

## Report of the Portfolio Holder for Resources and Personnel Policy

**Grants to Voluntary and Community Organisations, Charitable Bodies and Individuals Involved in Sports, the Arts and Disability Matters 2024/25**
1. Purpose of Report

To consider requests for grant aid in accordance with the provisions of the Council's Grant Aid Policy.

2. Recommendation

**Cabinet is asked to CONSIDER the requests and RESOLVE accordingly, including a potential additional budget allocation from General Fund Reserves in 2024/25.**

3. Detail

Details of the grant applications received are included in the **Appendix** for consideration. The amount available for distribution in 2024/25 is as follows:

	<u>£</u>
Revenue Grant Aid Budget	168,800
Less: Grant Awards to Date	(142,750)
<b>BALANCE AVAILABLE FOR DISTRIBUTION</b>	<b><u>26,050</u></b>
Less: Estimated requirements for: Rent Awards and Related Commitments	(36,800)
Less: Total Grants requested in this report	(20,000)
<b>FORECAST YEAR END DEFICIT</b>	<b><u>(30,750)</u></b>

4. Key Decision

This report is not a key decision as defined under Regulation 8 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.

5. Updates from Scrutiny

Not applicable.

**6. Financial Implications**

The comments from the Head of Finance Services were as follows:

Any grant awards will be met from the established grant aid budget shown in the table above. Members are reminded that they will need to suitably constrain grant awards in 2024/25 if the budget is not to be exceeded. The additional sums requested in this report, when compared to the previous year, would amount to £20,000 if all applications are fully supported.

There is only limited budgetary provision remaining in the current financial year. The total 'cash' grant requested in this report is £20,000 and would over-commit the grant aid budget for 2024/25, potentially restricting the amount available to apply elsewhere. If Members are minded to approve the requests in full, an additional one-off revenue development of up to £30,750 would be needed to be funded directly from General Fund Reserve balances in 2024/25.

**7. Legal Implications**

The comments from the Monitoring Officer / Head of Legal Services were as follows:

The Council is empowered to make grants to voluntary organisations by virtue of Section 48 Local Government Act 1985 (as well as other legislation). Having an approved process in line the legislation and the Council's Grant Aid Policy will ensure the Council's compliance with its legal duties.

**8. Human Resources Implications**

The comments from the Human Resources Manager were as follows:

Not applicable.

**9. Union Comments**

The Union comments were as follows:

Not applicable.

**10. Climate Change Implications**

There are no climate change implications identified in relation to this report.

**11. Data Protection Compliance Implications**

This report does not contain any OFFICIAL(SENSITIVE) information and there are no Data Protection issues in relation to this report.

12. Equality Impact Assessment

As this is not a change to policy an equality impact assessment is not required.

13. Background Papers

Nil.