

Record of Cabinet portfolio holder decision

Local Government Act 2000 and the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012

Decision made by	Councillor Elizabeth Gillespie
Key decision?	Yes
Date of decision (same as date form signed)	17 March 2017
Name and job title of officer requesting the decision	Jayne Bolton, Communication and Grants Manager, Corporate Strategy
Officer contact details	Tel: 01235 422437 Email: jayne.bolton@southandvale.gov.uk
Decision	1) to award the four-year revenue grants listed in appendix one that total £1,062,704 in line with the recommendations of the council's Community Grants Panel, who reviewed the requests at a public meeting on 5 January 2017.
Reasons for decision	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The previous round of revenue grants running 2013/14 – 2016/17 ends this year. 2) Cabinet approved a new policy for a future round of grants running 2017/18 – 2020/21 in July 2016. 3) The anticipated budget for the four-year revenue grant period running 2017/18 to 2020/21 is £1,677,135. This figure is based on the previous four-year revenue grant budget running from 2013/14 to 2016/17. 4) Subject to budget setting, we have already awarded the Citizens Advice Bureau £614,432 of the anticipated £1,677,135 revenue grant budget, leaving £1,062,703 available to award additional revenue grants. 5) We opened for general applications (stage one) between 27 July and 15 September 2016 and received 41 applications. 6) The grants officers scored these applications using the agreed criteria before the Cabinet Member for Grants and the Head of Corporate Strategy agreed a shortlist of 25 organisations who were invited to submit a full application (stage two) between 2 November and 28 November 2016. 7) Of the 25 organisations invited to apply 23 submitted applications, although one did not meet the eligibility criteria and officers rejected it accordingly. 8) Officers and the grants panel used the agreed scoring criteria in the policy to score the 22 eligible applications identifying high, medium and low priorities for funding.

	<p>9) Using these priority levels and the anticipated budget (based on the budget for the last four-year period) they made recommendations to the cabinet member for grants. They recommended the applications ranked as high priorities receive the full amounts requested and that the remaining budget be shared equally (93.29 per cent of their requests) between the applications ranked as medium priorities. They recommended the applications ranked as low priorities do not receive revenue funding. This is detailed more fully in appendix one.</p>																								
Alternative options rejected	None																								
Legal implications	<p>The council is using its general powers under Chapter 1 of the Localism Act 2011 to offer this funding. According to the council's constitution, the cabinet member has delegated authority to award community grants in consultation with the Community Grants Panel.</p> <p>All organisations receiving a grant will have to enter into a grant agreement with performance and financial targets before we release any funding. They will also be subject to regular monitoring reviews.</p> <p>Each of the applications has been reviewed and it is considered that the council can provide the funding without this giving rise to incompatible state aid.</p>																								
Financial implications	<p>The 2017/18 revenue grants budget and medium term financial plan are sufficient to fund these grants. The total budget for the four years is as follows:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="533 890 1973 1165"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>Total grant over four years</th> <th>2017/18 budget</th> <th>2018/19 budget</th> <th>2019/20 budget</th> <th>2020/21 budget</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Sub total</td> <td>£1,062,704</td> <td>£346,453</td> <td>£294,267</td> <td>£229,992</td> <td>£191,992</td> </tr> <tr> <td>CAB grant (already approved by ICMD on 13 December 2016)</td> <td>£614,432</td> <td>£165,620</td> <td>£157,339</td> <td>£149,473</td> <td>£142,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total budget required</td> <td>£1,677,136</td> <td>£512,073</td> <td>£451,606</td> <td>£379,465</td> <td>£333,992</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Funding for years two, three and four of these grants will also be subject to annual approval of the revenue grants budget by full council.</p>		Total grant over four years	2017/18 budget	2018/19 budget	2019/20 budget	2020/21 budget	Sub total	£1,062,704	£346,453	£294,267	£229,992	£191,992	CAB grant (already approved by ICMD on 13 December 2016)	£614,432	£165,620	£157,339	£149,473	£142,000	Total budget required	£1,677,136	£512,073	£451,606	£379,465	£333,992
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Other implications	None																								
Background papers	Community Grants Panel meeting papers and minutes from the 5 January 2017 meeting.																								
Declarations/conflict of interest?																									

Declaration of other councillor/officer consulted by the Cabinet member?				
List consultees		Name	Outcome	Date
	Ward councillors	Via call in process		
	Legal	Pat Connell	Each of the applications has been reviewed and it is considered that the council can provide the funding without this giving rise to incompatible state aid	10/3/2017
	Finance	Simon Hewings	A growth bid is required to distribute the four year revenue grant budget in the medium term financial plan from an even split to allocate more in years one and two and less in years three and four. Update: Council approved the growth bid as part of the budget on 16/2/17.	11/1/2017
	Sustainability	n/a		
	Diversity and equality	Cheryl Reeves	The equalities officer reviewed relevant applications received and any comments were considered by the Community Grants Panel.	11/1/2017
	Communications	Jayne Bolton	We will publicise these grant awards to the public in our various publications.	11/1/2017
	Head of Service	Clare Kingston	Approved	12/1/2017
	Strategic Management Board	David Hill	SMB approved this ICMD subject to the legal team's approval regarding State Aid. SMB is asked to consider the legal comments and agree that the cabinet member for grants can approve the ICMD. Approved by David Hill.	17/1/2017 14/3/2017
Confidential decision? If so, under which exempt category?	No			
Call-in waived by Scrutiny Committee chairman?	No			
Has this been discussed by Cabinet	The Cabinet Member for Grants supports the recommendations and is happy to approve the ICMD.			

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Cabinet portfolio holder's signature To confirm the decision as set out in this notice.	Signature: Elizabeth Gillespie Date: 17 March 2017

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Form received	Date: 17 March 2017	Time: 13:30
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Call-in deadline	Date: 24 March 2017	Time: 17:00

PROPOSED REVENUE GRANT AWARDS

Year one - 2017/18

Year two - 2018/19

Year three - 2019/20

Year four - 2020/21

Organisation	Total cost of service (4 years)	Total grant (4 years)	% of 4 year total cost covered by our grant	Year 1 grant	% of yr 1 cost our grant covers	Year 2 grant	% of yr 2 cost our grant covers	Year 3 grant	% of yr 3 cost our grant covers	Year 4 grant	% of yr 4 cost our grant covers
Nomad Youth & Community Project	£536,989	£80,000	14.89%	£24,000	18.68%	£22,000	16.62%	£19,000	13.95%	£15,000	10.71%
Style Acre	£29,467,267	£66,000	0.22%	£22,000	0.33%	£19,000	0.26%	£15,000	0.19%	£10,000	0.12%
Fish Volunteer Centre	£149,060	£12,000	8.05%	£5,000	12.41%	£4,000	10.40%	£2,000	5.54%	£1,000	2.92%
Oxfordshire Sexual Abuse & Rape Crisis Centre	£344,987	£52,500	15.22%	£20,000	28.46%	£15,000	20.50%	£10,000	13.34%	£7,500	9.52%
Oxfordshire Association for the Blind	£242,300	£25,000	10.32%	£10,000	17.30%	£7,500	12.20%	£5,000	8.13%	£2,500	4.06%
Home-Start Southern Oxfordshire	£320,326	£66,706	20.82%	£24,015	30.29%	£24,256	30.49%	£12,251	15.24%	£6,184	7.62%
Community First Oxfordshire	£282,892	£74,250	26.25%	£19,000	27.80%	£18,750	26.76%	£18,500	25.86%	£18,000	24.67%
Riverside Counselling Service	£509,890	£65,000	12.75%	£20,000	16.53%	£17,000	13.65%	£15,000	11.57%	£13,000	9.64%
South Oxfordshire Food and Education Alliance	£2,301,100	£94,000	4.09%	£46,000	9.17%	£25,000	4.65%	£12,000	2.07%	£11,000	1.61%
My Life My Choice	£51,041	£16,840	32.99%	£4,085	32.99%	£4,168	33.00%	£4,251	32.99%	£4,336	32.99%
The Chiltern Centre for Disabled Children	£1,573,207	£100,000	6.36%	£28,000	7.34%	£26,000	6.68%	£24,000	6.04%	£22,000	5.43%
Thomley	£534,754	£97,500	18.23%	£25,000	5%	£24,900	4.46%	£24,600	4.21%	£23,000	3.76%
Age UK Oxfordshire	£2,569,735	£93,289	3.89%	£31,356	4.95%	£25,717	4.02%	£19,956	3.09%	£16,260	2.49%
South & Vale Carers Centre	£298,379	£83,508	30.00%	£24,397	30.00%	£21,039	27.39%	£19,597	27.22%	£18,475	27.07%
Berinsfield Information and Volunteer Centre	£147,275	£56,814	41.35%	£18,600	50.47%	£16,838	46.06%	£10,738	29.41%	£10,638	28.48%
Train	£390,429	£79,297	21.77%	£25,000	30.22%	£23,099	27.40%	£18,099	16.27%	£13,099	11.68%
	Total	£1,062,704		£346,453		£294,267		£229,992		£191,992	
	Total cost	Requested grant	Grant awarded								
Restore	£762,011	£0	£0								
A2Dominion Housing Group	£281,136	£0	£0								
Earth Trust	£302,800	£0	£0								
MS Therapy Centre Oxon	£199,320	£0	£0								
Henley Rowing Club	£1,050,000	£0	£0								
LIFE 2009	£205,195	£0	£0								