

CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL

Record of Executive Decision

KINGS HEDGES FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP

Decision of:	Councillor Smith, Executive Councillor for Communities		
Reference:	20/URGENCY/E&C/5		
Date of decision:	06/03/20	Recorded on:	26/03/20
Decision Type:	Non Key Decision		
Matter for Decision:	To offer Kings Hedges Family Support Group a 2019-20 grant of £20,000		
Why the decision had to be made (and any alternative options):	<p>The Kings Hedges Family Support Group 5 year lottery funding comes to an end at the end of March 2020 and they are considering a range of options as they do not have funding to carry on with the current level of activity that the lottery funding as enabled them to develop.</p> <p>They currently run 5 separate groups in Abbey, Arbury and East Chesterton and compliment the work undertaken by the meadows Children & family Project. They work in high need areas and support families with complex needs.</p> <p>Officers have undertaken an in-depth financial assessment and liaised with Kings Hedges Family Support Group. The proposal is to offer them a grant of £20k this year so that they do not need to start redundancy planning and can focus on fundraising for 2020-21. This £20k gives them security to undertake projects in the new financial year and will give prospective funders assurances they have a viable organisation.</p> <p>Officers to support Kings Hedges Family Support Group to look at what their longer-term planning needs to consider.</p>		
The Executive Councillor's decision(s):	The Executive Councillor for Communities agreed to offer Kings Hedges Family Support Group a 2019-20 grant of £20,000.		
Reasons for the decision:	The Kings Hedges Family Support Group raised concerns in their £2020-21 grant application about the viability of the organisation going forward without a		

reduction in the much needed services they currently offer.

The funding will enable the Group to better plan services into 2020-21 without cutting immediately in April (not caused through poor management). It will also help them lever in alternative funding with Council monies being offered as match funding.

Scrutiny consideration:

The Chair and Spokesperson of Environment and Community Scrutiny Committee were consulted prior to the action being authorised.

Report:

Not applicable.

Conflicts of interest:

None known.

Comments:

Not applicable.