

OFFICER DECISION RECORD SHEET

Name of decision maker: Diane Southam

Service Area: Place, Communities & Enterprise

Title of Decision:

To approve Community Grants for the Winter 23-24 round

Decision made and reasons:

To make grants to the following organisations for the Winter 2023-24 round of bidding:

1. *BeeCreative: Dance Reignite:* Funding for a programme of dance workshops for 65+ year olds and a final performance at Hemel Old Town Hall. £3000
2. *Pepper Foundation: Pepper Family Fest:* Funding for a community event in Gadebridge Park in summer 2024, offering a range of entertainment to residents and visitors to support the charity. £3000
3. *Tring Together: Tring Summer Carnival 2024:* Funding to support the Tring Summer Carnival 2024 – providing a range of family entertainment to the community. £1880
4. *Inclusive Utd: Inclusive Community Active Programme: Programme of inclusive sport and social time for young adults with learning disabilities, hosted at Grovehill Adventure Playground.* £2800
5. *Expressions Academy: A year of Eco Craft Workshops.* Funding for bi weekly craft workshops at Adeyfield Free Church Centre £2850

Small Grants:

1. *Tring Futsal:* Funding upgrade equipment, kit and invest in the development of coaches. £500
2. *Boxmoor WI:* Funding for speakers. £500
3. *Sensa Cricket Club:* Registration fees, pitch hire and indoor net hire. £250
4. *Great Sturgess Community Group:* funding for chairs and arts materials to set up an arts and crafts group. £500
5. *Aylesbury Opera:* Funding for a lighting technician for their performance of La Boheme in May 2024 at Court Theatre, Tring. £500

Reports considered:

n/a

Officers/Councillors/Ward Councillors/Stakeholders Consulted:

Officers on the grants panel present:

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Fraser Willcox, Economic Development Officer
Fay Murphy, Assistant Accountant, Finance
Darren Flanagan, Accountant, Finance
Annie Smith, Community Partnerships Officer
Joe Guiton, Leisure Services Manager
Tom Dewey, Place Consultant
Gunilla Edwards, Community Partnerships Manager

Financial Comments:

Fay Murphy gave detailed comments to each application on the grants portal and scored each application. The comments and scores are written on the grants portal for staff. The Finance officer also approved the applications.

Deputy Monitoring Officer Comments:

Under section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Council has the power to incur expenditure, which in its opinion is in the interest of and will bring direct benefit to its area or any part of it or all or some of its residents.

Further to section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 a local authority has the power to make grants to voluntary organisations providing recreational facilities.

Deputy S151 Officers Comments:

The cost of the grant awards is within the approved budget levels.

Implications:

Value for Money: The community grants helps voluntary and community organisations with projects that benefit the local community. Each application considered is scrutinised by Finance and other officers to ensure value for money. Each organisation awarded a grant must provide a written report of the project within 12 months of receipt of funds.

Financial: The community grant pot is protected for allocating to community and voluntary organisations and the budget is allocated for the 2020/21 financial year

Risk: If we did not fund these community projects through the community grant scheme, they may not be able to go ahead.

Officer Signature:

Diane Southam



Date – 14 December 2023