



Report to: Cabinet Meeting - 12 July 2022

Portfolio Holder: Councillor David Lloyd, Strategy, Performance & Finance

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Report Summary	
Type of Report	Open Report Non-key decision
Report Title	Community Grant Scheme Awards
Purpose of Report	To advise Cabinet of the recommendations made by relevant Portfolio Holders in respects of grant applications submitted under the District Council’s Community Grant Scheme.
Recommendations	That the recommendations of the Portfolio Holders as detailed in the Appendix to the report be agreed in order that the proposed projects can proceed.

1.0 Background

The Council has operated a number of grant schemes in recent years supporting Town and Parish Councils and local community groups to support the delivery of projects and initiatives that benefit local communities with many notable successes.

In order to streamline and make the grant scheme more widely accessible, at its meeting of 8 March 2022, Full Council took the decision to launch the new Community Grant Scheme. The new scheme replaces the Parish and Town Councils Initiative Fund and the Community and Arts Grant scheme with a budget of £100,000. Applicants must submit applications and supporting documents to meet one of three deadlines in the financial year 2022-2023. The scheme enables local community partners to develop initiatives and projects that support the Council’s Community Plan Objectives. All submissions outline how the projects are aligned to these objectives so awarding grants will enable the projects to progress *and* for communities benefit.

21 applications were received for the first round of grants and the summary of applications is contained in the **Appendix A** together with the recommendation of the Portfolio Holder.

2.0 Proposal/Options Considered and Reasons for Recommendation

Each application was considered by the relevant Portfolio Holder, based on the primary focus of the proposals; for a recommendation and the outcome of each submission is presented for Cabinet approval. It is therefore proposed that Cabinet endorses and approves the recommendations of the Portfolio Holders as detailed in **Appendix A**.

3.0 Implications

The recommendations of the Portfolio Holders contained in this report take into consideration all relevant matters in relation to wider implications of the applications received for consideration. The nature of the applications submitted provide the Portfolio Holder with options to support or decline to support any application based on the applicants overall proposal, the project's alignment and contribution to the delivery of the Council's Community Plan objectives, the financial status of the applicant body and its ability to deliver the project or initiative as set out in the applicants proposal Accordingly, only suitable applications have been recommended for approval and where proposals require compliance with regulatory and/or legislation requirements these will be adhered to as a condition of the grant offer.

In terms of budget, the Council has made available £100k for the financial year 2022 – 2023 and the current grant applications decisions can be accommodated within the approved budget.

Background Papers and Published Documents

Nil.