

Record of Decision taken by Mayor of Taunton

Decision title: Award of Grant Funding from the Unparished Area Special Expenses Precept

Recommended by Standing Committee: 07/01/2020

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Date of Decision: 08/01/20

Details of decision:

Taunton Area Parenting Support (6.30pm – 6.45pm) – A bid for up to £2400.00 towards the costs of delivering parenting courses in the central Taunton Area.

RECOMMENDATION: The Standing Committee recommended to allocate the full amount of £2400.00, with a request for a condition that one of the two courses planned to be run this year targeted areas of need/deprivation in the Unparished Area of Taunton, in consultation if with the One Teams currently operating in those localities if possible. The Councillors representing these wards also offered their support in working with the applicants. This would be a one-off amount of funding and the applicants would not be expected to return again next year.

Armed Forces Day Group (6.45pm – 7.00pm) – A bid for £10,000.00 towards the costs of supporting the running of Somerset Armed Forces Day in Vivary Park on 4th July 2020.

RECOMMENDATION: The Standing Committee recommended to contribute £2000.00 towards the costs of supporting the running of Somerset Armed Forces Day in Vivary Park on 4th July 2020. The funding would be released once proof of the amount having been match-funded by the relevant organisations the Group is approaching was produced.

Taunton Homeless Choir Community Group (7pm – 7.15pm) - A bid for £500.00 towards the costs of supporting the setup of a volunteer- led Community Choir at Canon St. Church, Taunton for the homeless.

RECOMMENDATION: The Standing Committee recommended to allocate the full amount of £500.00 towards the costs of supporting the setup of a volunteer-led Community Choir for the homeless. This would be a one-off amount of funding and the applicants would not be expected to return again next year.

Friends of Konigslutter Twinning Group (7.15pm – 7.30pm) – A bid for £4500.00 towards the costs of supporting the activities of the Civic Twinning Link for a three year cycle for 2020, 2021 and 2022.

RECOMMENDATION: The Standing Committee recommended to allocate the full amount of £4500.00 towards the costs of supporting the activities of the Friends of Konigslutter (FOK) for a three year cycle for 2020,2021,2022. The applicants should not approach the Charter Trustees for further funding during this period.

Taunton-Lisieux Civic Twinning Link (7.30pm – 7.45pm) – A bid for £3500.00 towards the costs of supporting the activities of the Civic Twinning Link for a two year cycle of 2020 and 2021.

RECOMMENDATION: The Standing Committee recommended to allocate the full amount of £3500.00 towards the costs of supporting the activities of the Taunton-Lisieux Civic Twinning Link for a two year cycle for 2020 and 2021. The applicants should not approach the Charter Trustees for further funding during this period.

Councillor Chris Booth (7.45pm – 8pm) – A bid for £523.20 (£436.00 plus VAT) for the costs of cutting down tree branches and clearing debris at Avill Crescent/Severn Drive in Taunton.

RECOMMENDATION: The Standing Committee recommended to allocate the full amount of £523.20 to the costs of cutting down tree branches and clearing debris at Avill Crescent/Severn Drive in Taunton. The Committee requested advice was sought as to whether The Charter Trustees could invoice the cost of the work to Persimmon Homes as the private entity responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of the trees.

Bids granted total: £13.423.20

The below has been completed:	Name(s)	Date
Relevant ward councillor(s) consulted	N/a	
The following are if appropriate / applicable: Yes/No. If yes the implications should be attached to this decision notice.		
Finance implications	The remaining funds for this year stand at £22,231.13	
Legal implications	N/A	
Links to corporate aims	N/A	
Community Safety implications	N/A	
Environmental implications	N/A	
Equalities Impact		
Safeguarding Implications	N/A	
Risk management	N/A	
Partnership implications	N/A	

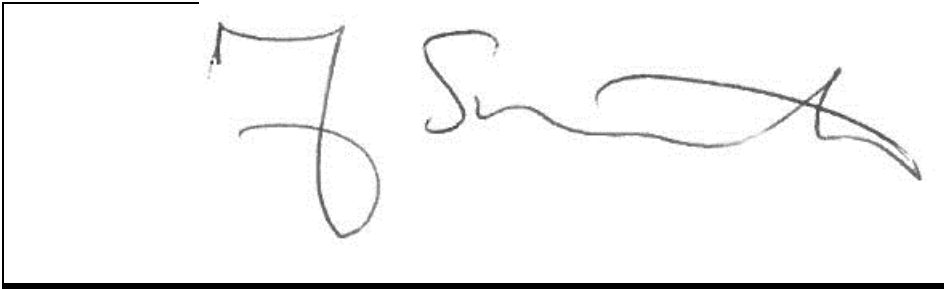
Any conflicts of interest declared by Mayor or Standing Committee Members consulted on the proposed decision. If Yes provide confirmation from Clerk to Charter Trustees to grant dispensation for the Mayor/Standing Committee Member's views to be considered.

N/a

Decision Maker

I am aware of the details of this decision(s), considered the reasons, options, representations and consultation responses and give my approval / agreement to its implementation.

Signed:

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in black ink. The signature is written in a cursive style and appears to read 'Francesca Smith'.

Name: Councillor Francesca Smith

Date: 08/01/2020

Note – This decision record is for decisions taken by The Mayor of Taunton following a recommendation by the Standing Committee of the Charter Trustees of Taunton. The decision(s) can be implemented following publication.

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