

Report of the Deputy Chief Executive

GRANT AID REQUEST FROM KIMBERLEY TOWN COUNCIL1. Purpose of report

To consider a request for grant assistance in accordance with the protocol for the consideration of grant aid to parish and town councils.

2. Grant Aid Applications

Members will recall that on 7 January 2021 this Committee approved a grant to Kimberley Town Council of up to £1,200 towards the purchase of a new defibrillator to be installed in a reconditioned former telephone kiosk and located in the Kimberley area.

An additional funding request has now been received from Kimberley Town Council for consideration. Following a recent Town Council meeting, Kimberley has requested funding of up to £1,200 towards the purchase of one more defibrillator to be located in the Swingate area of Kimberley. Details of the application is included in appendix 1.

The agreed protocol for assessing grant aid to parish and town councils is provided for information in appendix 2. The grants previously awarded under this scheme are listed in appendix 3

3. Financial position

The provision of defibrillators in Broxtowe was considered by the Policy and Performance Committee on 1 July 2020. Members resolved that the Council should play a role in the provision of defibrillators by working alongside other organisations, such as parish councils, to ensure communities had access to a defibrillator.

There is no provision in the Council's budgets for either the purchase or maintenance of defibrillators, whether owned by the Council or other organisations. If Members wished to support this grant application, an allocation could be made from 2021/22 revenue contingencies of which £25,000 is presently available (subject to any other reports on this agenda).

Recommendation

The Committee is asked to CONSIDER the request and RESOLVE accordingly.

Background papers

Nil

APPENDIX 1**Kimberley Town Council – Additional Defibrillator**

An application for grant aid has been received from Kimberley Town Council.

Following a recent meeting of the Kimberley Town Council, a need was identified to purchase and locate a new defibrillator in the Swingate area of Kimberley. This area is seen as the last part of the town which is not to be covered by a defibrillator.

Whilst the most recently acquired defibrillator is due to be housed in a reconditioned former BT telephone kiosk, the Town Council does have two or three potential locations to consider for this new defibrillator in the Swingate area. There will be further consideration of these sites pending the outcome of this funding application.

The cost of a new defibrillator is around £1,200 and Kimberley Town Council has requested a grant of up to the full cost of the purchase. Going forward, the Town Council will be responsible for the repairs and maintenance and inspection of the facility and meet the cost of any power supply required.

Members will recall similarly supporting Kimberley Town Council, as recently as 7 January 2021, with an award of grant of up to £1,200 towards the purchase of a new defibrillator to be installed in a reconditioned former telephone kiosk and located in the Kimberley area.

The closing balance of Kimberley Town Council funds as at 31 March 2020 was £289,796. Although the Town Council has considerable funds, a significant proportion of these funds will be required for either the extensive modernisation or complete replacement of the Town Hall, which is now 60-years-old. This is similarly the case in respect of other recreational buildings in the Town, as confirmed in a full building structural report received last year. The current Kimberley Town Council annual precept is £122,920.

APPENDIX 2**Protocol for consideration of grant aid to parish and town councils**

The protocol for the consideration of grant aid requests from parish and town councils was agreed by Cabinet on 8 June 2010. The key provisions are:

1. Grant aid will only be given in support of specific projects or services and not as a general grant towards the services provided by a parish/town council.
2. Revenue grant aid will only be considered towards services which act as a replacement for services which otherwise Broxtowe Borough Council would have to provide or which supplement services which the borough council provides so as to reduce the costs that Broxtowe would otherwise incur.
3. In applying for grant assistance the parish/town council will need to demonstrate how the service or project in question contributes to Broxtowe's aims and objectives as laid out in the Corporate Plan and the Sustainable Community Strategy.
4. In applying for grant aid assistance the parish/town council will need to provide evidence as to why they do not have the financial resources to provide the services or project in question and what the consequences would be for local residents and businesses if the service was withdrawn or the project not completed. This will include a requirement for the parish/town council to detail what other funding sources they have secured (or otherwise) and to provide a statement as to any reserves held and their planned use.
5. Preference will be given to support for the provision of mandatory services as compared with discretionary services.
6. Where grant aid is to cover the cost of a specified service, the parish/town council will be responsible at its own cost for providing an audited statement within six months of the end of the financial year concerned to confirm the amount of expenditure incurred and income received against which grant aid may be payable. Any grant payable would then be adjusted retrospectively if necessary following receipt of such an audited statement.
7. Grant aid will only be in respect of additional costs directly incurred by the parish/town council and will not cover the cost of any general overheads which the parish/town council would otherwise incur anyway as a result of their operations.
8. Grant aid will be cash limited in each year and the responsibility for costs increasing beyond the cash limit will normally rest with the parish/town council. Where such cost increases are considered to be unavoidable and beyond the parish/town council's control, then Broxtowe may be approached to seek a further grant award.

9. Where the parish/town council wishes to vary the service provided for which grant aid has been awarded, this should only take place after full consultation and with the agreement of Broxtowe.
10. Preference will be given towards one off capital projects rather than as a regular annual contribution towards the ongoing costs of providing services.
11. The parish/town council shall be required to provide such information as Broxtowe may reasonably request as to the actual outputs and outcomes arising from any service or project where Broxtowe makes a contribution.
12. Any grant contribution that may be awarded by Broxtowe need not be at the rate of 100% of net expenditure incurred but may be at a lesser rate to reflect such as its own corporate priorities, budgetary constraints or the availability of similar services or projects elsewhere.
13. Revenue grants will normally only be awarded for one year although an indicative amount for the following year may be given at Broxtowe's discretion. Capital grant aid will be towards the cost of a specific one-off project.
14. Requests for grant aid in respect of a particular financial year should normally be submitted by the end of October of the preceding year at the latest to assist with forward budget planning for both Broxtowe and the parish/town council. Broxtowe will endeavour to make a decision on such requests by the end of December in the year preceding that for which grant aid is requested.

APPENDIX 3

Grant Aid awarded to Parish/Town Councils

The table below lists the grants awarded under this scheme since 2014/15.

Date	Council	Amount	Purpose
01/04/14	Nuthall Parish Council	£2,000	War memorial construction (Capital)
16/10/14	Nuthall Parish Council	£2,500	Cemetery maintenance
02/06/15	Cossall Parish Council	£350	Memorial plaque
19/04/16	Eastwood Town Council	£5,000	Building refurbishment works (Capital)
04/07/16	Greasley Parish Council	£4,000	Upgraded heating system (Capital)
19/09/16	Awsorth Parish Council	£5,000	Heating system replacement (Capital)
09/01/17	Brinsley Parish Council	£4,000	Play facility repairs/replace (Capital)
03/10/17	Nuthall Parish Council	£1,820	Remembrance parade
12/10/17	Greasley Parish Council	£1,000	Christmas lights event
12/10/17	Nuthall Parish Council	£3,395	Cemetery maintenance
26/04/18	Nuthall Parish Council	£12,000	Cemetery roadway surface (Capital)
26/04/18	Nuthall Parish Council	£2,000	Summer Youth Club
11/10/18	Greasley Parish Council	£647	WW1 commemoration sculpture
15/08/19	Brinsley Parish Council	£2,070	Summer play day
10/10/19	Awsorth Parish Council	£1,250	Kitchen Refurbishment – Pavilion
10/10/19	Brinsley Parish Council	£2,300	Tree planting – commemoration
10/10/19	Nuthall Parish Council	£1,855	Remembrance parade
10/10/19	Stapleford Town Council	£2,010	Remembrance event
10/10/19	Trowell Parish Council	£3,500	Car park refurbishment
13/02/20	Brinsley Parish Council	£1,000	Festive lighting display
13/02/20	Brinsley Parish Council	£1,225	VE Day celebrations 2020
07/01/21	Kimberley Town Council	£1,200	Purchase of a new defibrillator