

GRANTS PANEL

TUESDAY, 10 JANUARY 2017

PRESENT: Councillors MJ Saunders (Chairman), Christine Bateson (Vice-Chairman), John Bowden and Clive Bullock and Derek Wilson

Also in attendance: Cllr Charles Hollingsworth and Claire Tyrrell (for items 1-5 only)

Officers: Fiona Betts, Wendy Binmore, Andrew Green, Harjit Hunjan, Mark Taylor, Karen Shepherd and David Scott

CHAIRMANS INTRODUCTION

The Chairman welcomed Members of the Panel and Officers and gave a brief summary on changes to the budget and proposed changes to the Grants Panel. Members noted the following main points:

- The total Grants budget had been increased by £160,000
- Any constitutional implications regarding the amounts the Grants Panel were able to award in quarterly and annual grants will be addressed.
- Future monitoring implications regarding SLA funding to organisations will be considered.
- With Panel Members' support, Councillors Saunders, Bateson, S. Rayner along with Grants Officers would discuss the changes and how they could be implemented including how an additional cycle of awards could be implemented and in what format
- The Panel would make formal recommendations to Cabinet on proposed grant allocations but, the item on the Future Arrangements for the Panel would be deferred pending more work to be carried out.
- A PR pack would be going live on Monday 16 January 2017 which would confirm there would be larger awards to be granted and that it would be publicised to more organisations and groups.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Julian Sharpe.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Bateson – Declared a personal interest as she is a Member of the Committee for the Ascot District Day Centre. Cllr Bateson spoke on the item but did not take part in the vote on the item.

Cllr Bowden – Declared a personal interest as he is a financial officer for the Datchet Theatre Group and he was aware of their competitors applying for funding through the Grants Panel. Cllr Bowden stated he would not take part in any voting which took place on any of the theatre groups that had applied for funding.

Cllr D. Wilson – Declared a personal interest as he was a council representative on Windsor and Maidenhead CAB and therefore, stated he would not be taking part in any of the voting on that item.

MINUTES

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY: That the Part I minutes of the meeting of the Panel held on 21 November 2016 be approved.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 - EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY: That under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting whilst discussion took place on items 5-11 on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of part I of Schedule 12A of the Act.

RBWM / '3' GRASSROOTS FUNDING

The Panel considered, for recommendation to Cabinet, the award of Council grants to local organisations for the forthcoming year.

RECOMMENDED TO CABINET: That the applications listed below for the allocation of RBWM / '3' Grassroots Funding be approved and the decisions be minuted in Part I following Cabinet's confirmation of the Panel's recommended awards.

Organisation	£
1st Maidenhead Sea Scout Group	1,000
2nd Ascot Guides	800
4th Ascot Brownies	150
Berkshire Credit Union	3,000
Electric Eels	2,000
Family Friends in Windsor & Maidenhead	2,000
Maidenhead Sports and Social Club	550
Oldfield School Association	1,000
Re:Charge R&R	6,000
Smartworks	3,000
SportsAble	3,000
Windsor Boys' School Boat Club	2,500

The Chairman supported the proposal for a report to be presented to a future Panel meeting on the wider work of the Berkshire Community Fund in the Borough.

GRANTS ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Members noted the details of the grants eligibility criteria.

COUNCIL REVENUE FUNDING FOR LOCAL ORGANISATIONS 2017/18

The Panel considered, for recommendation to Cabinet, the award of Council grants to local organisations for the forthcoming year. Members considered how applications aligned with the Council's objectives.

RECOMMENDED TO CABINET: That:

i) The grants as detailed below be approved, subject to:-

- a) The approval of the budget.
- b) The organisations receiving Capital Grants obtaining any requisite planning or building regulations consents and producing copies of audited accounts and evidence of the availability of finance for the remainder of the schemes.
- c) The organisations receiving Kidwells Trust Grants:-
 - i) Providing suitable acknowledgement for the grant assistance in all publicity material.
 - ii) Ensuring that there is adequate insurance cover for items purchased with grant assistance. Continuing to look for other forms of sponsorship for special events.
- d) Organisations in receipt of Revenue and SLA Grants being required to complete an Annual Return Form which should demonstrate written evidence that the money had been spent according to their application and to identify the specific outcomes achieved as a result of the grant awarded.
- e) Organisations should, wherever possible, seek funding from other sources to ensure that they were not solely reliant on funding through the Royal Borough and it be noted that those organisations would not necessarily be automatically awarded funding year on year.

ii) That the following decisions be minuted in Part I following Cabinet's agreement of the budget:

Revenue Grants

Organisation	£
3M Residents Association	1,500
ABC to Read	1,500
Ascot Area Alzheimer's Support (Triple A)	4,000
Ascot Volunteer Bureau	800
Autism Berkshire	5,000
BCF	5,000*
CHIME	3,800
Colne Valley CIC	1,000
The Conservation Volunteers	4,200
Cruse Bereavement	1,000
Family Action	1,000
Friends of Maidenhead	4,000
Guru Nanak Sat Sang Sabha	1,200
Honeypot Children's Charity	1,000
Maidenhead & District Stroke Club	780
Maidenhead Festival	7,000
Maidenhead Heritage Centre	10,000
Maidenhead Music Society	500
Old Windsor Carnival	3,000
Revitalise	1,000
Thames Valley Mediation Service	3,000
WAMCF	4,500
Windsor & Maidenhead Symphony Orchestra**	4,000
Woodlands Park Youth Club	2,000
Windsor & Maidenhead CAB	15,700

*The Chairman requested that the remainder of the grant funding applied for (£9500 for the Mentoring Scheme) be deferred for consideration in a second round of Grants, date to be confirmed.

** The Chairman commented that the borough would be keen to work with the organisation to promote classical music to a wider audience

That with regret, the following applications were refused:

Beehive Pre-School (to be referred to Community Enterprise and WAM Get Involved)
Berkshire MS Therapy Centre (to be referred to CCG funding)
Crossroads Care (to be referred to Carers Strategy, Carers Partnership Board and Carers Payments)
Homestart Slough
Sequela Foundation

The following applications were deferred for consideration in a second round of Grants, date to be confirmed, for the following reasons:

Alexander Devine Children’s Hospice Service – The Chairman requested more information on which other Local Authorities were supporting the Children’s Hospice Service financially.

Art Beyond Belief – The Chairman requested information regarding the percentage of residents within the Borough that would receive help through this organisation and also the viability of the activity if the award was less than applied for.

Maidenhead Cycle Hub – The Chairman requested information relating to any increased level of activity being undertaken by the organisation compared to that originally anticipated in the Social Enterprise Grant application and subsequent award.

Sebastian’s Action Trust – The Chairman requested more information on which other Local Authorities were supporting the Children’s Hospice Service financially and if their finances were sustainable.

N.B: Out of a total budget of £100,000, £86,480 was allocated which left £13,520 unallocated from the Revenue budget. The Panel agreed that this funding should be made available for allocation at future Grants Panels during 2017/18 and will identify the opportunities for grants made at future Panels to make full use of unallocated balances from either the Revenue and Capital budgets.

COUNCIL CAPITAL FUNDING FOR LOCAL ORGANISATIONS 2017/18

Capital Grants

Organisation	Description	£
Ascot District Day Centre	For works to prevent their driveway flooding during torrential rain.	10,440
Cordes Hall	To go towards replacing their flooring	14,000
Maidenhead Heritage Centre	To replace fluorescent light fittings with LED equivalents	739
Clewer Non Ecclesiastical Charities	To go towards the building of a sensory garden	4,500

Organisation	Description	£
Windsor & Eton District Scout Council (Bears Rails Campsite)	To go towards the demolition of the existing building and rebuilding of new building	15,000
Windsor Theatre Guild	To go towards equipment to improve the efficiency of running their shows	532*
Furze Platt Scouts	To go towards the total refurbishment and modernisation of their HQ building.	2,000
Maidenhead United FC Community Trust	To go towards the purchase of essential equipment and volunteering training	3,442
Norden Farm Centre for the Arts	To go towards the purchase of IT, studio sound desk, LED lighting, and refurbishment of toilets	15,750

* The equipment must be made available for hire by other groups when not in use

That with regret, the following applications were refused:

**Beehive Pre-School
Windsor Horse Rangers**

The following applications be deferred for consideration in a second round of Grants, date to be confirmed, for the following reasons:

**Alexander Devine – The Panel agreed to defer this application in line with the deferral of the organisation’s revenue grant application.
Sawyers Close Residents – this was deferred pending information relating to the future of the site.**

N.B: Out of a total budget of £180,000, £66,403 was allocated which left £113,597 unallocated from the Capital budget. The Panel agreed that this funding should be made available for allocation at future Grants Panels during 2017/18 and will identify the opportunities for grants made at future Panels to make full use of unallocated balances from either the Revenue and Capital budgets.

COUNCIL SLA FUNDING FOR LOCAL ORGANISATIONS 2017/18

Service Funded Grants

Organisation	£
<u>Libraries, Arts & Heritage</u>	
Windsor Festival Society	15,000
Windsor Fringe	2,500
<u>Adult & Community</u>	
Maidenhead Mencap	6,000
Thames Valley Positive Support	13,500
Windsor Mencap Buddy Scheme	8,000

Organisation	£
<i>Community Services</i>	
Bracknell CAB	8,000
Windsor & Maidenhead CAB	116,300

The Panel agreed that there would be no need for the SLAs to be presented to the Grants Panel for approval in future years; they would be agreed between Grants Officers and relevant Lead Members. Instead, a summary of all SLAs and any changes to the SLAs would be presented to the Grants Panel for noting.

COUNCIL KIDWELLS TRUST FUNDING FOR LOCAL ORGANISATIONS 2017/18

Kidwells Trust Grants

Organisation	Description	£
Maidenhead Festival	To fund one of the attractions at the Maidenhead Festival	1,500
Norden Farm	To go towards their Jump In! event	2,000
Maidenhead Music Society	To engage more well-known artists for and for a broader advertising strategy.	400
Windsor Fringe	To promote the ever-expanding "Exhibition and Artists Open House".	250
Windsor & Maidenhead Symphony Orchestra	To cover the cost of hire of Eton College School Hall	1,850

N.B. Out of a total budget of £10,000, £6,000 was allocated which left £4,000 unallocated. The Panel agreed that this funding should be made available for allocation at future Grants Panels during 2017/18 and will identify the opportunities for grants made at future Panels to make full use of unallocated balances from either the Revenue and Capital budgets.

FUTURE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE PANEL.

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY: That the item be deferred for further work, to be undertaken by the Head of Governance, Partnerships, Performance and Policy in conjunction with the Community and Business Partnerships Manager, the Head of Libraries, Arts and Heritage Services, the Chairman, Councillor Bateson and Councillor S. Rayner.

The meeting, which began at 10.00 am, finished at 1.20 pm

CHAIRMAN.....

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