

# Cabinet

24 February 2016



<b>Title</b>	Annual Grants 2016-17		
<b>Purpose of the report</b>	To make a decision		
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<b>Cabinet Member</b>	Councillor Vivienne Leighton	<b>Confidential</b>	No
<b>Corporate Priority</b>	This item is not in the current list of Corporate priorities but still requires a Cabinet decision		
<b>Cabinet Values</b>	Community and Self-Reliance		
<b>Recommendations</b>	Cabinet is asked to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Agree the grants awards for 2016/17.</li><li>• Note all other support to the voluntary, charity sector.</li><li>• Note the performance of our key partners (over £10k per annum).</li></ul>		

## 1. Key issues

- 1.1 The grants programme for 2016/17 was publicised in October 2015 and 21 applications were received. This compares with 38 last year.
- 1.2 The Voluntary / Community Sector is seen as a key driver of services under the Localism Act 2011.
- 1.3 The Health and Social Care Act came into force in April 2013 and the Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) see the voluntary sector as important providers.
- 1.4 It is likely that if the voluntary sector did not provide services there would be even more pressure on local authorities (the industry norm for every pound spent by a local authority in grant aid, that six pounds of value is received). See Appendix A - background information.

## 2. Options analysis and proposal

- 2.1 To agree proposed funding to our major organisations for 2016/17 and to agree / not agree to the recommendation for the remaining funding for 2016/17. Details in Appendix B – Applicants and proposed funding
- 2.2 Following a meeting of the Grants Panel - Cllr Vivienne Leighton, Cllr Alfred Friday, Cllr Tony Harman, Terry Collier (DCX), Joanne Jones (Community

Development Manager) and Mary West (Sport & Active Lifestyle Officer) - the following grant support is proposed. See Appendix C for Grants panel review notes.

#### Major organisations

• Age UK Runnymede & Spelthorne	£25,000
• CAB (Runnymede & Spelthorne)	£75,000
• HomeStart	£15,000
• Rentstart	£30,000
• Shopmobility	£15,000
• VAIS	£5,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>£165,000</b>

#### Other applicants

• Carers Support	£500
• Crest	£2,900
• Crossroads	£5,000
• Mediation North Surrey	£400
• Mulberry Centre	£3,000
• N Surrey Domestic Abuse	£3,000
• One to One	£1,000
• Relate West Surrey	£1,000
• SCAN	£950
• Spelthorne Nat History Society	£500
• Spelthorne District Schools Football	£750
• Spelthorne Community & Arts Assn	£2400
• Spelthorne Sports Council	£2,400
• Talk	£1,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>£24,800</b>

Other applicants were Ashford Hockey Club, Dramatize, Kempton Park FC, RDA UK, Richmond Fellowship, Shepperton Village Fair, Staines Swimming Club, Surrey Welfare Rights. Their applications did not receive a grant offer.

2.3 The residue of £9,800 would be allocated throughout the upcoming year as and when further applications are made or eligible causes brought to the panel's attention.

2.4 It is also proposed that any organisations receiving in excess of £5,000 enter into a service level agreement to ensure that the Council is receiving value for money and also that the receiving organisation supports the Council's priorities.

### 3. Financial implications

3.1 The grant funding awarded is £199,600 - including residual £9,800 – and is available for the organisations as detailed in paragraph 2.2 and subsequent applicants during 2016-17.

3.2 The funding or support in kind for 2016/17 is projected to be as follows.

Grants	£199,600
Rate Relief	£46,000
Free facilities	£27,916
Accommodation in kind	£60,200
Neighbourhood Grants	£39,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>£372,716</b>

#### **4. Other considerations**

4.1 The Voluntary Sector offers services to a wide range of communities in Spelthorne. The collapse of any of them could have a profound effect on crime and disorder, health and many other aspects of Spelthorne life.

#### **5. Timetable for implementation**

5.1 Grants to be awarded in April 2016; residual grants thereafter until funds exhausted.

#### **Background papers:**

##### **Appendices:**

**Appendix A – Background information**

**Appendix B – Applicants and proposed funding 2016/17**

**Appendix C – Grants panel review notes**