

REPORT TO: Grants Advisory Committee

26 May 2023

LEAD CABINET MEMBER: Cllr John Williams

LEAD OFFICER: Jeff Membery

Orchard Park Community Council's Children and Young People's Grant update - May 2023

Executive Summary

1. This report follows on from the Children and Young People's Grant Review end of year update provided to Grants Advisory Committee (GAC) on 28 April 2023 and gives a further update from Orchard Park Community Council as to how their funding was spent and the outcomes attained.

Key Decision

2. No. This report provides information only.

Recommendations

3. Members of the Grants Advisory Committee are asked to note the content of the report and offer comments and/or make recommendations to the Lead Member for Resources as appropriate. Specifically, whether an extension to the timescale originally set can be granted.

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 Children and Young Peoples grant scheme was a one-off 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 fund was subsequently increased by an additional £40,000 from 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. Orchard Park Community Council received £8,000 from The Children and Young Peoples grant to help address anti-social behaviour.
9. An end of year summary of Orchard Park Community Council's project which included officer comments was provided in April's GAC. This is provided again in Appendix A with a further update on the outcomes achieved to date. Officers are satisfied that the project is on track and GAC is asked to consider recommending an extension to the original timescales until 30 October 2023.

Background Papers

Grants Advisory Committee Meetings

<https://scambs.moderngov.co.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?CId=1096&Year=0>

Appendices

Appendix A: Orchard Park Community Council Application Summary Report

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