

# Redditch Borough Council

## Grants Panel Meetings

Monday, 19<sup>TH</sup> December 2016 and Tuesday 20<sup>TH</sup> December 2016

### Notes

#### **Meeting: Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2016**

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

**Officers:** Judith Willis and Helen Broughton

**Democratic Services Officer :** Pauline Ross

**Duration:** 6.35pm to pm 8:48pm

#### **Meeting: Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2016**

**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 8.25pm

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#### **1. Apologies for absence**

No apologies for absence were received.

#### **2. Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Mike Chalk declared an interest in the 1<sup>st</sup> Matchborough Scout Group Application, under the strategic theme “Help me run a successful voluntary sector business” in that, whilst he was a member of the National Scout Association, he had no direct connection to the Scout Group, the subject of the application.

#### **3. Major Grant Applications**

The Panel considered forty three grant applications and one Concessionary Rent application that had been received from a variety of Voluntary Sector Organisations in line with the Council’s five themed Strategic Purposes, under which the following budgets had been allocated:

- Help me to be Financially Independent - £10 k
- Help me to Live My Life Independently - £35 k
- Help me to Live My Life Independently - £30 k
- Provide Good Things for me to do, see and visit - £6 k

- Keep My Place Safe and Looking Good - £15 k
- Help Me Run A Successful Voluntary Sector Business - £50 k

The applications for the first three strategic themes and the one Concessionary Rent application were considered and scored on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2016, with the applications for the remaining two strategic themes being considered on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2016. Each Application was scored in accordance with the Council's Grants Programme requirements with recommendations made to approve or reject each of the applications.

Prior to the consideration and scoring of the applications for the remaining two strategic themes on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2016, Councillor Greg Chance briefly withdrew from the meeting and was not present for the scoring process on the Sandycroft, What's Your Point? And REACH CIC applications. Councillor Chance was present for consideration of the remaining applications.

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

The Panel also considered the budgets that had not been fully spent, as detailed below.

Theme	Budget	Not Spent
Help me to be financially independent	£10k	£6,070.00
Help me to live my life independently	£35k	£16,159.00
Help me to live my life independently	£30k	£1,172.38
Provide me with good things to do, see and visit	£6k	£390.00
Keep my place safe and looking good	£15k	£1,013.79
Help me run a successful voluntary sector business	£50k	£5,404.08
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£ 30,209.25</b>

Following discussions it was suggested that the unallocated budgets be re-advertised alongside the Stronger Communities Grant applications in January 2017 and that officers liaise with those applicants who had submitted bids, but were unsuccessful, to look to submit a further application, where relevant.

Members further agreed to recommend that any unallocated sums of money under a £1000 relating to the themes be included in the Stronger Communities Grants funding theme for 2017/2018.

The Panel also requested that officers provided feedback to those applicants who were unsuccessful in securing a grant; due to not enough information / relevant detail being included on their application forms.

#### **Recommendations that**

- 1) the Grants for 2017/18 be awarded to successful Applicants in the amounts set out in Appendix 1 to these notes; and
- 2) the unallocated sums of £6,000, £16,000, £1,000, £1,000 and £5,000 relating to the

**Themes detailed in the table at 3. above, be retained and their availability be re-advertised in parallel with the Stronger Communities Grants applications in January 2017.**

- 3) any unallocated sums of money under a £1,000 relating to the Themes detailed in the table at 3. above, be included in the Stronger Communities Grants funding theme for 2017/2018.**
- 4) the Concessionary Rent application from the Oasis Christian Centre in respect of their charity shop in Winyates be awarded 70% discount of the market rental value with a three year tenancy agreement.**