

WEST OXFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Record of decisions taken by the **Cabinet Member for Health and Leisure** at a meeting held via video conferencing on **Friday 18 December 2020** at 12:00 pm in accordance with powers delegated by the Leader of the Council

PRESENT

Councillor Suzi Coul (Cabinet Member for Health and Leisure)

Officers in Attendance: Heather McCulloch (Community Wellbeing Manager) and Amy Bridgewater-Carnall (Senior Strategic Support Officer)

1. NOTICE OF DECISIONS

The record of decisions taken at the meeting held on 31 July 2019, copies of which had been circulated, were agreed by the Cabinet Member for Health and Leisure.

2. COMMUNITY REVENUE GRANTS 2020/21

The report of the Community Wellbeing Manager was considered requesting approval of a Community Revenue Grant award for 2020/21 under the authority given to the Cabinet member for Health and Leisure by Cabinet.

The Council's Community Revenue Grant application process was introduced following a review of revenue grants management and consideration of proposals for the future management of this voluntary and community sector funding. The Council's new grant scheme guidance incorporated criteria that governed eligibility for funding and the further assessment of grant applications.

The report summarised the key assessment criteria and advised that an application had been received from Homestart Oxford and reviewed by a Grants Panel before being put forward for approval.

The application requested £1,500.00 (4.5%) towards total project costs of £33,265.00. The criteria stated that the Council would look to limit its funding to no more than 33% of the planned project/activity costs but would extend to a maximum allowable 50% funding per project in support of strong proposals. Furthermore, the Council would consider higher awards where the activity offered significant benefits across an extensive part of the district or strong connection with achieving the Council's ambitions for the District.

In 2020/21, the total available budget for the Community Revenue Grants was £188,260. On 18 March 2020 Cabinet approved awards to the value of £186,949 and the remaining available budget in this financial year was £1,311.00.

The report therefore proposed that, given the available budget, the recommendation should be to award £1,311.00.

Having considered the report, and noting that no objections had been forthcoming to the proposal, Councillor Coul approved the recommendation.

DECISION: The report Community Revenue Grant (2020/21) award of £1,311.00 to Homestart Oxford be approved.

REASONS: The award of Community Revenue Grants helps support voluntary and community activity and partnership actions that help to achieve progress in the policy priorities outlined in the Council Plan 2020-24.

OPTIONS: An alternative option would be to not accept the report's recommendation and reject the application for funding.

The meeting closed at 12.05 pm

Cabinet Member for Health and Leisure