

Committee: Cabinet
Title: Voluntary Support Grants Committee
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Date: Wednesday, 4 April 2018
Key decision: No

Summary

1. This report provides Cabinet members with details of the review process undertaken by the Voluntary Support Grant Committee for all Voluntary Sector Grants for 2017/18 and 2018/19.

Recommendations

2. None

Financial Implications

3. None

Background Papers

4. The following papers were referred to by the author in the preparation of this report and are available for inspection from the author of the report.

None

Impact

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Communication/Consultation	Voluntary sector organisations are continually consulted in relation to the grant review process
Community Safety	None
Equalities	None
Health and Safety	None
Human Rights/Legal Implications	None

Sustainability	None
Ward-specific impacts	None
Workforce/Workplace	None

Situation

6. Following the allocation of all 2017/18 voluntary sector grants and the provisional allocation of the 2018/19 grants in December 2016, a further meeting of the Voluntary Support Grants Committee was held on 7 February 2018.
7. The purpose of this meeting was to review the performance of the voluntary sector organisations that had been awarded grants for 2017/18. This involved each organisation being invited to present how the funding from the Council had helped them achieve key objectives which had been identified as part of the application process.
8. A requirement of the 2017/18 funding allocation was for each organisation to submit a quarterly performance report which Officers review. This information was summarised for the committee to use for reference during the meeting.
9. Based on the presentations given, the committee agreed to award the 2018/19 funding allocation to each organisation as per Appendix One attached.

Risk Analysis

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Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Mitigating actions
Governance arrangements are not sufficiently robust	1	3	The review process adopted for the 2017/18 awards has ensured improvement in accountability, value for money and transparency
Major grant funding awards do not contribute towards the council's objectives	1	3	The process adopted ensures decision making is robust, transparent and aligned to corporate priorities

1 = Little or no risk or impact

2 = Some risk or impact – action may be necessary.

3 = Significant risk or impact – action required

4 = Near certainty of risk occurring, catastrophic effect or failure of project.

Appendix One

VOLUNTARY SECTOR APPROVED GRANT ALLOCATION 2017/18 AND 2018/19					
Organisation	Amount Funded 2016/17	Requested 2017/18	Requested 2018/19	Members Agreed Funding 2017/18	Members Agreed Funding 2018/19
REVENUE BUDGET					
Council for Voluntary Service, Uttlesford	£32,000	£36,000	£38,000	£34,000	£34,000
Uttlesford Community Travel	£38,000	£42,000	£43,000	£42,000	£42,000
Uttlesford Citizen Advice Bureau *	Core generalist & debt advice services	Core generalist & debt advice services			
	£117,487	£144,908	£154,150	£145,000	£145,000
	Money Dr project	Frontline			
	£5,000	£5,000	£5,000	£5,000	£5,000
	Money Advice Project				
	£5,000				
	Debt Advice				
	£25,000				
Volunteer Uttlesford	£14,000	£24,530	£43,145	£16,000	£16,000
Support 4 Sight	£11,000	£20,300	£20,500	£12,000	£12,000
Citizens' Advice East Herts	£11,440	£11,554	£11,670	£11,500	£11,500
Home-Start Uttlesford	£5,000	£5,000	£5,000	£8,250	£8,250
Voluntary Sector Training	£6,000	£6,900	£7,475	£6,000	£6,000
Action for Families	£12,000	£14,493	£14,945	£14,500	£14,500
Hearing Help Essex	0	£2,000	£2,030	£2,000	£2,000
St Clare Hospice	0	£20,000	£20,000	£3,750	£3,750
Uttlesford Buffy Bus Association **	0	£15,000	£15,450	0	0
Dunmow Malting Preservation Trust ***	£4,000	£5,000	£5,000	£4,000	£4,000
Total Spend	£285,927	£352,685	£385,365	£304,000	£304,000
Total Budget – Voluntary Sector Grants	£286,570	£286,570		£286,570	£286,570
+ / - difference	£643	-£66,115		-£17,430	-£17,430
Contingency Budget	£8,700			£57,000	£57,000
CAPITAL BUDGET					
Uttlesford Community Travel ****	£13,000	£15,000	£15,000	£15,000	£15,000
* Uttlesford CAB - 2016/17 allocation includes one-off payment for debt advice					
** No funding offered at this time. Consideration will be given in the future for capital expenditure (replacement of bus).					
*** 2017/18 and 2018/19 funding for Dunmow Maltings Preservation Trust to be set up as standalone grant					
**** Uttlesford Community Travel allocated £15,000 capital budget specifically for vehicle replacement.					