

HARBOROUGH DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Cabinet Sub-Committee Grants Committee

Held at Harborough Innovation Centre

Wellington Way, Airfield Business Park, Market Harborough

On Wednesday, 10 April 2024

Commencing at 18:30

Present:

Councillors: Simon Galton and Councillor Darren Woodiwiss

Officers: Ruth Puentes (Grants Administrator – Community Partnerships), Steven Taylor (Health and Wellbeing Manager - Community Partnerships), Rachel Felts (Head of Customer Services & Community Partnerships - Customer Services & Community Partnerships), Sarah Hamilton (Senior Democratic Services Officer)

1. Election of Chairman for 2024/25

Councillor Galton was proposed as Chairman, the vote was **CARRIED** and Councillor Galton was elected Chairman.

2. Apologies for Absence

Councillor Knowles offered his apologies. .

3. Declarations of Members' Interests

There were no declarations of interest.

4. Draft Minutes - Cabinet Sub-Committee Grants – 27th September 2023

The draft meeting minutes of 27 September 2023 were approved and accepted as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

5. Consider the following reports:

The Committee considered the following grant applications:

- a. 002 – S106 R1 2024/25 Gilmorton Playing Fields Association;
- b. 003 – S106 R1 2024/25 Medbourne Parish Council;
- c. 004 – S106 R1 2024/25 1st Bowdens Scouts Group;
- d. 005 – S106 R1 2024/25 Fleckney Parish Council;
- e. 007 – S106 R1 2024/25 Fleckney Village Hall.

6. Section 106 Grant Round 1 (2024/25)

Officers presented the Committee with a report that outlined the process for funding known as Section 106 money (S106), which would be used to develop or improve community facilities and various open spaces.

Officers explained that the funding was secured through a planning obligation request which was a deed or agreement attached to the land that was subject to planning permission. Contributions secured through planning obligations were used to mitigate or compensate for the negative impacts of a development.

Since 1st August 2021, the Council's adopted Section 106 process provided for applications for funding of under £25,000 to be determined by the Community Facilities Development Officer in consultation with Section 106 Officers and the Cabinet Sub Committee, without a meeting of the cabinet sub-committee for grants.

Officers reported that eight Section 106 Grant Applications had been submitted and assessed during a 6-week consultation process. Projects requesting funding of under £25,000 would, however, be determined at the Cabinet Sub Committee for Grants meeting if two or more organisations submitted a request for the same funding. The Cabinet Sub-Committee (Grants) would therefore determine how the funding should be allocated.

Therefore, the Community Facilities Development Officer and S106 Officers considered project applications **002** (Gilmorton Community Playing Fields Association), **003** (Medbourne Parish Council), **004** (1st Bowdens Scouts Group), **005** (Fleckney Parish Council) and **007** (Fleckney Village Hall) as set out in appendix A to recommend for funding in line with Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) compliance criteria, and the criteria set out in the Section 106 grant guidance notes.

Representative of the applications for the grant were allowed to speak and after deliberation, the Committee **RESOLVED** that the following applications would be granted funding:

- 002 Gilmorton Community Playing Fields Association (full)- £184,731.60
- 003 Medbourne Parish Council (full)- £28,748.19
- 004 1st Bowdens Scouts Group (part)- £48,691.57
- 005 Fleckney Parish Council (part)- £1,234,436.22
- 007 Fleckney Village Hall (full)- £50,000.00

It was **AGREED** that Officers would carefully monitor the spend by date, terms and conditions and allocate with the spend date.

7. To consider any urgent items (to be decided by the Chairman)

There were no urgent business items.

The meeting ended at 20:06pm