

## 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 2025/26**
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 2025/26.**

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:

	<u>£</u>
Revenue Grant Aid Budget	168,800
Additional Budget Allocation (Cabinet November 2025)	45,000
Less: Grant Awards to Date	(202,666)
<b>BALANCE AVAILABLE FOR DISTRIBUTION</b>	<b><u>11,134</u></b>
Grants requested in this report	(25,850)
Grant requested (item 4) relating to 2026/27	11,200
<b>FORECAST YEAR-END DEFICIT</b>	<b><u>(3,516)</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 Interim Deputy Chief Executive and Section 151 Officer were as follows:

Any grant awards will be met from the established grant aid budget shown above. There is only limited budgetary provision remaining in 2025/26. The total grants requested in this report would over-commit the grant aid budget and potentially restrict the amount available to apply elsewhere. If Members were to approve the requests in full, a revenue development of up to £4,000 would need to be funded from the General Fund Revenue Contingency budget, for which £38,000 remains available in 2025/26.

**7. Legal Implications**

The comments from the 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.