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**Record of Decision: Adur Competitive Community Grants Budget 2013/14 Round 2**

**Decision taken by:** Cabinet Member for Health & Wellbeing

**Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests:** I hereby confirm that I do not have any disclosable pecuniary interest in this item.

**Decisions:**

**4Sight**

**A grant of £5,000 is agreed, subject to:**

- Having a process in place to ensure members who cannot afford the in house charge during these difficult financial times can access the services and are not disadvantaged
- Giving a presentation to full Council about their work
- Provision of monitoring reports to the Communities Team at Adur Council when requested

**Friday Night Football**

**A grant of £2,000 is agreed subject to:-**

- An approach be made to use the Albion pitch at the new Academy once it is completed
- A sports reporter be invited to write an article and publicise the events
- Develop close links with local football organisations, especially Lancing United
- Mention Council support in all advertising

And for the reasons that 'Friday Night Football', which is very well attended, engages with some of Lancing's most challenging young people, and would not be possible without the continued generosity of the council. Since its inception, hundreds of young people have been provided with a safe and well-structured six-a-side environment on a night of the week when other, less constructive, alternatives have been taken up to the detriment of the young people, and the community as a whole. The project has been responsible for a considerable reduction in anti-social behaviour by diverting many young people into socially acceptable and healthy pursuits which address key council priorities.

### **Electric Storm Youth**

#### **A grant of £700 is agreed, subject to:-**

- Working with Sir Robert Woodard Academy and Shoreham Academy to develop a joint approach to Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme
- Ensure that the scheme is inclusive, including those young people who cannot financially afford involvement
- Provide a satisfactory and comprehensive monitoring report to the Communities Team at Adur Council as and when requested

### **Fishersgate Amateur Boxing Club**

#### **Not granted because:-**

- Insufficient information had been included to show the level of support and likely take up in the Fishersgate and wider Adur area
- How will families financially challenged be able to afford the fees, and what arrangements would be place to ensure inclusion?
- There is some concern that the equipment would preclude the use of a significant part of the Fishersgate Community Centre to other members of the community and community organisations and that the intention to remove gymnasium equipment to the stage may not be a practicality
- Having been previously located in Hove, how many members would be from outside of Adur District and would their involvement preclude involvement from local young people?
- How will safeguarding issues be addressed?

### **Freedom Powerchairs**

#### **£5,000 agreed, subject to:**

- The facility being made available free to local people who suffer from any type of disability (not just those in wheelchairs)
- The facility is not purely for customers of Freedom Power Chairs
- Production of clear evidence of need
- Facility to be financially accessible with a policy that ensures inclusion for those less able to contribute financially to their use
- Publicise Adur District Council support
- Should the future need arise to move the lift to other premises, then the cost to be born entirely by Freedom Power Chairs

### **Guardian Angels**

#### **£5,000 agreed to enable Charitable registration and set up costs**

Grant subject to the overall direction of development with Guardian Angels to better co-ordinate services across West Sussex, with a clear focus on people who reside in Adur

District. This includes discussions with other organisations to establish better access to reporting lines and referral services with Sussex Police and other agencies.

While they have a long way to go to ensure the viability of Guardian Angels, there is clearly support for such a service and from professionals working in the field, so the grant reflects the need for a minimum of £5,000 to be in the bank account in order to register as a charity.

NB Professional legal people are giving their services at this stage in order to get the organisation off the ground.

### **Adur Sea of Lights**

**£2,000 agreed.**

This project is in line with the Council policy to support the needs of disabled people, and it is also important to maintain the momentum in relation to the regeneration of Lancing shopping centre and its surroundings. This programme will increase footfall and publicity much needed by local businesses.

### **Lancing United Football Club – *deferred from the last round in June***

**A grant of £10,000 has been agreed subject to:-**

- Grant of a 25 year lease for Crowshaw Recreation Ground by Lancing Parish Council
- Use of existing plans for a new building (subject to planning permission)
- A new club house to be built with work being undertaken by football club members to build the new facility at no labour cost
- Support by club members for other diversionary activity in Lancing and Sompting areas
- A further grant of £20,000 from the section 106 funds associated with the new Football Academy at Lancing (*as it is believed that the new building can be erected for a total of £30,000*)

### **SASBAH**

**£3,000 awarded subject to:-**

- Linking in with existing or embryo organisations delivering Duke of Edinburghs Award Scheme (*e.g. Sir Robert Woodard Academy, Shoreham Academy and Electric Storm*)
- Ensure that this grant is purely used for Adur people and not subsidising services elsewhere

### **Carry Forward from 2012/13 of £42,257**

Members may recall that last year, the sum of £42,257 was carried forward to assist with community support in relation to the new welfare and benefit reforms. I intend to apply this funding to a support programme, subject to matched funding from the DWP to assist local people who have difficulties in accessing the current system.

It is anticipated that the management of the programme will be under the control of Adur District Council Communities Team, and provided by voluntary sector organisations across Adur. This will particularly benefit those who have difficulty with IT systems, as well as the five neighbourhood improvement areas.

Should the DWP wish to extend the programme to Worthing, then that will be subject of a separate funding bid in Worthing, as the investment in Adur is purely for Adur residents.

**Key Decision:** Yes / No

**Reasons for the Decision:**

- 1) These decisions have been made in order to underpin the priorities of Adur District Council in continuing to provide services to our community through the voluntary and community sector.
- 2) Subject to available funds remaining, I have agreed that a further opportunity will be made during 2013/14 for voluntary and community sector bodies to apply for grants addressing the core priorities.

**Alternative Options Considered:**

No other options have been considered other than those specified in the decisions above.

**Other Matters Considered:**

Legal Advice and Issues	x	Financial Advice and Issues	x
Sustainability Issues	x	Equality Issues	x
Community Safety Issues	x	Human Rights Issues	x
Reputation	x	Risk Assessment	
Health and Safety Issues	x		

**Consultation:** This report was circulated to Councillors, and published on the Councils' website on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2013. The following consultation responses were noted by the decision maker:

Discussions were held with Local councillors Liza McKinney and Emma Evans which assisted in formalising the decisions. No other representations have been made to the Cabinet Member in respect of any of the grants.

**Background Papers:**

Adur Competitive Community Grants Budget 2013/14 report to Cabinet Member for Health & Wellbeing October 2013.

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**Call-in:** The call in deadline for this decision will be 5:00pm on Tuesday, 3 December 2013.

**Signed:****Date:** 26 November 2013**Name:** Councillor David Simmons**Decision Ref No:** HAW/011/13-14