

Redditch Borough Council

Grants Panel Meeting

Tuesday 14th March 2017

Notes

Present

Councillors: Roger Bennett (Chair), Greg Chance (Vice-Chair), Mike Chalk, Mark Shurmer and Yvonne Smith

Officers: Judith Willis and Helen Broughton

Democratic Services Officer : Jan Smyth

Duration: 6.35pm to 7.30pm

1. **Apologies for absence**

An apology for absence was received on behalf of Councillor Roger Bennett. Councillor Greg Chance (Vice-Chair) chaired the meeting in Councillor Bennett's absence.

2. **Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Mike Chalk declared an interest in the 1st Matchborough Scout Group Application, under the strategic theme "Help me run a successful voluntary sector business" in that he was a member of the National Scout Association. For transparency, Councillor Chalk advised that he would take no part in discussions or scoring of the Application.

3. **Major Grants Applications**

The Panel considered nine resubmitted major grant applications that had been received from a variety of Voluntary Sector Organisations in line with the Council's five themed Strategic Purposes, for a number of unallocated sums of money that had been re-advertised in parallel with the Stronger Communities Grants applications, in relation to the following themes / budgets :

Help me to live my life independently - £16 k

Help me to live my life independently - £1 k

Help me run a successful Voluntary Sector Business - £5 k

Keep my place safe and looking good - £1 k

Each Application was scored in accordance with the Council's Grants Programme requirements with recommendations made to approve or reject each of the applications.

Further to the scoring process undertaken, the Panel agreed that recommendations be made to the Executive Committee in accordance with the results of the scoring table as attached.

The Panel were informed that the remaining budget of £1000 under the Theme “Keep my place safe and looking good” remained unallocated as there had been no new or re-submitted applications received under the theme. The Panel agreed that it be recommended to the Executive Committee that the unallocated budget be incorporated into the Stronger Communities Grants 2017/18 programme.

Recommendations that :

- 1) the Grants for the unallocated budgets for 2017/18, be awarded to successful Applicants in the amounts set out in Appendix 1 to these notes; and**
- 2) the unallocated sum of £1,000 relating to the Theme “Keep my place safe and looking good”, be included in the Stronger Communities Grants funding theme for 2017/18.**