

# **HEDGE END, WEST END AND BOTLEY LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE**

**Monday, 27 January 2020**

## **COMMUNITY GRANTS 2019/2020**

### **Report of the Assistant Local Area Manager on behalf of the Hedge End, West End and Botley Community Grants Panel**

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#### **Recommendations**

**It is recommended that the Committee approve the grants as set-out in Appendix 1 to the report.**

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#### **Summary**

The Grants Panel recommends that grants be allocated to local organisations operating in the Hedge End, West End and Botley local area for 2019/20.

#### **Statutory Powers**

Section 1 of the Localism Act 2011 i.e. the Local Authority's general power of competence, including power to act for the benefit of its area or persons resident or present in its area.

#### **Strategic Implications**

1. The recommendations in this report support the Council's approach to localism (Local First) by allocating devolved resources to meet local needs. The recommendations align with Corporate Plan objectives of Tackling Deprivation, Enabling Healthier Lifestyles and Wellbeing, Supporting an Excellent Environment, Improving Town and Local Centres, Increasing Provision and Ensuring a more diverse mix of Housing, and Enabling the Right Skills and Employment mix.

#### **Introduction**

2. Councillors will recall that this Committee has devolved responsibility for provision of revenue grants to local organisations. This year 21 different grant applications were received. The total requested was £6,971.22.

3. This Committee's Grants Panel comprising Councillors Garton, Jurd, Gomer and Trace reviewed the applications.

### **The Panel's decisions**

4. The Grants Panel gave careful consideration to all of the applications to ensure a broad distribution of funding was spread throughout the three local parished areas.
5. The Panel also considered the objectives of the organisations, the numbers attending; whether they were from the Hedge End, West End and Botley (HEWEB) area; the total costs of the project and whether funding was or could be sought from elsewhere. Additionally the applications were assessed against the following criteria including; business plans, details on how the grant application meets Eastleigh Borough Council's priorities (Green Borough, Healthy Communities and Prosperous Place) and confirmation that the applications were not for day to day running costs.
6. A substantial number of applications were made by Wildern School (D.@rt Centre/Leisure Centre) and it was agreed that the activities provided on the campus catered for residents within all three parished areas.
7. It is therefore recommended that grants be approved as contained in Appendix 1 to this report.

### **Financial Implications**

8. There are no ongoing revenue implications associated with this report as the Committee's Community Grant budget of £6,980 is sufficient to fund the Panel's recommendations.

### **Risk Assessment**

The recommendations made by the Grants Panel do not hold significant risks. All grant applications are subject to the completion of a detailed application and supporting documents including submission of financial details.

### **Equality and Diversity Implications**

The report complies with our policy to ensure that the voluntary and community sectors are treated fairly and equitably. The Council has had due regard to the aims of the Equality Act. The recommendations in this report promote equality of opportunity, in particular for children and young people, children with disabilities, disabled people (including mental health) and older people. Also to note, as part of the application process, applicants submitted an Equal Opportunities statement.

## **Climate Change and Environmental Implications**

The community grants encourage and aim to change residents' behaviour by supporting projects which incorporate green initiatives such as funding to develop a reflection garden for school children to help them come together to relax and engage with nature and to educate them on the importance of looking after the environment.

## **Conclusion**

The recommendations made in this report complement the Council's corporate priorities as well as this Committee's local priorities. Subject to the approval of this Committee, a grants presentation will take place before the local area committee meeting on 2 March 2020 to recognise and celebrate the breadth of community work being undertaken in the local area.

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Appendices Attached: 1

## **LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 - SECTION 100D**

The following is a list of documents which disclose facts or matters on which this report or an important part of it is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. This list does not include any published works or documents which would disclose exempt or confidential information.

21 grants applications were received and are held on file for further inspection. Information is available from Siobhan Strand, Assistant Local Area Manager.