

## COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME 2016-17 YEAR END MONITORING

Economic & Community Development Advisory Committee - 3 October 2017

Report of Chief Officer - Communities & Business

Status: For information

Key Decision: No

---

**Executive Summary:** Year end monitoring of the 2016/17 Community Grants has been completed and progress against performance indicators, as well as key highlights and case studies are set out.

---

**This report supports the Corporate Vision of Providing Value for Money and the Community Plan Vision for Safe & Caring Communities, Green & Healthy Environment and Dynamic & Sustainable Economy**

**Portfolio Holder** Cllr. Roddy Hogarth

**Contact Officer** Simon Davies, Ext. 7374

---

**Recommendation to Economic & Community Development Advisory Meeting:**

That members note the contents of the report .

---

**Reason for recommendation:** The report sets out outcomes from the year end monitoring of the Community Grants Scheme 2016/17.

---

### Introduction and Background

- 1 The Council's Community Grant Scheme supports local charities and voluntary sector organisations that, through their work, contribute to the priorities set out in the Community Plan 2013-28.
- 2 The grant guidelines were reviewed during 2013/14 and revised guidelines were agreed by Cabinet on 12 September 2013.
- 3 The 2016/17 budget available for voluntary sector organisations was as follows:-

Funding for the CABx SLA	<b>£ 98,540</b>
Amount available for grants	<b>£ 54,791</b>
Total Budget	<b>£ 153,331</b>

- 4 A total of 30 grant applications were received for 2016/17, representing total grant requests of £114,933. On 3 March 2016, Cabinet agreed to fund 23 organisations for a total of £ 54,790, as set out in Appendix A.
- 5 One organisation, Community Futures Kent, which was awarded £600, returned their funding to the Council as they were no longer able to deliver their project.

### **Year end monitoring**

- 6 All organisations funded are required to provide updates on performance indicators. Organisations funded over £500 are required to provide monitoring information after 6 months and at the year end. Organisations funded up to £500 are required to provide monitoring information at the year end.
- 7 Year end monitoring to 31 March 2017 has now been completed and the results are included in Appendix A.

### **Results of the Year End monitoring**

- 8 Monitoring forms returned from the 12 months period from 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2017 have been analysed. 90% of performance indicators were met at the year end, against a target of 80%.
- 9 Copies of case studies from some of the organisations funded are set out at Appendix B.

### **Key Implications**

#### Financial

The level of funding provided for the projects set out was agreed from the existing 2016/17 budget.

#### Legal Implications and Risk Assessment Statement.

There are no legal or human rights issues relating to this report. All organisations applying for funding are required to have an equalities policy and, where appropriate, child protection and/or adult protection policies in place.

## Equality Assessment

The decisions recommended through this paper have a remote or low relevance to the substance of the Equality Act. There is no perceived impact on end users.

## Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults

Safeguarding policies are required to be in place before a grant application can be considered.

## Resource (non financial)

Work connected with the Community Grant Scheme administration and monitoring is being undertaken through existing resources.

## **Conclusions**

- 10 The percentage of performance indicators for the 2016/17 Community Grants Scheme achieved at the year end is 90%, against a target of 80%.

## **Appendices**

Appendix A - Organisations funded in 2016/17 and year end monitoring results

Appendix B - Case studies

## **Background Papers:**

[Community Grant Scheme Guidelines 2016/17](#)  
[Code of Conduct for Grantmaking](#)

.

**Lesley Bowles**  
**Chief Officer - Communities & Business**