



**Executive Member for
Ref. No: HAW/006/17-18
Date of Decision: 17 October 2017**

ADUR DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Record of Decision: Adur Community Grants - Allocation of Funds for round one 2017/18

Decision taken by: Adur Executive Member for Health & Wellbeing

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

Decision: The Adur Executive Member for Health & Wellbeing has considered the allocation of the 2017/18 Adur Community Grants Budget and agreed the following:-

Application One - Shoreham Football Club - £2,500

This application was for the purchase of equipment and FA training courses for young people, targeted on St Mary's ward. Although such an organisation encourages healthier lifestyles for young people, it fails to address the priorities stipulated in our grants procedures.

Decision: Not funded.

Application Two - Home Start - £5,000

Home Start is a well founded and essential organisation that works with families in need of support or in crisis. This project is to develop school readiness with up to 15 children and their parents or carers across the Adur district.

Decision: Grant £5,000

Application Three - International Neighbours - £568

International Neighbours is an important local organisation that seeks better integration and support for the whole community, bringing people from different cultural heritages together, and supporting the recently arrived Syrian Refugees. This annual conference is an important statement locally and one which the council is proud to support.

Decision: Grant £568

Application Four - Albion in the Community - £3,930

The application is for a football based intervention, some of which has been taking place in North Lancing for some years to reduce anti-social behaviour in Lancing and Sompting. In this instance, it seeks to provide a free football session every Friday during term time from 6 to 7 pm.

Decision: Grant £3,930 subject to satisfactory evaluation measures

Application Five - Citizens Advice - £5,000

This application is for a housing specialist to train volunteers to be based in the Shoreham Citizens Advice office to provide support to those people who are homeless or facing that possibility. It will provide support by way of advice maximising income, debt advice and ongoing referral to Housing Associations and the Council(s), and where applicable, provide support where possession actions are taking place. However, there is an existing contract with Citizen's Advice for provision of appropriate services to local people and discussions are ongoing about how the services best support the needs of local residents. Therefore, this application is not supported at this time.

Decision: Not funded

Application Six - Safety Net - £5,000

This programme seeks to provide skills to young people and their parents/carers and with schools to promote on-line safety, and to encourage young people to talk to a trusted adult if they feel worried or unsafe about things that happen online. This includes issues such as online bullying, viewing inappropriate content, radicalisation, sexting or approaches from unknown people. Although this can be seen as a local priority, the Communities and Wellbeing team are already planning to address these issues in Autumn through a new initiative. Their intentions are to meet with a member of the Safety Net team to share plans, and if a gap remains, to invite the group to reapply at a later date.

Decision: Defer to the next round pending developments

Application Seven - Buckingham Events - £5,000

This application was for a contribution towards a new playground surface at the school. This is the responsibility of West Sussex County Council as the Education Authority and landowner.

Decision: Not funded

Application Eight - Friends of the Globe School - £4,800

£4,800 is requested to go toward the refurbishment of the outdoor swimming pool in the school grounds, which could then be opened to the public as a community asset. In this case, the school is now an Academy, sponsored by Reach2, and the land is leased to them from West Sussex County Council. While the community use is to be encouraged, there are issues about who is responsible for the maintenance of the swimming facility and the planning permission for open access which must be resolved before this grant is considered. It is also essential that the school provide a satisfactory business case for the sustainability of the asset.

Decision: Defer the application to enable the above issues to be clarified and provided as appropriate.

Application Nine - Ropetackle Arts Centre Trust - £4,780

A request for funding to support their volunteer programme with training and new computers with a bespoke online volunteering system. Only last year, Adur DC provided £10,000 to Ropetackle to free up a further £40,000 from the Arts Council as a one-off grant. The organisation, run largely by volunteers has had repeated grants from Adur District Council over many years, and therefore this application has to be considered against those facts.

Decision: Not funded

Application Ten - Sussex Clubs for Young People - £5,000

This application is to provide the means to support the newly developed Fishersgate Youth Club which is supported by Sussex Clubs for Young People, a well-founded and recognised group who are working with Adur DC to address the local issues in one of our most deprived areas. It provides a safe place for young people with qualified professionals and assist in developing the achievements of young people through accreditation and qualifications as well as an essential community link at the Eastbrook Manor Centre with the whole community.

Decision: Grant £5,000

Key Decision: Yes/No

Reasons for Decision: To address the core priorities of Adur District Council

Alternative Options Considered: None

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	x
Health & Safety Issues	x		

Consultation: This report was circulated to Councillors, and published on the Council’s website on 11 September 2017. No responses were received from other Councillors or external bodies prior to the decisions being taken.

Background Papers:

Platforms for our Places
Communities and Wellbeing Team’s Evidence and Intelligence Framework

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Call-in: The call-in deadline for this decision will be 5:00pm on 24 October 2017.

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Signed:

Date: 17th October 2017

Name: Councillor David Simmons, Executive Member for Health & Wellbeing

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