

Decision Notice

Delegated Decision

Decision No:	DD11
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Subject:	COST-OF-LIVING COMMUNITY IMPACT FUND - 2024/25 SUMMER ROUND
Date of Decision:	16 August 2024
Notification Date:	28 August 2024
Implementation Date:	3 September 2024
Decision taken by:	Councillor Charlotte Zosseder, Portfolio Holder for Community and Corporate Property
Delegated Authority:	Section 3D (Specific Powers Delegated to Members of the Executive) of Part 3 (Responsibility for Functions) of the Constitution, as follows: ‘To determine applications to the Council for revenue or capital grants.’
Decision Type:	Non-Key Executive Decision
Call-In to Apply?	Yes (<i>The deadline for call-in will expire at 10.00am on 3 September 2024</i>)
?Classification:	Unrestricted

Reason for the Decision:	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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Decision:	(1) That the grant allocations recommended by the Cost-of-Living Community Impact Fund Appraisal Panel, as set out in paragraph 2.5, be approved.
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1. Summary

1.1 The Cost-of-Living Community Impact Fund Appraisal Panel met on 8 August 2024 to consider applications submitted under the 2024/25 Cost-of-Living Community Impact Fund Summer Round. The Panel recommended that the organisations/bodies referred to in paragraph 2.5 of this notice should receive the grants requested.

2. Background

2.1 As per the Council’s Cost-of-Living Plan published on 10 August 2023, on 13 May 2024, Cabinet once again agreed a grant pot totalling £104,791.67 for the 2024/25 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) £70,000 from the special revenue projects.
- (d) An underspend of £4,791.67 was available from the last round, totalling £104,791.67.

- 2.2 Eligible applicants include:
- (a) Registered Charities
 - (b) Community Interest Companies
 - (c) Constituted Community Groups
- 2.3 Eligible spend includes:
- (a) Capital Costs
 - (b) Consumable Costs
 - (c) Revenue Costs
- 2.4 The applications were assessed by the Cost-of-Living Community Impact Fund Appraisal Panel whose members were appointed by Cabinet on 13 May 2024 and which comprises the following Members for 2024/25:
- (a) Cllr Zosseder (Chair)
 - (b) Cllr Brivio
 - (c) Cllr Beer
 - (d) Cllr Richardson
 - (e) Cllr Beaney
 - (f) Cllr Back
- 2.5 The following grant allocations were recommended for approval by the Panel when it met to consider the applications on 8 August 2024.

No.	Organisation Name	Grant Received
1	8th Deal (Wingham) Scout Group	£ 2,120.00
2	Prospect Corner Community Allotment	£ 567.00
3	St Margaret's Parent, Baby & Toddler Group	£ 743.75
4	Parent Pathways	£ 1,400.00
5	Oasis Domestic Abuse Service	£ 2,474.00
6	Bechange	£ 2,125.00
7	Sandwich Social Supermarket CIC	£ 2,500.00
8	Head In The Game	£ 1,650.00
9	Tiny Turtles Nursery	£ 1,000.00
10	Age Concern Dover (The Riverside Centre)	£ 2,474.96
11	Home-Start Dover District	£ 1,800.00
12	AgeUK South Kent Coast	£ 649.00
13	The Alkham Valley Community Project	£ 2,500.00
14	Friends of Frampton Farm CIC	£ 2,460.00
15	Everglow the Rebecca Kruza Foundation	£ 2,000.00
16	South Kent Mind	£ 544.00
17	Dover Youth Orchestra	£ 1,998.40
18	St. Radigunds Community Centre	£ 1,432.00
19	Sandwich Town Cricket Club	£ 909.60
20	The Sage Network Community Interest company	£ 1,225.00
21	Dover Big Local CIC	£ 1,015.00
22	Aylesham carnival Association	£ 1,880.00
23	Help Our Town Dover CIC	£ 1,952.00
24	Snowdown Colliery Welfare Rugby Football Club	£ 824.00
25	Aylesham & District Community Workshop Trust	£ 1,680.00
26	Cinque Ports Football Club	£ 2,000.00

27	Dover Vineyard Church	£	768.00
28	Age Concern Sandwich	£	1,500.00
29	Friends of Temple Ewell Primary School	£	1,436.40
30	Deal Town Football Club	£	1,000.00
31	Deal Community Carnival Association	£	1,500.00
32	Dover Lifeguard Club	£	1,500.00
33	Dover Pride	£	1,380.00
		Total	£ 51,008.11

3. **Any Conflicts of Interest Declared?**

3.1 Councillor David Beaney declared an Other Significant Interest in the following bodies:

- (a) Deal Town Football Club - Cllr Beaney declared an Other Significant Interest in this applicant as a business in his name will be financially supporting the organisation.
- (b) The Rotary Club of Dover - Cllr Beaney declared an Other Significant Interest in this applicant as a business in his name will be financially supporting the organisation.

Councillor David 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) £70,000 from the special revenue projects.
- (d) An underspend of £4,791.67 was available from the last round.

5. **Climate Change and Environmental Implications**

5.1 In its first year of delivery, the Community Impact Fund supported applicants in delivering warm spaces, enabling residents to come together within a community setting. These projects allowed beneficiaries to save on their utility bills, and access various other advice, guidance and services, on all things cost-of-living.

5.2 Applications promoting climate change and environmental implications were accepted, as long as applicants identified the impact cost-of-living is having on its beneficiaries, and delivered projects that help bridge the cost-of-living gap. The scheme accepted applications featuring capital, consumable and revenue costs, that for example supported the delivery of fuel vouchers, reductions in utility bills, energy efficiency measures, allotments, grow your own projects, and so on.

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>

7. **Background Papers**

7.1 **ARRANGEMENTS FOR DOVER DISTRICT COUNCIL COST OF LIVING COMMUNITY IMPACT FUND 2024/2025 - Cabinet Report (13th May 2024)**

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