

Report of the Portfolio Holder for Resources and Personnel Policy**Grant Aid Requests from Parish/Town Councils****1. 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. Recommendation

Cabinet is asked to consider the request and RESOLVE accordingly.

3. Detail

A request has been received from Eastwood Town Council for up to £4,149 towards the cost of security, first aid, hire of stage and sound equipment for the 'Bloomin Marvellous' Festival 2025.

Details of the application 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 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 Assistant Director Finance Services were as follows:

If Members wished to support this request, the award could be made from the £20,000 provision for grants to parish and town councils included in the 2025/26 revenue budget, of which £18,081 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

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

No climate change implications have been 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 change to policy / a new policy an equality impact assessment is not required.

13. Background Papers

Nil.