

Key Decision: Yes / No

Adur Competitive Community Grants Budget 2013/14 Extension to Round 3.

Report by the Executive Head of Planning, Regeneration & Wellbeing

1.0 Summary

- 1.1 This report requests the Cabinet Member to consider the allocation of an addition to the grant application received from Southlanders from the 2013/14 grants budget.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 There is no legal obligation on the Council to provide financial or other assistance to voluntary and community groups. However, the Council recognises the vital part played by such groups in the life of the District e.g. in the Councils' corporate priorities 2011-14: 'Develop ways in which the Councils can commission the Community and Voluntary sector to deliver services'.
- 2.2 The Council currently provides grants to voluntary groups in two ways: through on-going contracts and Service and Funding Agreements with a number of key providers, and through a small grants programme which is subject to application 3 times per year.
- 2.3 The Council also supports voluntary groups through the granting of discretionary rate relief and subsidised rents. However, the recommendations in this report do not apply to these forms of support.

3.0 Proposal

- 3.1 Southlanders is a community-based organisation providing support, meals and social opportunities for older and more vulnerable people within one of our areas of deprivation. They have recently received money from Adur Community Grants for a refrigerator to store food used for the lunch club for older people and had been expecting funding from other sources towards the purchase of a new cooker. Sadly this funding has not been forthcoming, putting the lunch club at risk.
- 3.2 The Cabinet Member has received a request to grant an additional £675 towards the cost of the cooker in order that the lunch club and other local arrangements can continue.

4.0 Legal

4.1 Section 2 of the Local Government Act, 2000 allows a Council to do anything which they consider is likely to achieve the promotion or improvement of the economic, social or environmental well-being of its area. This includes the giving of grants.

5.0 Financial implications

5.1 There will be approximately **£20,000** left in the 2013/14 grants budget if this grant is agreed.

6.0 Recommendation

6.1 It is recommended that the Cabinet Member

- i) Makes a decision concerning the allocation of the additional funding from the 2013/14 Adur Community Grants budget.

Local Government Act 1972

Background Papers:

Adur Competitive Community Grants Budget 2013/14 report to Cabinet Member for Health & Wellbeing January 2014

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Schedule of other matters

(To be completed on all reports. If no issues are identified under a heading then it should read "Matter considered and no issues identified.")

1.0 Council Priority

1.1 Work more closely with and commission our communities, the voluntary sector, public organisations, business and commercial sectors to develop and deliver services

2.0 Specific Action Plans

2.1 Develop ways in which the Councils can commission the Community and Voluntary sector to deliver services.

3.0 Sustainability Issues

3.1 Matter considered and no issues identified

4.0 Equality Issues

4.1 Scoring criteria include: 'targeting inequalities and deprivation' and 'target local neighbourhood improvement areas'

5.0 Community Safety Issues (Section 17)

5.1 Matter considered and no issues identified

6.0 Human Rights Issues

6.1 Matter considered and no issues identified

7.0 Reputation

7.1 Supporting the voluntary sector locally enhances the Council's reputation

8.0 Consultations

8.1 Matter considered and no issues identified

9.0 Risk Assessment

9.1 Matter considered and no issues identified

10.0 Health & Safety Issues

10.1 Matter considered and no issues identified

11.0 Procurement Strategy

11.1 Matter considered and no issues identified

12.0 Partnership Working

12.1 Partnership working with the voluntary and community sector