

Cover Report for Eastern Area Committee Funding Scheme

Introduction

The Eastern Area Committee has been allocated a total of £48,000.00 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 £33,246.00 of bids were received for consideration by the Area 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).

Three challenges were received from a Committee Member for EAC014 and reviewed by officers Appendix 1 shows challenges and the amended scores following the review.

As the total value of bids is less than the annual allocation of funds, there is a balance of £14,754.00 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 Eastern Area Committee Funding Scheme and propose they all receive the full funding they have requested as per table 1 below.

The Eastern Area Committee may wish this evening to consider how they would like the remaining £14,754.00 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	Score	Funding request	Proposed allocation
Green Cube CIC (EAC012)	31	£2,870.00	£2,870.00
Member bid Cllrs Gould, Saunders & Whiting (EAC013)	33	£10,000.00	£10,000.00
Doddington Parish Council (EAC014)	36	£5,000.00	£5,000.00
Faversham Town Council (EAC015)	39	£7,796.00	£7,796.00
Faversham Town Council (EAC016)	37	£7,580.00	£7,580.00
Total			£33,246.00

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

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