

**CABINET**  
**26<sup>th</sup> September 2019**

**Report of the Portfolio Holder for Housing Services and Communities**

**Tamworth Borough Council Grant Schemes**

**EXEMPT INFORMATION**

The Appendices to this Report are not for publication because the appendices could involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 1 and 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended)

**PURPOSE**

To agree grant applications to the Council's Small Grants Scheme.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

- **That Cabinet consider the applications and approve officer recommendations for small grants, art grants, sport grants and business grants**
- **That Cabinet Delegate authority to the Executive Director of Communities in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Communities to manage the Festive Grant Applications and agree Festive Grant awards including any variations during the term of the grants**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The small grant, sports grants, arts grants and business grant applications were previously submitted to Cabinet Sub-grants committee four times per year for consideration.

It has been agreed that Cabinet will now consider applications to all of the schemes directly via one report which therefore negates the need for Cabinet Sub-grants Committee.

Prior to the Cabinet meeting a summary overview of **all** eligible grant applications received and evaluations has been circulated by the responsible officers, via email, to the Portfolio Holder for Communities, Portfolio Holder for Cultural and Operational Services and the Portfolio Holder for Heritage and Growth for information to consider applications made, raise any questions with responsible Officers prior to Cabinet to inform decisions at the Cabinet Meeting for awards or refusal based on grant criteria.

**Small grant applications**

To reflect the application guidelines outlined in the background information below, applications are outlined under three categories:

- Applications for revenue/running costs
- Applications for equipment/projects
- Combined Applications: Running Costs/Projects and Equipment

The following small grant applications have been received this quarter:

<b>Applications for Revenue/Running Costs</b>	<b>Applied for</b>	<b>Recommended</b>
No Applications received this quarter		
<b>Sub-total for this section</b>		

<b>Applications for Equipment/Projects</b>	<b>Applied for</b>	<b>Recommended</b>
Tamworth Volunteer Litter Pickers	£506.50	£506.50
Heart of Tamworth Community Project	£500.00	£500.00
1 <sup>st</sup> Glascote (St George) Scout Group	£300.00	£300.00
<b>Sub-total for this section</b>	<b>£1,306.50</b>	<b>£1,306.50</b>

<b>Combined Applications: Running Costs/Projects and Equipment</b>	<b>Applied for</b>	<b>Recommended</b>
Milk Fairies CIC	£500	£500
<b>Sub-total for this section</b>	<b>£500</b>	<b>£500</b>

Overall Total Running Costs	£00.00
Overall Total Equipment/Projects	£1,306.50
Overall Total Combined Applications	£500.00
<b>TOTAL VALUE OF APPLICATIONS Q2 2019/20</b>	<b>£1,806.50</b>

An overview of each small grant application and evaluation is attached as Appendices.

## **RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

The grant applications received can be met from the 2019/20 Grants to Voluntary Organisations budget **GS1002 31551**

<b>Revenue Budget 2019/20</b>	<b>£12,200.00</b>
<b>Grants awarded in Quarter 1</b>	<b>£4,000.00</b>
<b>Balance Available</b>	<b>£8,200.00</b>
<b>Applications received per this report</b>	<b>£1,806.50</b>
<b>Budget remaining if all Q2 officer recommendations accepted</b>	<b>£6,393.50</b>

## Art grant applications

The Arts Grant Fund is available to support individuals or small-scale arts projects. An overview of each art grant application and evaluation is attached as Appendices. The following art grant applications have been received this quarter:

<b>Applications</b>	<b>Applied for</b>	<b>Recommended</b>
Tamworth Literary Festival	£500	£500
Tamworth Volunteer Litter Pickers	£500	£500
<b>Sub-total for this section</b>	<b>£1,000</b>	<b>£1,000</b>

## Resource Implications

The funds allocated to the Arts Grants applicants detailed in the report can be met from the 2019/20 Arts Grant budget. **GX0609 34537**

<b>Revenue Budget 2019/20</b>	<b>£7,460.00</b>
<b>Grants awarded in Quarter 1</b>	<b>£00.00</b>
<b>Balance Available</b>	<b>£7,460.00</b>
<b>Applications received per this report</b>	<b>£1,000.00</b>
<b>Budget remaining if all Q2 officer recommendations accepted</b>	<b>£6,460.00</b>

## Sports grant applications

To reflect the application guidelines outlined in the background information below, applications are outlined under three categories:

- Applications for talented individual
- Applications for club
- Applications for coaching

The following sport grant applications have been received this quarter:

<b>Applications for talented individual</b>	<b>Applied for</b>	<b>Recommended</b>
KH	£1,000	£300
<b>Sub-total for this section</b>		<b>£300</b>

<b>Applications for club</b>	<b>Applied for</b>	<b>Recommended</b>
Bolehall Swifts	£5,000	£3,000
<b>Sub-total for this section</b>		<b>£3,000</b>

<b>Applications for coaching</b>	<b>Applied for</b>	<b>Recommended</b>
JS	£147.50	£147.50
Tamworth Cycling Club	£1,850	£950
<b>Sub-total for this section</b>		<b>£1,097.50</b>

### Resource Implications

The grant applications received can be met from the 2019/20 Sports Grants budget **GY0801 34537**.

<b>Revenue Budget 2019/20</b>	<b>£16,390.00</b>
<b>Grants awarded in Quarter 1</b>	<b>£5,006.80</b>
<b>Balance Available</b>	<b>£11,383.20</b>
<b>Applications received per this report</b>	<b>£4,397.50</b>
<b>Budget remaining if all Q2 officer recommendations accepted</b>	<b>£6,985.70</b>

### Business Grants

The business grant fund is available to support small-scale grants to local businesses. £20,000.00 is available for allocation during 2019/20, of which up to £5,000.00 can be allocated per quarter, unless there is an underspend from the previous quarters, and then this amount will be rolled over to the next funding round. An overview of each business grant application and evaluation is attached as Appendices.

The following business grant applications have been received this quarter:

<b>Applications for business grants</b>	<b>Applied for</b>	<b>Recommended</b>
McAusland Music	£1,500.00	£1,000.00
Puppy Love Dog Grooming	£1,500.00	£950.00
Goldcrest Soft Furnishings	£1,500.00	£900.00
Sharon Rose Author and Playwright	£1,446.00	£700.00
Showroom Standard Cleaning	£1,442.00	£590.00
KB Services	£1,500.00	£500.00
Le Secret	£1,500.00	£500.00
Renew Chiropractic	£1,500.00	£0.00
<b>Sub-total for this section</b>	<b>£11,888.00</b>	<b>£5,140.00</b>

### Resource Implications

The grant applications received can be met from the 2019/20 Business Grant budget **GS0402-34537**.

<b>Revenue Budget 2019/20</b>	<b>£20,000.00</b>
<b>Grants awarded in Quarter 1</b>	<b>£4,860.00</b>
<b>Balance Available</b>	<b>£15,140.00</b>
<b>Applications received per this report</b>	<b>£11,888.00</b>
<b>Applications recommended per this report</b>	<b>£5,140.00</b>
<b>Budget remaining if all Q2 officer recommendations accepted</b>	<b>£10,000.00</b>

## **Festive Grants**

In 2017 Cabinet approved the allocation of the Mayoral Hamper scheme budget of £3000 to a new scheme - the Festive Grant Scheme. The £3000 grant is divided between the ten Tamworth wards with each ward Councillor receiving an allocation of £100 (£300 per Ward) to be utilised for the residents of the Ward who attend a local group, with the aim of combating social isolation at Christmas. Application must be submitted via a Ward Councillor who can recommend and support worthy groups.

Full details and application form is available on the Council website: <https://www.tamworth.gov.uk/festive-grants>

Over the past two years, the Grants Sub-Committee have made decisions on these award applications. However, as the application deadline for this year's Festive Grants is 1st November 2019 and grants will need to be paid to successful organisations promptly in time for their festive delivery plans, the Cabinet meeting on 28th November 2019 may not allow sufficient time for awards to be made.

In order to address this, all Ward Councillors are asked to submit applications in a timely manner for grants to groups within their Wards for collation and report by Partnership staff and Cabinet are asked to delegate authority for decisions on this year's Festive Grant Awards to be given to the Executive Director of Communities in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Communities to recommend award in time for the festive season. All grants awarded will be subject to full publicity and published on the Council website under the Local Government Transparency code.

## **LEGAL/RISK IMPLICATIONS BACKGROUND**

There are no staffing, community/performance planning, sustainable development, community safety, equal opportunities or human rights implications arising from this report.

There are no associated risks arising directly from the report.

The intention is to review the grants process in terms of governance and process in time for the 2020/21 financial year.

## **SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS**

All grants are monitored and outcomes reported via the Council's performance management framework.

## **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Tamworth Borough Council offer a wide range of grants and information is available online via-<https://www.tamworth.gov.uk/grants>

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## **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Review of Voluntary & Community Sector Funding. 4.7.05  
Review of Grants to Voluntary Organisations (Small Grants Scheme) 2005 -  
06. Cabinet Grants Sub Committee 27.6.06

Business Start Up Grant – Cabinet Report 7<sup>th</sup> April 2017

Cabinet Report of the Solicitor to the Council and Monitoring Officer to  
Cabinet on 19th October 2017

## **APPENDICES**