

REPORT TITLE: PROPOSED GRANT ALLOCATIONS FOR 2017/18

WINCHESTER TOWN FORUM

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REPORT OF ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (ECONOMY & COMMUNITIES)

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PURPOSE

The Council has for many years provided funds to support the work of voluntary and community organisations in the Winchester District, recognising the wide and valued range of services they provide across the desired outcomes for the Winchester District.

The proposed total budget for grant programmes in 2017/18 totals £754,330. The bulk of this money is given in Core Funding, which makes a contribution towards the overheads of organisations providing important services for the residents of the Winchester District.

In addition, the Council provides 'one off' grants from both the General Fund and the Town Account to support projects across the Winchester District, often helping organisations to attract valuable match funding from other sources.

Additional programmes offering business-related grants seek to encourage enterprise and support jobseekers, whilst the recently-introduced cultural grants are intended to facilitate delivery of the Council's Cultural Strategy by local creative organisations and individuals. These are all included in the Report, and the allocations for these programmes included in the overall recommendations.

This Report sets out proposals for grants allocations in 2017/18, subject to final

approval of the Budget by Council in February. For Core Grants, the proposals include contributions from the Town Account which have been discussed in advance with the Winchester Town Forum (Town Account Grants) Informal Group.

Finally, the Report records allocations from the Town Forum's small grants programme, made during the course of 2016/17 under delegated authority by the Assistant Director (Economy & Communities) in consultation with the Winchester Town Forum (Town Account Grants) Informal Group

RECOMMENDATIONS:

To Cabinet

That, subject to the Council's approval of the Budget and Council Tax for 2017/18:

1. the proposed allocations totalling £754,330 for the financial year 2017/18 set out in Appendix 1, be approved,
2. the determination of the exact level of funding for Integr8 Community to bring the KAYAC building back into community use be delegated to the Assistant Director (Economy & Communities), in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Economy & Estates, up to a maximum figure of £40,000 in 2017/18
3. the Assistant Director (Chief Housing Officer) be given delegated authority to determine the exact figure to be made available in Core Grants to Winchester Churches Nightshelter and Winchester Rent Deposit Scheme for 2017/18, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Housing;
4. the total allocation of £71,000 set out in the Report for Project Grants and Small Grants be approved, and authority be delegated to the Assistant Director (Economy & Communities) in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Local Economy to determine the apportionment of funds between these two grants programmes in order to ensure effective deployment of the budget;
5. that authority be delegated to the Assistant Director (Economy & Communities) in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Economy & Estates to determine awards of Project Grants up to a value of £5,000 from 2017/18 onwards;
6. a total allocation of £25,000 (including an allocation of £5,000 from the Economy & Arts budget) be approved, to continue delivery of apprenticeship support grants, access to work grants, micro-business development grants and business start-up grants;
7. authority be delegated to the Assistant Director (Economy & Communities) to determine the final apportionment of funds between the programmes referenced in Recommendation 7 above in order to ensure effective

deployment of the budget;

8. an allocation of £10,000 from the Economy & Arts budget be approved to continue delivery of the cultural grants programme in 2017/18;
9. dependant on the General Fund 2016/17 outturn as a whole, any budget for Project Grants and Small Grants for 2016/17 which remains unallocated as at 31 March 2017 be added to the Grants and Commissioning Reserve for emergency or special applications, to be determined by the Assistant Director (Economy & Communities) in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Local Economy & Estates.

To Winchester Town Forum:

1. That the proposed grant allocations from the Winchester Town Account totalling £80,000 and shown in Appendix 1 to the Report be endorsed for organisations in the Town area (funded by the Winchester Town precept) and recommended to Council, as part of the approval of the total Council Grants Budget and subject to approval of the overall Budget and Council Tax for 2017/18;
2. That the allocations made for the Town Forum Small Grants Programme for 2016/17 under the delegated authority of the Assistant Director (Economy & Communities) and set out at Appendix 2 be noted, and any suggestions about the development of this programme for 2017/18 be made by Members; and
3. That the Membership of Winchester Town Forum (Town Account Grants) Informal Group be based on an odd number of Members, preferably five, from 2017/18 in order to facilitate efficient decision-making.

IMPLICATIONS:

1 COMMUNITY STRATEGY OUTCOME

- 1.1 Allocation of grant funding is a core element of the Council's commissioning approach: grants are made to organisations which can deliver services supporting the outcomes and priorities of the Community Strategy (changing to the Council Strategy from 2017). Organisations are required to demonstrate as part of the evaluation process how they support delivery of these outcomes.
- 1.2 Performance Agreements attached to the larger grants are linked back to the Strategy, in terms of supporting programmes or initiatives in the year ahead, and these can be across all three outcomes in the case of larger organisations such as Trinity Winchester and Theatre Royal Winchester.
- 1.3 As part of a three year funding programme, the allocations proposed for core funding in 2017/18 are assessed under and linked to the outgoing Community Strategy. The criteria and evaluation process will be reviewed during 2017/18 to re-align grants with the new Council Strategy themes, and to ensure there is greater flexibility in responding to changing Council priorities over the coming years.

2 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 2.1 The evaluation panel for core grants was briefed with maintaining the overall grants budget at a similar level in 2017/18 to 2016/17, continuing several years of stability for voluntary sector funding in the Winchester District. Appendix 1 shows the proposed core grant awards by organisation alongside suggested allocations to other corporate grants programmes. The total is £754,330, of which £80,000 is applicable to the Winchester Town Account and £674,330 to the General Fund.
- 2.2 In 2016/17 the total allocated at this stage in the year was £723,530. The increase of £30,800 for 2017/18 is largely attributable to an out-of-cycle request for a three year core funding agreement by Integr8 Community to restore the King Alfred's Youth Activity Centre in Winnall to community use. Following the decision by the trustees of Youth Options last year, Members sanctioned the proposal by officers to buy the Centre with the intention of renting it to Integr8 Community (a community interest company being created for the purpose by the established local business Integr8 Dance). Integr8 aims to retain many of the current uses (eg office space for voluntary organisations, youth activities) but also to use the building as the headquarters and main studios for their dance company which will enable them to make a contribution to the running costs of the centre and so make it financially viable over the long term. However, a combination of repairs and start-up costs have prompted Integr8 to request a stepped funding package from the Council starting at a maximum of £40,000 in 2017/18 and reducing to nothing in 2020/21. It is proposed that officers finalise the exact amount for

2017/18 following further scrutiny of Integr8's financial projections, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Economy & Estates.

- 2.3 It is proposed that the increase to the grants budget be funded through a combination of uncommitted funds in the Grants and Commissioning Reserve, and the Active Communities Commissioning Budget.
- 2.4 Members should also note that there is currently £40,087 of uncommitted balance for grants in the Grants and Commissioning Reserve (excluding any call on this reserve from 2.3 above). This has traditionally been used to support emergency requests outside the scope or timeframe of the three programmes. It is proposed to review the criteria and delegations for this programme in 2017/18, and a Portfolio Holder Decision Notice will be forthcoming in the spring.
- 2.5 It should further be noted that Appendix 1 does not include other one-off grants made to organisations during recent years, nor contracts which have been let for services/projects commissioned by the Council. The Council actively encourages core-funded organisations to apply for other grants and commissions, and officers have provided training to support them in securing such opportunities. Such additional funds do not generally support the core running costs of an organisation, and are ring-fenced for project delivery purposes. In line with new Government Transparency requirements, however, this information is published on a regular basis on the Council's [transparency web pages](#) or via the South East Business Portal / Contract Finder (for contracts).
- 2.6 Appendix 2 provides a summary of the Town Forum Small Grants allocated during 2016/17 under delegated authority to the Assistant Director (Economy & Communities) but in consultation with the Winchester Town Forum (Town Account Grants) Informal Group. An extended application period agreed by Members means that these were not reported to Town Forum in September 2016 as would normally have been the case. Based on the allocations process over the past year, officers would recommend that future panels of the Winchester Town Forum (Town Account Grants) Informal Group consist of an odd number of Members, preferably five, in order to facilitate more effective decision-making.
- 2.7 A new, corporate software system for grants management was procured in 2016/17. This is now used to track most Council-issued grants, and is used by officers awarding business grants and cultural grants in the Economy & Arts Team as well as by the Funding and Development Officer for community grants.

3 LEGAL, PROCUREMENT AND CONSTITUTIONAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 It is considered that the proposals contained in this Report are covered by either the general power of competence in S1 Localism Act 2011, or alternatively by the more specific powers outlined in S19 Local Government Act 1976 – “not-for-profit making recreation projects”, S142 Local Government

Act 1972 – “information/advice services -: S145 Local Government Act 1972 – “promotion of the entertainments and Housing Act 1996 – assistance in connection with homelessness.

- 3.2 There are no formal procurement implications. The distribution of grants is a not a statutory process. However, the Council publishes criteria, advice and evaluation models on the grants pages of its website, along with the sums awarded each year, to ensure a fully transparent process in line with Government expectation.
- 3.3 Code of Conduct: In their consideration of this Report, Members are particularly advised to have regard to their responsibilities under the Code of Conduct and the Council’s Protocol on Member Participation in Grant Aid applications. In summary, this states that:
- Council policy is that no public participation is permitted regarding specific grant applications – this includes non-Forum Councillors speaking from the floor.
 - Personal interests should be declared where a Member is an ordinary member of an organisation applying for grant aid, and the Member wishes to address the meeting. Members of the Forum or Cabinet who are ordinary members of an organisation which has submitted a grant application may wish to speak and vote, but should refrain from “special pleading” and limit their contributions to answering any questions of fact that may arise. This is because no public participation is allowed on grants to support specific cases.
 - Members of the Forum or Cabinet who have personal and prejudicial interests (i.e. an office-holder of an applicant organisation or otherwise active in the organisation) in any applications should declare this and leave the room during the consideration of that specific grant, regardless of whether or not they have been appointed to the group as the Council’s representative.
- 3.4 Members are requested to notify the Democratic Services Officer on tel: 01962 848 438 in advance of the meeting of any relevant considerations under the Code of Conduct.

4 WORKFORCE IMPLICATIONS

4.1 None

5 PROPERTY AND ASSET IMPLICATIONS

5.1 None

6 CONSULTATION AND EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 6.1 No external consultation takes place around the grants process unless major changes are proposed, in which case the Council seeks to adhere to the terms of its compact with the voluntary sector.
- 6.2 However, the views of Members who are designated observers or trustees on the organisations requesting funding are sought as part of the decision-making process, and the relevant officers and Portfolio Holders are included in grants panel discussions to ensure that allocations are based on a rounded view of the organisation's performance.
- 6.3 Following discussion of the grants allocations at Cabinet in February 2016, it was agreed that Members could play a greater role in scrutinising core funding outcomes through The Overview and Scrutiny Committee. A Report is being presented to the Committee on [23 January 2017](#), and Members who are designated observers or trustees have been invited to contribute to this.
- 6.4 Many of the organisations funded by the Council provide direct help for the most vulnerable residents of the Winchester District, and all grant funded organisations are expected to promote equality of opportunity for all sections of the community through the services they provide.
- 6.5 It is for this reason that Leading Members have protected the overall quantum of the grants budget in spite of the financial constraints under which the Council continues to work.
- 6.6 A full Equality Impact Assessment would usually be carried out to assess the effect of proposed funding decisions on vulnerable groups in the District. However, as has tended to be the case in recent years, an initial scoping review of the proposed allocations indicated that whilst some changes to funding levels might affect the number and range of service users by any one organisation, that change was offset by other decisions made (e.g. increased allocations, or additional money for small project grants). Therefore no full Impact Assessment has been carried out.

7 RISK MANAGEMENT

- 7.1 A general risk assessment for Core Funding has been drawn up by officers to ensure that risk to the Council is minimised wherever possible, and mitigation takes the form of measures such as staged payments of larger grants; monitoring of delivery against agreed performance indicators; attendance as observers at AGMs and Board Meetings and referral of financial issues – where they arise – to the Finance Team for consideration.
- 7.2 There are numerous checks and balances built into the process for evaluating and awarding grants, as is shown in the table below. However, risk management measures need to be proportionate. The Council has committed itself in recent years to keeping bureaucracy and administration to a minimum for the voluntary sector and small business community.

- 7.3 Following feedback from Cabinet in determining grant allocations for 2016/17, a Report on the Council's Partner Organisations was presented to The Overview and Scrutiny Committee in January 2017 (OS158 – Monitoring of Core Funded Organisations, 23 January 2017 refers). The Report continues to develop the role of Members in the process of awarding and scrutinising core grants, considering performance, risk and areas for future development. It included a financial assessment of each Partner Organisation, and highlighted ongoing concern around the fragility of the financial situation of Live Theatre Winchester Trust which operates Theatre Royal Winchester and Hat Fair. Although the Theatre has previously produced a plan aiming at building financial resilience, the current change of Chief Executive will provide an opportunity to explore new ideas. Officers from the City and County Council are arranging an early joint meeting to take forward this work. Colleagues in the Finance Team are closely involved, and Leading Members continue to be kept informed.

Risk	Mitigation	Opportunities
<p><i>Property</i></p> <p>The organisations which receive the highest level of core funding tend to be those that operate their own premises. However, funding for major repairs and improvements is not easy to find and there is a risk that these organisations will turn to the Council to support such repairs, adding to the funding burden, even though the assets are not owned by the Council.</p>	<p>Nominated Member observers on the boards of these organisations are able to see how trustees make provision for repairs and maintenance.</p> <p>The Council commissions Community First to provide funding advice to voluntary organisations to help them seek grants from sources other than the Council.</p> <p>The County Council has – thus far – had an active capital grants programme. Organisations are encouraged to consider this for major repairs, with some limited match funding from the City Council's own, very modest, capital grants programme.</p>	
<p><i>Community Support</i></p> <p>There is a high level of community involvement in voluntary organisations through volunteering as well as use of the services</p>	<p>Leading Members have protected overall grants budgets year on year to avoid making significant funding reductions, unless they are recommended</p>	

<p>provided. Reducing or removing funding from such organisations is likely to be very unpopular with local residents, and create reputational damage for the Council.</p>	<p>by the grants evaluation panel (eg where an organisation has high levels of reserves).</p> <p>The Funding and Development Officer issues a number of media releases during the year to promote the Council's support for the voluntary sector, and reference some of the grants awarded.</p>	
<p><i>Timescales</i></p> <p>The timescale for applying for and determining core funding is nearly five months, due to the Council's budgeting cycle. Small voluntary organisations can change a great deal in this time and information provided at the outset may not be current by the time funding is awarded.</p>	<p>The Funding and Development Officer maintains ongoing contact with the organisation, and checks for currency of information throughout the process as well as investigating anomalies.</p> <p>The organisation is required to sign a funding agreement before payment of the grant which includes specific requirements to declare changes in financial and other circumstances.</p>	
<p><i>Project capacity</i></p> <p>Voluntary organisations are experiencing an ongoing increase in levels of demand from their most vulnerable service users. The Council is not able to fund significant growth, and organisations may struggle to meet the demand. Again, there may be reputational damage to the Council by association as a result.</p>	<p>Grants allocations are constantly reviewed by the evaluation panel in an effort to recognise growth in demand in some areas, and opportunities to rationalise or reduce costs in others.</p> <p>Funding allocations are tied to performance agreements setting out realistic expectations (on both sides) for service delivery in the year ahead.</p>	
<p><i>Financial / VfM</i></p> <p>Potential misuse of money by receiving organisation, or insolvency/collapse, resulting in a wasted grant from the Council and/or</p>	<p>All applications for Core Grants are required to meet certain standards in relation to good governance, good management practice and sound financial</p>	

<p>reputational damage (see also below)</p>	<p>management. These are scored by the evaluation panel against published criteria.</p> <p>The Council expects charities to operate in line with the requirements of the Charity Commission, and other voluntary organisations are also expected to base their operations on similar principles. Further information can be found on the Charity Commission website.</p> <p>Members are nominated as observers on the boards of the designated partner organisations, and can see at first hand the way that finances are managed and deployed.</p> <p>Organisations are not permitted to change the use of the approved grant unless otherwise agreed in writing by the City Council.</p> <p>The Council would not give funding to an organisation which was clearly insolvent or was very likely to become insolvent during the course of the year. The Finance Team is actively involved in assessing financial information provided as part of the core funding applications process.</p> <p>For the larger grants (i.e. those over £50,000), grants are staged in two, half-yearly payments. The release of the second tranche is triggered by receipt of a mid-year update report and financial information.</p>	
<p><i>Innovation</i></p>		

<p>Grants for business start-ups or innovative schemes (eg The Handlebar Café and cycle hub) carry a raised degree of risk, which in turn could result in failure of the enterprise and associated reputational damage for the Council.</p>	<p>Business plans are required by officers when assessing requests for such funding.</p> <p>Members are appraised of associated risks through committee reports and decision notices requiring funding decisions.</p> <p>Active support is provided to small businesses from teams across the Council, drawing on the 'Better Business for All' model, to try and ensure that they thrive rather than fail.</p>	
<p><i>Reputation</i></p> <p>The operations of the organisation attract negative PR or comment, reflecting badly on the Council as a funder.</p> <p>Members may be seen to make biased decisions around funding allocations.</p>	<p>All successful applicants are expected to sign up to a Performance Agreement with the Council before any payments are made, and this sets out a number of practices designed to reduce risk to the Council in terms of reputation and service delivery.</p> <p>Members are advised on the Code of Conduct (see para 3.3 above) in making final decisions on the grants.</p> <p>Members and officers use clear, published evaluation criteria and scoring systems to determine grant allocations.</p>	

8 SUPPORTING INFORMATION:

8.1 The quality of life in the Winchester District is enhanced by a dynamic line-up of voluntary, community and 'not for profit' organisations. Drawing on extensive volunteer power and responding to local need in a very direct way, these organisations provide a host of services which support those in difficulty and enhance lives.

- 8.2 The voluntary and community sector (or VCS) consists of a very broad spectrum of bodies, from small, local, 'single focus' groups to branches of nationally known charities with headquarter organisations providing additional resources and guidance. The sector provides not only community-based care and support services, but activities such as arts, sports, heritage, environmental and training for work.
- 8.3 The Council recognises and celebrates the work of the third sector. This is demonstrated by the manner in which the grants budgets have been protected over recent years, but also through joint working, special receptions, practical support (eg through staff volunteering days) and the provision by the Council of a free-to-use advisory service which is commissioned through Community First.
- 8.4 Following the annual application and review process for core funding grants in recent weeks, this paper outlines proposals for all the Council's main grant allocations in 2017/18 and seeks Member approval for these allocations. Proposals are, however, subject to final approval of the Budget for 2017/18 by Council on 23 February 2017.
- 8.5 2017/18 will be the third and final year in a three year funding arrangement with the Council's designated Partner Organisations (those which have the greatest capacity to deliver change across the spectrum of the – outgoing - Community Strategy). Criteria will change in time for the next cycle, to align with the new Council Strategy, and grants awarded will reflect the degree to which the core-funded organisations are able to support delivery of the Strategy. Moreover, some funding reductions were agreed by Members in February 2016 to be implemented over two years – 2017/18 being the second of these. As a result, no other significant changes are proposed to funding allocations in 2017/18. Appendix 1 records the suggested allocations for these and other all other grants programmes, with brief notes recording key findings from the evaluation process.
- 8.6 The most significant change for 2017/18 is the proposed introduction of Integr8 Community as a core funded organisation, as referenced in paragraph 2.2 above. The last year has seen uncertain times for the King Alfred Youth and Activity Centre as a result of the sale of the building by Youth Options, which has struggled to make the Centre financially and operationally viable. The proposal by Integr8 to bring commercial income to the building whilst retaining the community orientation through lettings to charities, youth activities and classes is a welcome one. KAYAC is being bought by the Council in view of its potential for longer term re-use if that should be required. A three year, stepped funding arrangement for Integr8 would help to give the new operation the best chance of success and secure a tenant for KAYAC that is committed to Winchester (as former graduates of the University of Winchester) and particularly to the community of Winnall, where their dance business started originally.

8.7 Most Members will be familiar with the Council's grants programmes and processes, but more information about the grants available, the criteria and the application process can be found at <http://www.winchester.gov.uk/community/grants/>

8.8 Members are now invited to consider and approve the Recommendations as part of the wider approval process for the Council's Budget for 2017/18.

9 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

9.1 Appendix 1 shows the level of grant requested and the awards proposed, explaining the justification where these figures are not the same.

9.2 2017/18 is the final year in a three year programme for core funded organisations, based on the outcomes and themes of the outgoing Community Strategy. Consequently, the evaluation panel did not feel that this was the time to look at multiple options or alternatives.

9.3 As is indicated elsewhere in this Report, core funding allocations for 2018/19 will be awarded against the new Council Strategy, and the evaluation criteria and scoring mechanisms for all grants programmes will be reviewed as part of this. Criteria for one-off Community Grants will be brought into alignment with the new Strategy during the course of 2017/18, ahead of the Core Grants.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:-

Previous Committee Reports:-

[PHD600](#) – Revised Criteria: Core Grants and Partner Organisations (General Fund), signed 22 October 2014

[CAB2646](#) – Proposed Grant Allocations for 2015/16, 21 January 2015

[PHD620](#) – Grants for Arts Organisations, 21 April 2015

[PHD679](#) – Community Project Grants, signed 31 March 2015

[PHD662](#) – Community Project Grants, signed 20 November 2015

[CAB2754](#) – Proposed Grant Allocations for 2016/17, 10 February 2016

[PHD717](#) – Revision of Access to Work and Apprenticeship Grant Criteria, signed 10 October 2016

[PHD722](#) – Community Project Grants, signed 01 December 2016

Other Background Documents:-

- Winchester District Community Strategy 2010 – 2020 (revised):

www.winchester.gov.uk/assets/files/18898/CAB2533.pdf

APPENDICES:

Appendix 1 – Proposed Grant Funding Allocations for 2017/18

Appendix 2 – Summary of Town Forum Small Grants Allocations for 2016/17

CORE GRANTS 2017/2018

Appendix 1: Proposed Grant Allocations 2017/18

Organisation	Allocations in 2015/16				Allocations in 2016/17				Recommended 2017/18				Notes
	Requested	Recommendation General	Recommendation Town	Awarded	Requested	Recommendation General	Recommendation Town	Awarded	Requested	Recommendation General	Recommendation Town	Awarded	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	
CORE FUNDING: Partner Organisations													
Trinity Winchester	94,100	83,900	11,100	95,000	95,000	79,900	10,100	90,000	85,000	75,900	9,100	85,000	Reduction of £10,000 over two years agreed by Members in Feb 2016 (CAB2754)
KAYAC (formerly operated by Youth Options, now proposed for Integr8 Community)	20,536	10,000	3,000	13,000	21,853	8,000	1,500	9,500	40,000	37,300	2,700	40,000	Maximum figure (subject to ongoing discussion) for Yr 1 of 3 year reducing grant to return building to community use
Live Theatre Winchester Trust _ Theatre Royal	160,000	136,000	20,000	156,000	156,000	136,000	20,000	156,000	156,000	136,000	20,000	156,000	No change
Live Theatre Winchester Trust _ Rural Theatre and Dance	7,500	8,000		8,000	8,000	8,000		8,000	8,000	8,000		8,000	No change
Live Theatre Winchester Trust _ Hat Fair	24,000	21,000	3,000	24,000	24,000	31,000	3,000	34,000	24,000	31,000	3,000	34,000	Woolly Hatfair contribution included of £10,000 - for review after Xmas 2017 production/based on forward business plan
Winchester Churches Nightshelter	35,000	0	0	0	30,000	8,000	1,200	9,200	15,000	13,000	1,200	14,200	Increased allocation due to high level of support for shared homelessness strategy/practices
Carroll Centre	15,000	11,000	4,000	15,000	18,000	9,000	4,000	13,000	15,000	8,000	3,000	11,000	Slight reduction. Funding agreement for 17/18 to focus on greater collaborative working with WCC.
Citizens Advice Winchester District _ main grant	168,000	148,000	20,000	168,000	168,000	148,000	20,000	168,000	168,000	148,000	20,000	168,000	No change
Citizens Advice Winchester District _ historic additional grant for premises costs	9,000	9,000		9,000	9,000	4,500		4,500		0		0	Removal of former 'Local Access Point' grant over two years agreed by Members in Feb 2016 (CAB2754)
Totals	533,136	426,900	61,100	488,000	529,853	432,400	59,800	492,200	511,000	457,200	59,000	516,200	
CORE FUNDING: Other Organisations													
Home Start Meon Valley	12,000	9,000		9,000	10,000	9,000		9,000	10,000	9,000		9,000	No change - performance agreement for 17/18 to explore economies of scale between the two Home Starts
Home-Start Winchester & Districts	8,000	6,300	1,700	8,000	8,000	6,300	2,000	8,300	8,300	6,300	2,000	8,300	No change - performance agreement for 17/18 to explore economies of scale between the two Home Starts
Street Reach	12,000	5,000	500	5,500	11,000	4,500	1,000	5,500	8,000	4,500	1,000	5,500	No change
Winchester & District Young Carers	8,000	2,000	2,000	4,000	5,000	2,000	2,000	4,000	5,000	2,000	2,000	4,000	No change
Winchester Youth Counselling	5,000	3,000		3,000	5,000	4,000	500	4,500	6,000	5,000	1,000	6,000	Increased to reflect growing pressure on need for mental health services
Age UK Mid Hampshire	7,000	5,000	1,500	6,500	15,000	5,000	1,500	6,500	15,000	5,000	1,500	6,500	No change - performance agreement for 17/18 to explore economies of scale with Winchester Live at Home
Winchester Live at Home	6,000	5,500	500	6,000	6,000	5,500	1,000	6,500	7,500	5,500	1,000	6,500	No change - performance agreement for 17/18 to explore economies of scale with Age UK Mid Hampshire
Blue Apple	7,500	3,500	3,000	6,500	7,000	3,000	2,500	5,500	7,000	3,000	2,500	5,500	No change
Winnall Rock School	10,000	4,000	3,000	7,000	7,000	3,000	3,000	6,000	8,000	3,000	3,000	6,000	No change
Wessex Cancer Trust					20,000	0	0	0	4,000	0	0	0	Low score against grants criteria - not deemed eligible for a core grant at this time
Core Funding Sub Totals	75,500	43,300	12,200	55,500	94,000	42,300	13,500	55,800	78,800	43,300	14,000	57,300	
Voluntary Sector Support Service Commission (formerly grant to WACA)		50,000		50,000		50,000		50,000		50,000		50,000	3 year contract awarded to Community First 1/5/16-30/4/19
Other Grant Schemes _ Proposed Allocations													
Community Grants - Project Grants & Small Grants Programmes		66,500		66,500		71,000		71,000		71,000		71,000	No change
Town Forum Small Grants			5,000	5,000			6,700	6,700			7,000	7,000	
Business start up / Micro Business Development Grants		15,000		15,000		15,000		15,000		15,000		15,000	Includes virement of £5k from Economy & Arts Base Budget
Apprentice Support /Access to Work Grants		10,000		10,000		5,000		5,000		10,000		10,000	Includes virement of £5k from Economy & Arts Base Budget
Cultural Grants		10,000		10,000		10,000		10,000		10,000		10,000	Allocated from Economy & Arts Base Budget
Running Totals		101,500	5,000	106,500		101,000	6,700	107,700		106,000	7,000	113,000	Overall increase reflects virement of £5k from Economy & Arts Base Budget
Housing Organisations Funded from Homelessness Prevention Budget													
Keystone Winchester Churches Housing				8,000				0				0	
Winchester Churches Night Shelter				5,000				12,000		To be determined by housing		12,000	
Winchester Rent Deposit Scheme				2,000				5,830				5,830	
Totals				15,000				17,830				17,830	
Totals	533,136	426,900	61,100	488,000	529,853	432,400	59,800	492,200	511,000	457,200	59,000	516,200	
Core Funding for Partner Organisations	533,136	426,900	61,100	488,000	529,853	432,400	59,800	492,200	511,000	457,200	59,000	516,200	
Core Funding for Other Organisations	75,500	39,300	9,200	48,500	94,000	42,300	13,500	55,800	78,800	43,300	14,000	57,300	
Allocations for Other Council Grant Schemes		101,500	5,000	106,500		101,000	6,700	107,700		106,000	7,000	113,000	
Housing Organisations funded from Homelessness Budget		15,000		15,000		17,830		17,830		17,830		17,830	
Provision for Voluntary Sector Support Commission		50,000		50,000		50,000		50,000		50,000		50,000	
TOTAL PROPOSED ALLOCATIONS	608,636	632,700	75,300	708,000	623,853	643,530	80,000	723,530	589,800	674,330	80,000	754,330	Increase reflects additional virement from Economy & Arts Base Budget, and maximum figure for KAYAC grant

Town Forum Small Grants - 2016/17 Allocations

Appendix 2: Summary of Town Forum Small Grant Allocations 2016/17						
Organisation	Location	Member endorsement	Summary	Grant requested	Grant awarded	Community benefit/rationale
First Bite Community Project	St Michael	Cllr Hiscock	Pilot scheme using surplus food from FareShare UK to cook healthy meals for vulnerable groups in the community. Community café, after school 'grub clubs' and workshops in cookery and hospitality. 'Pay as you feel' soup within café setting encouraging interaction and social inclusion.	£500.00	£500.00	Community engagement and supporting health and wellbeing
Hyde900	St Bartholomew	Cllr Weir	Hire of equipment, promotional expense and on-site remedial costs associated with community dig at King Alfred Terrace. Project to be carried out with active involvement of the community.	£500.00	£500.00	Community engagement and cultural benefit
Street Reach	St Barnabas	Cllr Weir	For purchase of some wristbands with contact details on so young people can get in touch via social media, email, phone etc. Currently popular with young people and would like to promote new website.	£392.00	£392.00	Community engagement
Winchester Live at Home Scheme	St Bartholomew	Cllr Hiscock	For new fridge/freezer to store food that the daily activities such as, Lunch Clubs and Craft Club, require. Currently share fridge with church but this is impractical	£500.00	£500.00	Community engagement and supporting health and wellbeing
10 Days	St Paul	Cllr Hutchinson	To purchase projection and sound equipment to enable more events and presentations in unusual venues in Winchester.	£500.00	£500.00	Community engagement and cultural benefit
Winnall Community Association	St Bartholomew	Cllr Hiscock	For publicity materials to promote the enhanced building and facilities at Winnall Community Centre including the newly available services (IT classes, Cookery)	£500.00	£500.00	Community engagement, Increase community usage and hires
Weeke Community Association	St Barnabas	Cllr Weir	To offer better communication in the city centre for new and existing users by having a 'portal device' (like the Surface). Organisation is looking to expand and this would enable them to engage with locals better and have immediate access to show plans and ideas.	£500.00	£500.00	Community engagement
The Carroll Centre	St Luke	Cllr Green	Stanmore Gardening Club is a new organisation in Stanmore. The grant will allow the group to set up a new community garden in Stanmore, which will be maintained by members of the group and local school children.	£500.00	£500.00	Community engagement

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Organisation	Location	Member endorsement	Summary	Grant requested	Grant awarded	Community benefit/rationale
Winnall Rock School	St Bartholomew	Cllr Ashton	Group looking to extend their reach next year and take part in a number of festivals. Funding will allow group to hire a Music Leader for 2 days to work on project	£400.00	£400.00	Community engagement and cultural benefit
Abbotts Barton Community Group	St Bartholomew	Cllr Burns	To plant 10 fruit trees in two locations on the Abbotts Barton Estate. The grant will cover purchase of trees and associated materials such as stakes/protective fencing. Trees to be planted by residents early 2017. Fruit will be available to be picked by all in community.	£500.00	£500.00	Community engagement and supporting health and wellbeing
Community First on behalf of Art Talk Plus	St Barnabas	Cllr Weir	Art Talk Plus is a group for people with learning disabilities to produce flyers and information for it's sister group Art Talk. Funding to go towards the cost of a new computer for the use of the users of the group	£530.00	£500.00	Inclusive community benefit
Party in the Park Steering Group	St Luke	Cllr Green	To provide accredited training to the members of the group in event management to allow them to become fully responsible and competent in the organisation and running of the Party in the Park event.	£1,500.00	£500.00	Community engagement
St Barnabas Church	St Barnabas	Cllr Weir & Cllr Berry	To purchase a BBQ and lockable storage unit to keep it in. This will allow the group to run more special events and social activities for BASE members and the local community.	£500.00	£500.00	Community engagement
				£7,322.00	£6,292.00	
			Town Forum Account Budget for 16/17 £6700:		£408.00	Budget remaining
			Funding allocated from the Assistant Director (Economy & Communities) budget			
Winchester Action on Climate Change			This funding was a contribution towards the conference: Thinking ahead about Winchester town centre held on 21 July at the University of Winchester. Ideas and issues raised at the conference included traffic congestion, how the City Council can engage people as it draws up plans, helping people to understand strategic planning, shortage of facilities for small children, especially in poor weather. Over 80 people in attendance.		£250.00	
			Grant allocated:		£250.00	