

CORPOARTE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

14 NOVEMBER 2018

WORKING GROUP REPORT

FESTIVE WARD GRANTS REVIEW

EXEMPT INFORMATION

Not applicable.

PURPOSE

On 17th October 2017 Cabinet resolved to implement a Festive Ward Grants Scheme and the first awards were made under the scheme for the 2017 festive period. The Cabinet (Grants) Sub Committee administered the awards.

Corporate Scrutiny Committee considered that a working group should be formed to review the process and make recommendations if required. The working group comprised Councillors Simon People, Simon Goodall, Richard Ford and Martin Summers.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Working Group makes the following recommendations to the Corporate Scrutiny Committee:

1. That Cabinet be requested to investigate the potential for there to be more flexibility in the festive grant scheme to allow smaller groups that do not meet the exacting requirements that the scheme currently prescribes.
2. That the scheme should not be openly promoted through the press.
3. That no issues were found in allowing grants to be awarded to the previous years' recipients.

REPORT AUTHOR

Councillor S Goodall on behalf of the Working Group.