



ADUR DISTRICT COUNCIL

**Executive Member for Health &
Wellbeing**

Ref. No: HAW/007/17-18

Date of Decision: 15 March 2018

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Record of Decision: Adur Community Grants - Allocation of Funds for round two 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 1 - Zodiac Allstars - £2,000

In this case, the Officer's advice was supported. It was not felt that this project provided a good case for funding. Although it does focus on young people, provision of equipment for cheerleading does not fit the spirit of encouraging healthier lifestyles as being an essential element.

Decision - Not funded

Application 2 - SASBAH - £3,000

While this programme has received previous funding from Adur District Council, it does provide a much needed service to a substantial group of people across Adur. Grants provided are exclusively used in our district while funding from elsewhere supports the infrastructure of the whole organisation. The Officer's comments have weight, but we felt that in this case the grant should be allowed this year, as I know how long it takes to identify and obtain funding from other sources.

The grant should be accompanied with advice that this would not be repeated in future, and that SASBAH should work more closely with Community Works at an early stage to seek funding for 2019 onwards.

Decision – Granted £3,000 with a condition that it be used exclusively to support Adur residents who suffer with spina bifida and hydrocephalus

Application 3 - Superstar Arts - £530

This service provides a resource to plug a gap that currently exists in Adur and gives opportunities to those artists and musicians who suffer from disability. My only concern is that some of the grant would go to the costs of using St. Paul's in Worthing as an exhibition centre. In order to agree a grant, I would expect the organisation to comply with the following:

- Provide an exhibition in Adur, probably at the Skyway Gallery at the Community Centre
- Monitor the levels of attendance from Adur based people
- Ensure that any costs of St. Paul's are split with Worthing Borough Council and not totally funded by Adur District Council.
- Provide a report to ADC following the event(s) giving relevant details as above.

Decision - Grant £385 with the residue to be found from other sources (WBC?)

Application 4 - Work4me - £5,000

While I have been asked to join the Board as a Trustee of this organisation on behalf of West Sussex County Council as a County Councillor, thus far, I have not attended a meeting of the Board.

There is insufficient information contained in this application as to how participants are to be selected, what the levels of need are across Adur and what has been done to identify that. Mention is made of 'special needs' but there is no definition as to exactly what that includes, who will refer to the programme, and how they will do that is key. Similarly, while costs are given, I take it that these are the overall costs for the programme, which clearly operates County wide. It would be helpful to break out the costs to Adur District when considering the level of grant. It would also be useful to know what support has been agreed through West Sussex County Council and the IPEH team.

Decision - Defer this application until the next financial year to enable further information to be provided

Application 5 - Cruse Bereavement Care - £3,702

Cruse has been a previous beneficiary of a grant from Adur District Council, and provides essential support for people suffering a loss. What has not been previously considered is how they link to other services such as mental health, counselling through 'Time to Talk' (Counselling Service) and social prescribing for instance. One of our key priorities is loneliness among older people, and the adverse effects of a loss of a loved one on their overall health and well-being.

While the long-term sustainability in Adur can well be sought with help from Community Works, this is of course an organisation that covers the whole of the County and beyond. Grants provided here are purely for our community, and as such address a number of our priorities in relation to older people.

Decision - Grant agreed - £3,702 – subject to 1) be used exclusively for Adur residents and linking to Community Works in respect of future funding requirements 2) Develop referral links with ‘Time to Talk’ and our Social Prescribing Team.

Application 6 - Time to Talk Befriending - Tackling Loneliness Together - £5,000

In this case, the Officer’s advice is accepted, as the programme hits key local priorities (see above). There are clearly values in linking other services such as Cruse (above), and this is a development that I would wish to see, as a consequence of the grant.

Decision - Fully Supported - Grant £5,000

Application 7 - Adur Access and Mobility Group - local directory - £5,000

This application is probably a duplication of work already funded through ‘Disabled Go’. It is important to review Disabled Go and the progress made through the earlier grant before determining this grant.

Decision - Defer to the new financial year pending enquiries with ‘Disabled Go’

Application 8 - Adur Access and Mobility Group - £5,000

There is a need for more clarity in the information provided as per the officer’s assessment.

Decision: Defer this application to the new financial year (as above) and a visit to be arranged for the Executive Member and his advisors prior to consideration

Application 9 - Sustainable Sussex relocation project - £5,000 (+)

While on the face of it, this project has value, much if not most of it seems to be the purchase of solar panels and no expense for volunteers or recruiting of special needs adults/young people. There are already plans for Sompting Estates to build a solar farm on their land, and it is not clear how this aspiration sits with that. Also, EPIC, funded by the National Lottery is already adjacent, and it is not clear how this contributes/makes use of that programme. There is no evidence of employment, how volunteers will be supervised and by whom.

Decision: Defer to the next round of grant funding to enable a visit by the Executive Member and his advisors to take place

Application 10 - Young Carers Team - Summer Camp - £3,460

This programme supports one of our priority groups, that of young carers. In doing so, it provides respite care which helps reduce stress which is so often present in caring situations, and helps avoid mental health and other physical ailments as a consequence of their commitments to other loved ones and family members.

Decision: Fully supported – Grant £3,460

Application 11 - Shoreham Foodbank - £5,000

This organisation provides essential support for people in need across the district. Yet without appropriate accommodation and storage facilities, its service will suffer. His grant will assist in the sustainability of this organisation and its constant development in providing this essential service.

Decision: Fully supported – Grant £5,000

Deferred decisions since the last round - 17th October 2017

Safety Net - £5,000

There has been some additional work and awareness of internet safety recently and therefore it has been decided to not fund this project at present.

Friends of Globe School - £4,800

There are ongoing discussions with the school and this has been deferred again to the next round.

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 15 March 2018. 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 5:00 pm on Thursday 22 March 2018.



Signed:

Date: 15th March 2018

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