

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. At the Sheppey Area Committee Meeting on Tuesday 30 November 2021, £47,951.26 of funding was allocated. Committee Members agreed that for the unallocated funding of £8,048.74, a second funding round should take place to allocate the remaining funding.

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 Thursday 17 February 2022 and a single bid of £8,048.74 was received for consideration by the Committee. Since, then the application has been assessed for eligibility by officers and a scoring process carried out.

Three impartial officers have independently considered the application and given it a score against the criteria set out in the Applicant Guidance Notes. Each criteria was 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 the application received which contains the full text provided by applicant describing the project (Appendix 2).

One challenge was received for SHEP017 from a Committee Member and reviewed by officers. The outcome is that the category “*Contributes to achieving Swale's Strategic Priority 3*” has been increased from 1 to 3, giving a new total score of 34. This is reflected in Appendix 1.

Proposal

Having considered the summary report and supporting papers, along with the scoring and background information, officers would like to submit 2 options for allocating funds for the Committee to vote on.

Option 1

Applicant	Funding request	Proposed allocation
Member bid Cllrs Eakin and Harrison (SHEP017)	£8,048.74	£8,048.74
Total		£8,048.74

Option 2

So that all possible options are presented for Committee Members to vote on, the final option is to award no funding to any bid. As the funding cannot be rolled forward to the year 2022/23, the unallocated funding of £8,048.74 would be recorded as a saving for 2021/22.

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

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