

Record of Decision taken by Executive Portfolio Holder

Decision title: Award of Grant Funding from the Unparished Area Special Expenses Precept

Recommended by Standing Committee: 31/10/2022

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Date of Decision: 01/11/2022

Details of decision:

1) Unique Events (SW) CIC -

A bid for £12,595 to support the costs of running the Taunton Christmas Lights Switch On event for 2022. The funding would cover the costs of Event Management, Traffic Management Costs, Infrastructure Costs and Entertainment.

RECOMMENDATION: *The Standing Committee recommended that a contribution of £9000 be made towards this event.*

2) Taunton East Development Trust –

A bid for up to £2000 to support the running costs of a taught Skateboard Club at All Saints Church, Taunton.

RECOMMENDATION: *The Standing Committee recommended that the full amount be awarded.*

3) Taunton Street Pastors –

A bid for the funding (£650) towards the costs of supporting the fees charged to the Taunton Street Pastors for the use of the radios/CCTV link for their patrols in Taunton on a Saturday night.

RECOMMENDATION: *The Standing Committee recommended that the full amount be awarded.*

4) Obridge Allotments Ltd –

A bid for the funding to help with the installation of two to three toilets in Obridge Allotments (£5000)

RECOMMENDATION: *The Standing Committee recommended that a contribution of £2018 be made to the project.*

5) Taunton Festival of the Arts -

A bid for funding of £1264 towards the costs of the running of a Pop Vocals Competition in the Tacchi Morris Centre in February 2023.

RECOMMENDATION: *The Standing Committee recommended that the full amount be awarded.*

6) Taunton Table Tennis -

A bid of £1000 to support the provision of equipment for a Table Tennis Club at Roman Road Church Hall, Taunton.

RECOMMENDATION: *The Standing Committee recommended that the full amount be awarded.*

7) Cllr Chris Booth –

A bid towards the costs of removing an overgrown Pyracantha bush in Allington Close, Taunton (Quotation - £500)

RECOMMENDATION: *The Standing Committee recommended that the full amount be awarded.*

Other business considered at the Standing Committee on 31/10:

Attendees:

Cllrs S Coles, L Lisgo, D Perry, H Prior-Sankey, B Weston

Cllr B Weston was a substitute for Cllr C Booth

Cllr H Prior-Sankey was a substitute for Cllr T Deakin

Cllr M Peters and S Lees sent apologies.

Representatives from each bidder attended.

1) Apologies – as above

2) Declarations of Interest –

Cllr B Weston and L Lisgo – Obridge Allotments (personal)

Cllr H Prior-Sankey – Street Pastors (left the room)

3) Requests for Civic Hospitality – An overview of the recent twinning trips by Cllr Smith and Cllr Weston was given and the upcoming remembrance costs.

4) Provisionally Committed Costs Outstanding – An update was given on those outstanding, which related mostly to transfers for work completed by the Street Scene/External Ops Team.

5) Any Other Business – N/A

The below has been completed:	Name(s)	Date
Relevant ward councillor(s) consulted	As part of the bid process, all Charter Trustees have been made aware of the bids.	2022
The following are if appropriate / applicable: Yes/No. If yes the implications should be attached to this decision notice.		
Finance implications	The remaining funds for this year stand at £0	
Legal implications	N/A	
Links to corporate aims	N/A	
Community Safety implications	N/A	

Environmental implications	N/A	
Equalities Impact		
Safeguarding Implications	N/A	
Risk management	N/A	
Partnership implications	N/A	

Any conflicts of interest declared by Executive PFH, Mayor or Standing Committee Members consulted on the proposed decision. If Yes provide confirmation from Clerk to Charter Trustees to grant dispensation for the Mayor/Standing Committee Member's views to be considered.

N/a

Decision Maker

I am aware of the details of this decision(s), considered the reasons, options, representations and consultation responses and give my approval / agreement to its implementation.

Signed:



Name: Councillor Benet Allen (PFH – Corporate Resources)

Date: 1st November 2022

Note – This decision record is for decisions taken by the SWT Executive PFH following a recommendation by the Standing Committee of the Charter Trustees of Taunton. The decision(s) can be implemented following publication.

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