

COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME 2017-18 YEAR END MONITORING

Economic & Community Development Advisory Committee - 25 September 2018

Report of Chief Officer - Communities & Business

Status: For information

Key Decision: No

Executive Summary: Year end monitoring of the 2017/18 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

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Recommendation to Economic & Community Development Advisory Meeting:

That members note the contents of the report .

Reason for recommendation: The report gives an update on outcomes from the year end monitoring of the Community Grants Scheme 2017/18.

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	£ 98,540
Amount available for grants	£ 54,791
Total Budget	£ 153,331

- 4 A total of 38 grant applications were received for 2017/18, representing total grant requests of £127,709. On 7 March 2017, Cabinet agreed to fund 27 organisations for a total of £ 54,780, as set out in Appendix A.
- 5 One organisation, Sevenoaks Home Library Service, which was awarded £250, did not take up their grant as they no longer needed the funding.

Interim 6 month 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 2018 has now been completed and the results are set out in Appendix A.

Results of the Year end monitoring

- 8 Monitoring forms returned from the 12 months period from 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2018 have been analysed. 88% of performance indicators are 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

- 10 The level of funding provided for the projects set out was agreed from the existing 2017/18 budget.

Legal Implications and Risk Assessment Statement.

- 11 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

- 12 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

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

Resource (non financial)

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

Conclusions

- 15 The percentage of performance indicators for the 2017/18 Community Grants Scheme achieved at the year end is 88%.

Appendices

Appendix A - Organisations funded in 2017/18 and year end monitoring results

Appendix B - Case studies

Background Papers:

Community Grant Scheme Guidelines 2017/18
Code of Conduct for Grantmaking

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