

Report of the Portfolio Holder for Resources and Personnel Policy

Grant Aid Requests from Parish/Town Councils1. Purpose of Report

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

2. Recommendation

Cabinet is asked to CONSIDER the requests and RESOLVE accordingly.

3. Detail

Two related requests for grant aid assistance from Eastwood Town Council have been received:

- A request for up to £1,722 representing 50% of the cost of security, first aid and traffic management for its Remembrance Sunday Event.
- A request from of up to £993 representing 50% of the cost of restoration of the 'Cadets Cross' memorial.

Details of the applications are included in **Appendix 1**. The agreed protocol for assessing grant aid to parish and town councils is provided in **Appendix 2** with the grants previously awarded under this scheme listed in **Appendix 3**.

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 of the Head of Finance Services were as follows:

If Members wished to support these requests, the awards could be made from the £20,000 provision for grants to parish councils included in the 2024/25 revenue budget, of which £11,649 currently remains available.

7. Legal Implications

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

The Council is empowered to make grants by virtue of Section 137 Local Government Act 1972 (as well as other legislation). Having an approved process in line with the legislation and the Council's Grant Aid to Parish and Town Councils Protocol will ensure the Council's compliance with its legal duties.

8. Human Resources Implications

Not applicable.

9. Union Comments

Not applicable.

10. Climate Change Implications

There are no climate change implications 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 there is no change to policy an equality impact assessment is not required.

13. Background Papers

Nil.