



Minutes of the meeting of the **Grants and Concessions Panel** held in Zoom on Wednesday 29 March 2023 at 9.30 am

Members Present:

Mr R Briscoe (Chairman), Mrs C Apel, Mrs S Lishman, Mr G McAra and Mr D Rodgers

Members not present:

Mr J Elliott, Mr G Evans and Mrs N Graves

In attendance by invitation:

Officers present:

Mr J Barnes (Principal Revenues Officer), Mr D Cooper (Group Accountant), Miss C Williams (Community Liaison Officer), Mr J Brigden (Community Engagement Manager), Mr M Bradshaw (Assistant Estates Surveyor) and Mrs S Lee (Sport and Leisure Officer)

The public are likely to be excluded from any discussion at which this report is considered on the grounds that it is likely that there would be a disclosure to the public of "exempt information" of the description specified in Paragraph 3 (Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 and the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

147 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Mr Evans and Mrs Graves.

148 **Approval of the Minutes**

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting held on 25 January 2023 be agreed as a correct record.

149 **Matters Arising from the Minutes**

King Charles III Coronation

Mr Brigden updated the Panel on the proposal to provide a fund for parish councils towards commemoration activities. Since the initial proposal, it was possible (in consultation with the Chair) to increase the grant available from £250 to £500 per parish council area, due to the amount remaining in the Grants budget for 2022-23 being added to this fund. Currently fourteen applications had been approved and four were pending.

UK Shared Prosperity Fund and Rural England Prosperity Fund

Mr Brigden provided an update on the Funds. Applications for the UK Shared Prosperity Fund were being received until 6 April 2023. In this year, there are relatively small amounts available under various interventions. The Council was still waiting for final confirmation of the value of the Rural England Prosperity Fund allocation for the district.

150 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

151 **Chichester Bowmen - Application for Concessionary Rent**

RESOLVED BY THE CABINET MEMBER FOR COMMUNITIES AND CULTURE IN CONSULTATION WITH THE GRANTS AND CONCESSIONS PANEL:

That the Panel approve the Chichester Bowmen's (The Lessee's) application for a rent subsidy as set out in paragraph 6.0 of the report in connection with the 2022 rent review.

Alternative options considered and rejected

That the Panel rejects the Chichester Bowmen's (The Lessee's) application for a rent subsidy as set out in paragraph 6.0 of the report in connection with the 2022 rent review.

152 **Discretionary Rate Relief Application 1**

RESOLVED BY THE CABINET MEMBER FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES AND CULTURE IN CONSULTATION WITH THE GRANTS AND CONCESSIONS PANEL

That the Eames Motor Repairs Ltd request for discretionary rate relief as set out in the report be approved.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

That the Eames Motor Repairs Ltd request for discretionary rate relief be refused.

153 **Discretionary Rate Relief Application 2**

RESOLVED BY THE CABINET MEMBER FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES AND CULTURE IN CONSULTATION WITH THE GRANTS AND CONCESSIONS PANEL

That the request from Mr J and Mrs M Newton for discretionary rate relief as set out in the report be approved.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

That the request from Mr J and Mrs M Newton for discretionary rate relief be refused.

154 **Hardship Relief Application**

RESOLVED BY THE CABINET MEMBER FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES AND CULTURE IN CONSULTATION WITH THE GRANTS AND CONCESSIONS PANEL

That the request from Mr B Thayaparan for hardship relief as set out in the report be refused due to lack of exceptional circumstances.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

That the request from Mr B Thayaparan for hardship relief be approved.

155 **Discretionary Rate Relief Application Charitable Organisation or registered CASCs in receipt of Mandatory Rate Relief**

RESOLVED BY THE CABINET MEMBER FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES AND CULTURE IN CONSULTATION WITH THE GRANTS AND CONCESSIONS PANEL

That the Selsey Community Nursery request for discretionary rate relief be deferred to enable officers to contact the applicant to see if a set of more up to date accounts for the period ended 31 December 2022 was available.

156 **Grant Applications Financial Summary**

The Panel considered the report. Mr Cooper drew attention to the value of applications to be considered at the meeting. He corrected the budget available, set out in paragraph 3.3, which should be £39,331. If members supported all the applications presented at the meeting there would be £18,627 remaining.

157 **Grant Application - Targeted Projects 1**

RESOLVED BY THE CABINET MEMBER FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES AND CULTURE IN CONSULTATION WITH THE GRANTS AND CONCESSIONS PANEL:

Applicant: 4Sight Vision Support

Declarations of interest: N/a

Purpose: Funding towards the staffing costs of the vision support advocates

Sum requested: £5,300

Sum approved: £5,300

Reasons: The project will help and support people with visual impairments or adjusting to low vision. The response will provide support to more and harder to reach residents over the funding period.

Grant conditions: Subject to a funding agreement.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

The Panel considers whether or not to support every application so will always consider not granting an application.

158 **Grant Application - Targeted Projects 2**

RESOLVED BY THE CABINET MEMBER FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES AND CULTURE IN CONSULTATION WITH THE GRANTS AND CONCESSIONS PANEL:

Applicant: Waves Music Therapy

Declarations of interest: N/a

Purpose: Funding towards 'Speaking Through Music' a mental health support group

Sum requested: £3,400

Sum approved: £3,400

Reasons: Providing a supportive setting for adults experiencing mild to moderate mental health issues to offer and benefit from peer support .

Grant conditions: Subject to a funding agreement.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

The Panel considers whether or not to support every application so will always consider not granting an application.

159 **Grant Application - Targeted Projects 3**

RESOLVED BY THE CABINET MEMBER FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES AND CULTURE IN CONSULTATION WITH THE GRANTS AND CONCESSIONS PANEL:

Applicant: Terry's Place (Terry's Day Care Ltd)

Declarations of interest: N/a

Purpose: Terry's Place pilot activities for older people

Sum requested: £3,400

Sum approved: £3,400

Reasons: Developing a new service aiming to create an inclusive daytime social opportunity for older people and their carers to provide social interaction and companionship.

Grant conditions: Subject to a funding agreement.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

The Panel considers whether or not to support every application so will always consider not granting an application.

160 **Grant Application - Targeted Projects 4**

RESOLVED BY THE CABINET MEMBER FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES AND CULTURE IN CONSULTATION WITH THE GRANTS AND CONCESSIONS PANEL:

Applicant: Trefoil Farm Permaculture

Declarations of interest: N/a

Purpose: Funding towards the purchase of equipment to support the market garden businesses Nourishment in Nature project.

Sum requested: £3,900

Sum approved: £3,900

Reasons: The project provides opportunities for volunteering and working with the local community to provide low cost access to healthy food.

Grant conditions: Subject to a funding agreement.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

The Panel considers whether or not to support every application so will always consider not granting an application.

161 **Grant Application - Targeted Projects 5**

RESOLVED BY THE CABINET MEMBER FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES AND CULTURE IN CONSULTATION WITH THE GRANTS AND CONCESSIONS PANEL:

requested Applicant: Youth Dream (Selsey) Ltd

Declarations of interest: N/a

Purpose: Contribution towards the Bridge Youth Support Centre Manager role

Sum: £5,000

Sum approved: £5,000

Reasons: To support the promotion of activities in Selsey for local young people

Grant conditions: Subject to a funding agreement.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

The Panel considers whether or not to support every application so will always consider not granting an application.

162 **Closing Remarks**

Thanks were expressed by Mrs Apel to the officers and fellow members of the Panel for their support and the experience, which was echoed by the Panel.

The Chairman took the opportunity to give his thanks to the Panel members and officers for their support.

163 **Next Meeting**

The date of the next meeting is Wednesday 28 June 2023 in Committee Room 2: -
10.00am to 12.00pm – Member Training
- 12.00pm to 1.00pm – Lunch
- 1.00pm – Meeting

The meeting ended at 10.55 am

CHAIRMAN

Date: