



To: **East Area Committee - 6<sup>th</sup> April 2017**

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Wards affected: Abbey, Coleridge, Petersfield, Romsey

## AREA COMMITTEE COMMUNITY GRANTS 2017-18

### 1. Executive summary

- 1.1 This report details applications received to date for 2017-18 funding for projects in the East area, makes recommendations for awards and provides information on the eligibility and funding criteria.

### 2. Recommendations

The East Area Committee Councillors are recommended:

- 2.1 To consider the grant applications received, officer comments and proposed awards detailed in Appendix 1, in line with the Area Committee Community Grants criteria detailed in paragraph 3.5.

To agree the proposed awards detailed in Appendix 1 and summarised in the table below:

Ref	Organisation	Purpose	Award £
E1	Abbey People	2 summer trips; Xmas lights switch on	2,000
E2	Abbey People	Abbey Big Lunch	2,000
E3	Cambridge & District Citizens Advice Bureau	Outreach service	4,000
E4	Friends of Mill Road Cemetery	Support for volunteers to carry out maintenance & hold community events	135
E5	Hammer and Tong	Film making workshops for young people- <i>decision pending further information</i>	0
E6	Hemingford and Romsey Roads	Community event	800
E7	Oblique Arts	Creative writing workshops at Edge Cafe	600
E8	Petersfield Area Community Trust (PACT)	4 events – Big Lunch, Summer and Christmas events, Take Part Petersfield	3,611
E9	Romsey Mill	2 weekly young people's groups	4,913

<b>Budget available</b>	<b>21,670</b>
<b>Total awards</b>	<b>18,059</b>
<b>Budget remaining</b>	<b>3,611</b>

### 3. Background

- 3.1 Funding has been devolved to Area Committees for local projects meeting the Community Development, Sports or Arts strategic priorities since 2004. This process is managed by the Grants Team in Community Services who promote the funding and bring applications for consideration to one meeting of each of the area committees annually.
- 3.2 The 2017-18 grants were publicised, via neighbourhood workers, in local publications and voluntary organisations newsletters, by posters and publicity leaflets. Recent applicants are also sent information. 11 people representing 10 organisations attended a briefing held to explain the application process and revised eligibility criteria and priorities.
- 3.3 There is a total of £70,000 available across the four area committees for 2017-18 made up as follows:
- £60,000 Community Grants
  - £10,000 Safer City
- 3.4 The budgets have been divided between the area committees in accordance with population and poverty calculations. The Safer City allocation has provided £2,500 for each area committee. The amount available for each area is as follows:

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Community Grants %</b>	<b>Community Grants £</b>	<b>Safer City £</b>	<b>Total available £</b>
North	37.37	22,420	2,500	24,920
<b>East</b>	<b>31.95</b>	<b>19,170</b>	<b>2,500</b>	<b>21,670</b>
South	20.65	12,390	2,500	14,890
West Central	10.03	6,020	2,500	8,520
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>60,000</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>70,000</b>

### 3.5 Area Community Grant Priorities and Outcomes

Projects and activities should have a targeted approach and make a difference to people in one of the areas (North, South, East or West Central) by either:

- reducing social or economic inequality or
- tackling crime, the fear of crime or anti-social behaviour

**and** by undertaking one of the following funding priorities:

- sporting activities
- arts and cultural activities
- community development activities
- legal and/or financial advice (*organisations applying to give legal advice and support must have The Advice Quality Standard (AQS) or equivalent*)
- employment support
- capacity building of the voluntary sector to achieve the above
- community projects aiming to tackle crime, the fear of crime or anti-social behaviour

3.6 Applications are invited from voluntary organisations, community groups and groupings of local residents that are able to meet basic accountability requirements.

3.7 The maximum any one organisation can apply for is £5,000 per area committee and grants cannot be made retrospectively. Full details of the eligibility criteria are available on request.

3.8 Where no funding is proposed it will be due to one or more of the following not being adequately met:

- grant scheme priorities
- grant scheme outcomes
- identifying need
- quality or viability of the project
- or
- proposals were the remit of another service or organisation such as the County Council, Health, Housing etc
- organisations did not demonstrate the beneficiaries could not fund the activity themselves, or that reserves could not be used to fund the activity

3.9 All awards are subject to funding agreements and monitoring reports. We consider proportionate requirements dependent on the size of the organisation, project and award.

3.10 Applications made after the main grants round will be considered on an individual basis until all the funding is spent. Officers will make decisions on awards up to £5,000 as approved by the Community Services Scrutiny in January 2014.

- 3.11 In December 2017 the area budgets will be merged and any funding remaining will be allocated across the areas as applications are received, to ensure effective use of the funds available.
- 3.12 After the end of the financial year we will collect the monitoring reports for awards made during 2016-17 and circulate a summary to members. A list of awards to date for 2016-17 is attached as Appendix 2.
- 3.13 Cambridge and District Citizen's Advice Bureau have asked for advice from members on suitable locations in the East area for 2017-18 outreach sessions (if an award is made)

## Appendix 1 - East Area Committee Grant Applications and Recommendations 2017-18

<b>Ref</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Aim &amp; disadvantage outcome</b>	<b>Beneficiaries</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Bid</b>	<b>Award</b>
<b>E1</b>	<b>Abbey People</b>	Two summer trips and Christmas lights switch on event + lead-up activities	Reduce isolation, build connections and increase neighbourliness, offer a short break to those that cannot afford to go on holiday. Targeting elderly and young families	200+ Abbey	Full cost: £2,350 Income: £0	£2,350	<b>£2,000</b>
	Officer comment	Recommend: £2,000. Income via donations on the day are collected but not identified in the bid					
	Previous 2 years funding: 16-17: £2,250    15-16: £600, £1,000, £2,000						
<b>E2</b>	<b>Abbey People</b>	Abbey Big Lunch on 11th June 2017 (including food, BBQ, toilets and children's activities).	Reduce isolation, build connections, increase neighbourliness, have fun. Address social isolation and financial exclusion via a free event (includes food and children's activities) for those that cannot afford days out or treats for their families.	500+ Abbey	Full cost: £2,600 Income: £0	£2,600	<b>£2,000</b>
	Officer comment	Recommend: £2,000 contribution					
	Previous 2 years funding: 16-17 £2,300						
<b>E3</b>	<b>Cambridge &amp; District Citizens Advice Bureau</b>	Continuation of outreach service - free legal advice and money advice. Series of 'Streetlaw' Q & A sessions on topics such as routes into housing and employment rights - pitched at community groups	Enable people facing financial hardship, legal difficulties and associated social/health problems to tackle their issues and learn how to better manage the issues themselves in the future. Leads to reduced social and/or economic inequality, improved mental health; improved quality of life.	150 (30 Abbey 20 Coleridge 20 Petersfield 80 Romsey)	Full cost: £12,339 Income: £7,339	£5,000	<b>£4,000</b>
	Officer comment	Recommend: £4,000 contribution. Request members ideas on suitable locations for outreach sessions.					
	Previous 2 years funding: 16-17: £5,000 East    £3,000 North    £2,605 South. Plus funding from main community grant programme in both years						

Ref	Organisation	Purpose	Aim, disadvantage, outcome	Beneficiaries	Budget	Bid	Award
E4	Friends of Mill Road Cemetery	Support for volunteers to carry out maintenance & hold community events	Maintain a green space in very densely populated ward which offers a recreational space, increasing mental and physical wellbeing of local residents. Also dispels the view that the Cemetery is a place to avoid because of anti-social behaviour and criminality.	200+ (150 Petersfield 50 Romsey)	Full cost: £135 Income: £0	£135	£135
	Officer comment	Recommend: £135					
	Previous 2 years funding: 16-17 £197 15-16: £196						
E5	Hammer and Tong	34 bi-weekly filmmaking workshops. Young people write the script and supported to produce a short film.	Aim to engage with young people from low income families & families on benefits where children may be on the cusp of offending / engaged in anti-social criminal and gang activity, drug & alcohol misuse. Opportunity to promote empowerment, improved communication & choices, taking responsibility, independence, self-esteem & friendships.	15-20 age10-16 (10 Abbey 5 Coleridge 5 Romsey)	Full cost £4,000 Income £0	£4,000	£0
	Officer comment	Recommend: Insufficient evidence of targeting and project development. Decision pending while project is developed further					
	Previous 2 years funding: N/A						

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E6	Hemingford and Romsey Roads	Community event on 15th July 2017 bringing residents of Hemingford, Romsey Roads and neighbouring streets together. International theme to celebrate diversity of the local community.	People feel more connected in their community. Opportunity for residents to get out into the community and mingle with neighbours, prevents isolation and makes the street feel a happier and safer place. Reduce social isolation by encouraging all residents to join the many elements of the event - surveys, planning, activities.	500 (50 Abbey 50 Coleridge 50 Petersfield 350 Romsey)	Full cost £3,903 Income: £1,622	£800	£800
	Officer comment	Recommend: £800					
	Previous 2 years funding: 2015-16 £400						
E7	Oblique Arts	8 x 2 hour weekly creative writing workshops at Edge Café aimed at recovery service users and local people. Group will maintain weekly blog and each will contribute to a print anthology of their writing which will be sold to the public at a launch event.	People who are local and / or in substance misuse recovery will be encouraged to express themselves in creative writing. Barriers broken down leading to positive changes in the neighbourhood and sense of wellbeing for all. Reduce social inequality by allowing local people to work with those in or after recovery and gain understanding and respect for each other.	12 directly from group. 245 will benefit from event and anthology. 1,000 will use blog	Full cost: £1,246 Income £120	£1,126	£600
	Officer comment	Recommend: £600. High tutor costs and received 2017-18 main Community Grant funding for similar project at same café. Monitoring to evidence targeting and low income beneficiaries					
	Previous 2 years funding: None						

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E8	Petersfield Area Community Trust (PACT)	4 events: Big Lunch - bring & share street party style lunch; Summer event - entertainment, food crafts; Christmas event; Take Part Petersfield - residents' survey / AGM.	Reduce social isolation, build stronger community connections and a sense of neighbourliness - targeting less affluent areas of Petersfield bringing together different generations and backgrounds. The events are particularly important as there is no community centre.Survey aims to give in depth insight into community's aspirations and ambitions to inform future ideas & support new community lead projects in 2018	900 (50 Abbey, 800 Petersfield, 25 Romsey 25 Market)	Full cost: £4,311 Income: £700	£3,611	£3,611
	Officer comment	Recommend: £3,611 monitoring should include evidence of targeting and participation of residents on low income					
	Previous 2 years funding: 16-17 £3,238						
E9	Romsey Mill	Two weekly groups & 3 trips (eg climbing, archery) for disadvantaged young people age 12-14 years. One group for boys and one mixed group.	Reduce social isolation and increase confidence and self - esteem. Help young people grow in self-development, including social skills - gain confidence working in groups and teams and expressing themselves creatively. Supporting young people to feel more positive about themselves and their future, achieve their potential and integrate within the community in a positive way	25 vulnerable people aged 12-14 years (12 Abbey 6 Coleridge 7 Romsey)	Full cost: £14,220 Income: £3,836	£4,913	£4,913
	Officer comment	Recommend: £4,913					
	Previous 2 years funding: 16-17: £4,268 East £2,500 North £2,000 South 15-16: £4,852 East Plus funding from main community grant programme						



## Appendix 2 – 2016-17 Awards

Organisation	Purpose	Award £
Abbey People	2 summer trips; Xmas lights switch on	2,250
Abbey People	Abbey Big Lunch	2,300
Cambridge Art Salon	Creative coffee mornings	630
Cambridge & District CAB	Outreach service	5,000
Friends of Mill Road Cemetery	Support for volunteers to carry out maintenance & hold community events	197
Merry-Go-Round-Toy Library	Toys at Ross St CC	392
Mill Road Bridges	Quarterly Newsletter	1,500
Mill Road Winter Fair	Workshops towards creative dance music event at the 2016 Fair	800
PACT	4 events	3,238
Romsey Mill	Romsey Youth Club weekly sessions and trips	4,268
Sustrans	8 nature/history themed walks	895