

## **Cover Report for Sheppey Area Committee Funding Scheme**

### **Introduction**

The Sheppey Area Committee has been allocated a total of £56,000.00 for the financial year 2021/22.

The process proposed by the Area Committee Review Working Group, and agreed by Area Committee Chairs, was to carry out a scoring process on applications received for Area Committee Funding. The deadline for applications was Friday 12 November and £65,940.26 of bids were received for consideration by the Committee. Since, then all applications have been assessed for eligibility by officers and a scoring process carried out.

Three impartial officers have independently considered each application and given them a score against the criteria set out in the Applicant Guidance Notes. Each criteria were scored as follows High – 3, Adequate – 2, Limited – 1, None – 0. All three officers scores were added together and presented to Committee Members in Appendix 1. Also attached to this paper is the summary report on applications received which contain the full text provided by applicants describing projects/activities (Appendix 2).

One challenge was received for SHEP012 from a Committee Member and reviewed by officers. The outcome is that the category Improving the Appearance of the Area has been increased from 4 to 6, giving a new total score of 24. This is reflected in Appendix 1.

During the officer assessment process, it was identified that SHEP015, Teddy Bear Day Care Sheppey would be eligible to apply for a Clean Growth Fund grant. The applicant followed up on this advice and successfully received a grant of £10,000.00. This reduced the amount of funding they were requesting from the Sheppey Area Committee from £12,798.00 to £2,798.00.

The Sheppey War Memorial Trust (SHEP012) applicant was also able to reduce the amount of funding they were requesting from the Area Committee from £28,953.00 to £21,464.00.

These changes have reduced the total number of bids presented to the Area Committee this evening for consideration to £47,951.26 leaving a balance of £8,048.74 remaining funds available.

### **Proposal**

Having considered the summary report and supporting papers, along with the scoring and background information, officers can confirm that all applications are eligible to receive funding through the Sheppey Area Committee Funding Scheme and propose they all receive the full funding they have requested as per table 1 below.

The Sheppey Area Committee may wish this evening to consider how they would like the remaining £8,048.74 to be allocated. Any proposals agreed this evening will be taken away by officers to go through the assessment procedure described above and brought back to the March 2022 meeting for approval. Committee Members are reminded that any unspent allocation cannot be rolled over to 2022/23.

Table 1

Applicant	Funding request	Proposed allocation
Warden Bay Playgroup (SHEP008)	£3,010.56	£3,010.56
Sheppey District Scouts (SHEP009)	£1,550.00	£1,550.00
Queenborough Town Community Centre Ltd, Castle Connections (SHEP010)	£9,000.00	£9,000.00
Member bid, Cllr Harrison (SHEP011)	£1,400.00	£1,400.00
Sheppey War Memorial Trust (SHEP012)	£21,464.00	£21,464.00
Member bid, Cllr Jays (SHEP013)	£2,500.00	£2,500.00
Blue Town Remembered (SHEP014)	£2,000.00	£2,000.00
Teddy Bear Day Care Sheppey (SHEP015)	£2,798.00	£2,798.00
Sheppey Heritage Trust for Eastchurch Aviation Museum (SHEP016)	£4,228.70	£4,228.70
<b>Total</b>		<b>£47,951.26</b>

Sheppey Area Committee Members are invited to vote on the above proposal.

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