

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 2025/261. 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.

3. Detail

Details of the grant applications received are included in the **Appendix** for consideration. The amount available for distribution in 2025/26 is as follows:

	£
Revenue Grant Aid Budget	168,800
Less: Provision for rent awards and related expenses	(53,300)
Less: Grant Awards to Date	(102,465)
BALANCE AVAILABLE FOR DISTRIBUTION	<u>13,035</u>

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 Assistant Director Finance Services were as follows:

Any grant awards will be met from the grant aid budget shown above. Members are reminded that they will need to suitably constrain grant awards in 2025/26 if the budget is not to be exceeded.

The total 'cash' grants requested in this report is £3,500 with the additional sums requested in this report, when compared to the previous year, amounting to £1,250 if all applications are fully supported.

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

Not applicable.

9. Union Comments

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.