

Cover Report for Eastern Area Committee Funding Scheme Introduction

The Eastern Area Committee has been given a total of £48,000.00 to allocate in the financial year 2020/21.

At a previous meeting, the Committee allocated £837.00 to Doddington Allotment Association which left £47,163.00 to be allocated at the March 2021 meeting. A public call has resulted in 11 applications for funding which total £100,497.20.

In order to help the Committee allocate funds the Chair and Vice Chair subsequently asked officers to produce a paper to assist Members in their funding allocations. This paper sets out the results of a scoring process carried out by 3 officers independently on the applications, along with comments on previous funding awarded to the applying organisations and other relevant background information. This paper is Appendix 1.

Appendix 2 is a summary of all the applications received.

Proposal

Having considered the summary report and supporting papers, along with the scoring and background information, the Chair and Vice Chair would like to submit 3 possible proposals for allocating funds for the Committee to consider:

Option 1:

This option would allow all the highest scoring applications to receive funding from the scheme, however some organisations would receive less than they have requested:

Applicant	Funding request	Proposed allocation
FTC Parishes to Town Project	£12,500.00	£12,500.00
Expansion of West Faversham Community Centre	£25,000.00	£10,000.00
Citizens Advice Swale – update premises	£5,000.00	£5,000.00
GEM72 – mobile youth provision	£10,000.00	£10,000.00
Faversham Swimming Pools – sail for outdoor pool	£10,000.00	£5,000.00
Boughton-under-Blean outdoor gym	£16,495.00	£4,663.00
Total		£47,163.00

Option 2:

The second option would allow the top 4 highest scoring applicants to receive either all their funding request or in one case a slightly reduced allocation:

Applicant	Funding request	Proposed allocation
FTC Parishes to Town Project	£12,500.00	£12,500.00
Expansion of West Faversham Community Centre	£25,000.00	£19,663.00
Citizens Advice Swale – update premises	£5,000.00	£5,000.00
GEM72 – mobile youth provision	£10,000.00	£10,000.00
Total		£47,163.00

Option 3:

This option excludes projects that have already received significant funding through the Special Projects Fund or organisations that already get significant direct funding from Swale BC. It then funds projects according to their scoring. One project application from Lynsted and Kingsdown PC has not been included following feedback from relevant officers. Another project has had its funding request reduced.

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FTC Parishes to Town Project	£12,500.00	£12,500.00
GEM72 – mobile youth provision	£10,000.00	£10,000.00
Boughton-under-Blean outdoor gym	£16,495.00	£12,868.00
Oare PC - regen and rewild the village	£5,000.00	£5,000.00
Abbey Physic Community Garden - repair/refurbish APCG entrance	£5,000.00	£5,000.00
Friends of Oare Gunpowder Works – storage*	£1,795.00	£1,795.00
Total		£47,163.00

* Original application was for over £5,000.00, this has been reduced following receiving other funding so should not be penalised.

Area Committee to consider

The Chair and Vice Chair would request that Committee Members consider the three options but should any Member wish to propose other options for consideration at the Area Committee meeting, could they please forward their proposal to the Area Committee Coordinator by 4 pm on Wednesday 17 March 2021

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