### **Key Decision**

2. Is this a Key Decision? – No.

### **Recommendations**

3. It is recommended that the Grants Advisory Committee considers the report and its appendices (which provide a snapshot mid-year of the outcomes achieved through the Children and Young People's grants since January) and makes recommendations as appropriate to the Lead Cabinet Member for Finance regarding the consideration of these outcomes in the forthcoming review of the Service Support Grants.

## Reasons for Recommendations

4. The Grants Advisory Committee's role is to consider and make recommendations to the Lead Cabinet Member responsible for Finance, or Cabinet as appropriate, including, but not limited to:
  - a) Reviewing the Council's grants schemes to ensure they reflect Council priorities.
  - b) Designing any new or revised grants schemes, including consideration of criteria and guidance applicable in respect of each scheme.
  - c) Considering applications made under the Council's grants schemes.

## Details

5. The current Children and Young Peoples grant scheme was a pilot grant fund making best use of £38,000 of unspent funds for the expansion across the district of the Mobile Warden Schemes (as agreed at Grants Advisory Committee in August 2021).
6. The pilot grant fund was subsequently increased by an additional £40,000 following funding being provided by Cambridgeshire County Council, bringing the total available to £78,000 for this one-off grant fund.
7. Applications were open to voluntary and community sector groups, charities and public sector bodies wishing to further improve quality of life for the children and young people of South Cambridgeshire. Applicants were invited to apply for sums £4,000 - £8,000 with the objective that the initiative/activity or project must deliver one or more of the following:
  - Help children, young people and their communities to develop their own initiatives and by doing so contribute to their own resilience and well-being and that of their community
  - Motivate and empower other children and young people and their community members to take part and, by doing so, develop social capacity.
  - Develop opportunities for children, young people and their families to engage in positive activity which is beneficial to their physical and mental health and well-being
  - Address social disadvantage and equality of opportunity.
8. Appendix A gives a summary with officer comments of how far schemes and initiatives have progressed since funds were granted five months ago.
9. Thirteen projects were funded totalling £77,920.33.

10. Of the thirteen applications, eight address mental health, two address food/diet, two address anti-social behaviour and one is non-specific.

## Options

11. The Grants Advisory Committee could:

- a. consider the report and its appendices and make recommendations as appropriate to the Lead Cabinet Member for finance regarding the consideration of these outcomes in the forthcoming review of the Service Support Grants and/or
- b. highlight any concerns for further investigation or action outside of the service Support Grants review, giving reasons, and request that a follow up report be returned to GAC within appropriate timescales.

## Implications

12. There are no significant implications

## Effect on Council Priority Areas

13. Ensure that South Cambridgeshire continues to offer an outstanding quality of life for our residents: the children and young people grant scheme aims to promote a good quality of life for residents, assisting directly in supporting individual wellbeing, addressing social disadvantage, promoting equality of access to services, thereby creating social capital within our communities.

## Background Papers

January 2022 Grants Advisory Committee Meeting

<http://modern.gov/ie/ListDocuments.aspx?CId=1096&MId=9170&Ver=4>

## Appendices

Appendix A: Officer Summary report

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