

VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAMME – FUNDING APPLICATIONS

Relevant Portfolio Holder	Councillor G Chance
Portfolio Holder Consulted	Yes
Relevant Head of Service	Judith Willis
Ward(s) Affected	All
Ward Councillor(s) Consulted	N/A
Non-Key Decision	

1. SUMMARY OF PROPOSALS

This report makes recommendations for allocation of the remainder of the budget for major grants for 2016/17.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee is asked to consider the report and recommendations and RESOLVE

That the following major grants be awarded for 2016/17:

Theme	Organisation	Project name	Amount
Help me to be financially independent	What's Your Point	Young People - plan for financial independence	£1,569
Help me to be financially independent	Compass Community and Education Group	Money Matters	£3,325
Help me to live my life independently	What's Your Point	Introduction to mindful relaxation	£850
Keep my place safe and looking good	Redditch Community Amateur Boxing Club	Young Peoples Projects	£2,000

3. KEY ISSUES

Financial Implications

3.1 At its meeting in January the Committee considered recommendations for the allocation of major grants for 2016/17. The full amount was not allocated and it was agreed that the unallocated sums be retained and their availability be readvertised in parallel with the Stronger Communities Grant applications.

3.2 The sums retained were:

Theme	Unallocated sum £
Help me to be financially independent	5,000
Help me to live my life independently	2,200
Keep my place safe and looking good	2,000

Legal Implications

3.2 The Council is able to award grants as part of its general power of competence..

Service/Operational Implications

3.3 The Grants Panel met on 24th February and considered 8 applications from the second round of advertising in accordance with the requirements of the Council's grants policy.

3.4 Agreeing the grants now will enable early notification to the applicants.

Customer/Equalities and Diversity Implications

3.5 None arising from this report.

4. RISK MANAGEMENT

Risk of bias in the awarding of grants is avoided by considering applications in a cross party group of councillors against the criteria within the Council's grant policy. Details of grants awarded are published on the Council's website.

5. APPENDICES

None

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

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