

AGENDA MANAGEMENT SHEET

Name of Meeting	Cabinet
Date of Meeting	30 October 2017
Report Title	One-off community grants (2018/19)
Portfolio	Communities and Homes
Ward Relevance	All
Prior Consultation	N/a
Contact Officer	Michelle Dickson tel: 01788 533843 michelle.dickson@rugby.gov.uk
Report Subject to Call-in	Yes
Report En-Bloc	No
Forward Plan	Yes
Corporate Priorities	Recognise the differing needs of our communities by engaging with the voluntary and community sector Encourage residents to actively engage with existing local groups, or to start one, by working with our partners Identify local issues and engage with a range of organisations to help residents identify solutions that work for them
Statutory/Policy Background	These are discretionary grants.

Summary	This report sets out proposals for one-off community grants for 2018/19.
Risk Management Implications	<p>Providing funding to third-party organisations poses a risk that council funds will not be spent appropriately.</p> <p>These risks are substantially reduced by established monitoring mechanisms.</p>
Financial Implications	This report sets out an indication of budget requirements to be considered as part of the wider corporate budget setting process.
Environmental Implications	There are no environmental implications arising from this report.
Legal Implications	Written agreements are in place in relation to the grant funding provision.
Equality and Diversity	An equality impact assessment has been carried out.
Options	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approve recommendations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • clear budgetary requirements in preparation for budget settings 2. Do not approve recommendations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • projects may not be deliverable in 2018/19 if there is a delay in the availability of funding
Recommendation	<p>IT BE RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL THAT -</p> <p>(1) the proposals related to the Council's one-off grant funds, as identified in table 2, be endorsed for implementation in 2018/19, subject to budget setting; and</p> <p>(2) the changes to criteria, as outlined in section 3 of the report, be approved.</p>
Reasons for Recommendation	To ensure the effective use of the Council's community grant funds in 2018/19.

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Report of the Communities & Homes Portfolio Holder

Recommendation

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1. BACKGROUND

The Council provides significant funding to the voluntary and community sector through its community grants programme. This is in the form of both multi-year grant funding arrangements with community associations (linked to service level agreements) as well as a number of grant funds that organisations can bid into for one-off grant funding.

Council on 28 February 2017 agreed service level agreement grant funding allocations for the community associations for 2017/18 and 2018/19 as identified in table 1, subject to budget availability;

Table 1:

	COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS	2017/18	2018/19
1.	Brownsover Community Association	£7,500	£7,500
2.	Overslade Residents' Association	£7,500	£7,500
3.	Benn Partnership Centre	£7,500	£7,500
4.	New Bilton Community Association	£7,500	£7,500
5.	Newbold Community Association	£7,500	£7,500
	Total	£37,500	£37,500

This report provides recommendations on:

- Proposals for the Council's one-off grant funds for 2018/19:
 1. Grants to Voluntary and Community Organisations.
 2. Rural Development Fund
 3. Sports Grant
 4. Youth and Play Grant
 5. Arts Grant

2. ONE-OFF GRANTS

2.1 Funds available:

The proposed funds for each of the one-off grants for 2018/19, based on current and previous year figures, are identified in table 2 below. The availability of funding will be subject to corporate budget setting by Council in February 2018.

Table 2:

Grant Fund	Funds available 2017/18	Proposal 2018/19	Detail
Grants to Voluntary and Community Organisations	£20,410	£20,410	17/18, one-off revenue grants up to £1,500 18/19, one-off revenue grants up to £2,500
Rural Development Fund	£25,000	£25,000	One-off revenue grants up to £10,000 – rural area only
Sports Grant	£6,000	£6,000	One-off revenue grants up to £1,000
Youth and Play Grant	£6,000	£6,000	One-off revenue grants up to £1,000
Arts Grant	£6,000	£6,000	One-off revenue grants up to £1,000
Total	£63,410	£63,410	

3. SIGNIFICANT PROPOSED CHANGES TO ONE-OFF GRANT FUNDING

The significant proposed changes from 2017/18 are:

- The grant criteria for Grants to Voluntary and Community Organisations, Rural Development Fund and Arts Grant no longer include the following

Develop intergenerational projects that bring people together in mutually beneficial activities. The activities will promote a greater understanding and respect between generations and contribute to building cohesive communities. Intergenerational practice builds on the positive resources and skills that the young and old have to offer each other and those around them.

This is because no applications with specific intergenerational aims have been received since the criteria was introduced in 2015/16.

- It is recommended that the maximum amount that can be allocated from Grants to Voluntary and Community Organisations is raised from £1,500.00 to £2,500.00, to encourage more substantial / sustainable projects and limit the potential for future underspends.
- It is proposed that the grant criteria remain unchanged for Sports Grant, Youth and Play Grant.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

Document No.	Date	Description of Document	Officer's Reference	File Reference
1.		Equality impact assessments		

* The background papers relating to reports on planning applications and which are open to public inspection under Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972, consist of the planning applications, referred to in the reports, and all written responses to consultations made by the Local Planning Authority, in connection with those applications.

* Exempt information is contained in the following documents:

Document No.	Relevant Paragraph of Schedule 12A
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* There are no background papers relating to this item.

(*Delete if not applicable)

