

# Decision Notice

## Delegated Decision

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<b>Decision No:</b>	<b>DD29</b>
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<b>Subject:</b>	<b>COST-OF-LIVING COMMUNITY IMPACT FUND</b>
<b>Date of Decision:</b>	<b>1 December 2023</b>
<b>Notification Date:</b>	<b>11 December 2023</b>
<b>Implementation Date:</b>	<b>1 December 2023</b>
<b>Decision taken by:</b>	<b>Shaun Taylor, Community, Asylum and Transport Services Manager (acting for the Head of Community, Digital and Transformation)</b>
<b>Delegated Authority:</b>	<b>In accordance with Cabinet decision CAB 166 of 16 April 2018, the Head of Community Services (now known as the Head of Community, Digital and Transformation) is authorised, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Community Services, to approve recommendations made by the community grants appraisal panel in relation to the award of individual grants.</b>
<b>Decision Type:</b>	<b>Non-Executive Decision</b>
<b>Call-In to Apply?</b>	<b>No (<i>Call-in does not apply to non-Key Officer Decisions</i>)</b>
<b>Classification:</b>	<b>Unrestricted</b>

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<b>Reason for the Decision:</b>	To implement Dover District Council's Cost-of-Living Community Impact Fund, in accordance with the Council's intentions and timetable for the grant.
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<b>Decision:</b>	(1) That the grant allocations recommended by the Cost-of-Living Community Impact Fund Appraisal Panel, as set out in paragraph 2.7, be approved.
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### 1. Summary

The Cost-of-Living Community Impact Fund Appraisal Panel met on 1 December 2023 to consider applications submitted under the Cost-of-Living Community Impact Fund (formerly known as the Community Grants Scheme). The Panel recommended that the organisations/bodies referred to in paragraph 2.7 of this notice should receive the grants requested. Using powers delegated by Cabinet in April 2018, the Community, Asylum and Transport Services Manager (acting on behalf of the Head of Community, Digital and Transformation (formerly the Head of Community Services)) is requested to approve the individual grants.

### 2. Background

- 2.1 As per the Council's Cost-of-Living Plan published on 10 August 2023, on 4 September Cabinet approved the updating of the Dover District Council Community Grants Scheme criteria, and the rebranding of the scheme as the Cost-of-Living Community Impact Fund (Cabinet decision CAB 30).
- 2.2 Cabinet also agreed a total grant pot of £85,277.29 for the 2023/24 Community Impact Fund. This included:

- (a) £22,500 from the Dover District Council core funds.
  - (b) £7,500 from the Dover District Lotto Central Fund Reserve (CFR), as approved by Cabinet in October 2018.
  - (c) £30,000 from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund in the 2023-24 budget.
  - (d) An underspend of £25,277.29 was available from the last round, totalling £85,277.29.
- 2.3 Finally, a social value donation from Aran Insulators of £1,500 was approved by the Leader of the Council, Cllr Kevin Mills, on 26 November 2023, providing a final grant pot of £86,777.29.
- 2.4 Eligible applicants include:
- (a) Registered Charities
  - (b) Community Interest Companies
  - (c) Constituted Community Groups
- 2.5 Eligible spend includes:
- (a) Capital Costs
  - (b) Consumable Costs
  - (c) Revenue Costs
- 2.6 The applications were assessed by the Cost-of-Living Community Impact Fund Appraisal Panel whose members were appointed by Cabinet on 4 September and which comprises the following Members for 2023/24:
- (a) Cllr Zosseder (L) (Chair)
  - (b) Cllr Brivio (L)
  - (c) Cllr Beer (L)
  - (d) Cllr Richardson (C)
  - (e) Cllr Beaney (C)
  - (f) Cllr Back (C)
- 2.7 The following grant allocations were recommended by the Panel when it met to consider the applications on 1 December 2023.

1.	Treetops Pre-School	£2,497.35
2.	Pie Factory Music	£1,965.00
3.	St Margaret's Parent, Baby & Toddler Group	£773.50
4.	Village Hall Elvington	£1,987.00
5.	Friends of Temple Ewell Primary School	£2,320.88
6.	RBL Dover White Cliffs	£1,380.00
7.	Clarendon & Westbury Community Association	£2,448.00
8.	Goodnestone Village Hall	£1,618.99
9.	TALK IT OUT	£2,500.00
10.	Charlton Champions PTA	£2,499.40
11.	Charlton Church Dover	£600.00
12.	Sandwich Social Supermarket CIC: Sandwich Pantry	£2,500.00
13.	Dover swap shop	£1,440.00
14.	North Deal Community Company CIO	£1,600.00

15.	Shepherdswell CE Primary School PTA	£1,880.00
16.	Future Skills CIC	£1,696.80
17.	Roses tearoom & Thrift shop	£1,292.78
18.	Kent Enterprise Trust	£2,000.00
19.	St Peter's church	£1,280.00
20.	Dover 354 squadron RAF Air Cadets	£2,000.00
21.	OPEN DOOR	£1,740.00
22.	St George's PCC (St Georges Deal)	£1,984.00
23.	Dover District Disability Association	£519.60
24.	Dover Youth Theatre	£579.60
25.	St Margaret's Nursery	£439.20
26.	The Alkham Valley Community Project	£2,000.00
27.	Dover Big Local CIC	£1,840.00
28.	Dover Deal & District Citizens Advice	£1,600.00
29.	Dover Outreach Centre	£2,000.00
30.	Dover Vineyard Church	£1,680.00
31.	Prospect Corner Community Allotment	£596.80
32.	Wet wheels South East CIC	£2,000.00
33.	Whitfield Juniors FC Future Plans	£2,000.00
34.	Capel-le-Ferne Village Hall Management Committee	£1,231.99
35.	Pegasus Playscheme	£2,000.00
36.	Aylesham Arts Club	£400.00
37.	Dover Smart Project	£1,142.83
38.	20th Deal Aylesham Cornwallis Scout Group	£200.00
39.	Deal Town Rangers FC	£2,000.00
40.	Baypoint Sports CIC	£1,500.00
41.	Captiv8* Dodgeball Club	£1,440.00
42.	Aylesham & District Community Workshop Trust (Aylesham Community Trust)	£1,454.40
43.	Bechange	£1,500.00
44.	Migrant Helpline	£1,500.00
45.	Oasis Domestic Abuse Service	£1,368.00
46.	Espression Arts CIC	£1,500.00
47.	Age Concern Sandwich Centre for the Retired Limited	£1,500.00
48.	8th Deal (Wingham) Scout Group	£600.00
49.	Dover Lifeguard Club	£1,170.00
50.	Deal Area Foodbank	£1,500.00
51.	Emmaus Dover Ltd	£792.00
52.	Martha Trust	£882.00
53.	Jackie Claringbould Inspiring People Through Horses	£1,495.80
54.	Let's Go Escargot CIC	£1,375.00
55.	Home-Start Dover District	£1,375.00
56.	Dover and Deal Sea Cadets	£300.30
57.	Give it a go Bingo	£962.50
58.	Primal Runners Community Interest Company	£1,164.28
59.	Woodpecker Wood CIC	£1,164.27

### 3. Any Conflicts of Interest Declared?

- 3.1 Councillors Charlotte Zosseder and David Beaney declared an Other Significant Interest in the following bodies:

- (a) Cllr Charlotte Zosseder – Charlton Champions PTA. Cllr Zosseder declared an interest in this applicant as her child currently attended the school.
  - (b) Cllr David Beaney - Jackie Claringbould Inspiring People Through Horses. Cllr Beaney declared an interest in this applicant as his business was currently providing services to this organisation.
- 3.2 Councillors Zosseder and Beaney did not take part in scoring these applications.

#### 4. **Resource Implications**

- 4.1 This decision will draw upon the following resources:
- (a) £22,500 from the Dover District Council core funds.
  - (b) £7,500 from the Dover District Lotto Central Fund Reserve (CFR), as approved by Cabinet in October 2018.
  - (c) £30,000 from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund in the 2023-24 budget.
  - (d) £25,277.29 unspent by the previous community grant scheme round.

#### 5. **Climate Change and Environmental Implications**

- 5.1 There are no climate change or environmental implications.

#### 6. **Corporate Implications**

- 6.1 Comment from the Director of Finance: Accountancy has been consulted on the report and have no further comments to add. (LS)
- 6.2 Comment from the Solicitor to the Council: The Solicitor to the Council has been consulted in the preparation of this decision notice and has no further comments to make. (HR)
- 6.3 Comment from the Equalities Officer: This decision relating to the Cost-of-Living Community Impact Fund does not specifically highlight any negative equality implications and will benefit groups with protected characteristics. As part of the Council's Equality Policy, to achieve the Council's vision for inclusion, equality and fairness, the Council is committed to working with others and investing in our communities. In discharging their duties, Members are reminded that they are required to comply with the public sector equality duty as set out in Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2010/15/section/149> (RB)

#### 7. **Background Papers**

Cabinet report of 4 September 2023

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