

## 8. CORPORATE GRANT SCHEMES

**REPORT OF:** HEAD OF CORPORATE RESOURCES  
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**Wards Affected:** All  
**Key Decision** No

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### Purpose of the report

1. The purpose of this report is to present eleven Community & Economic Development Grant applications for Silver Sunday Community Events for consideration by the Cabinet Grants Panel.

### Summary

2. A summary of the applications to be considered and the recommendation from the on the level of financial assistance to be awarded is as follows:

### Community and Economic Development Grants

Organisation	Purpose for which award is sought	Award Requested	Award Suggested
Age Concern Hassocks and District Ltd	Silver Sunday tea party with live music and information stalls on Sunday 8 October	250	£250
Ardingly Parish Council	Silver Sunday tea party with entertainment in partnership with Ardingly WI on Sunday 1 October	250	£250
Befriended – The Point Church	A large tea party incorporating the launch of the organisation on Sunday 1 October	250	£250
Bentswood Community Partnership	Intergenerational tea party with information on support services on Sunday 1 October	250	£250
Bolnore Village Community Partnership	Two tea parties at Hurst Place and The Woodside, Bolnore Village on Sunday 15 October	250	£250
Burgess Hill Town Council	Contribution towards the annual Silver Sunday event in conjunction with the Market Place Shopping Centre on Sunday 8 October	250	£250
East Grinstead Museum	Reminiscence event with items on display and digital images with light refreshments	250	£250
Haywards Heath & District University of the Third Age	Dance and tea event with light refreshments on Sunday 1 October	250	£250
Mid Sussex Older People's Council	Afternoon tea at Ashenground Community Hall on Friday 6 October	250	£250
St John The Evangelist	Afternoon tea and music event on Sunday 8 October	250	£250
Trinity Methodist Church	Lunch event at the Welcome Café, Trinity Methodist Church on Saturday 21 October	250	£250
<b>Total</b>		<b>2,750</b>	<b>£2,750</b>

## Recommendations

*Members of the Panel are requested to:*

- a) consider and decide upon the recommendations for each of the above applications, summaries of which are attached in Appendix A**

## Background

- On 18 April 2017, the Cabinet Grants Panel agreed to set aside £7,500 from the Community and Economic Development budget to provide a ring-fenced fund for groups to apply for small one-off grants of up to £250 to run Silver Sunday events.
- Silver Sunday is an annual day of fun and free activities for older people across the UK, which takes place in October. It celebrates the value and knowledge older people contribute to our communities while combating loneliness and isolation. Last year a Silver Sunday celebration tea party was held in Clair Hall attended by over 80 residents across Mid Sussex.
- This year, as well as holding a similar event in East Grinstead, local community organisations were invited to bid for funding to hold their own event or activity to celebrate Silver Sunday. Organisations were invited to arrange activities that would provide an opportunity for older people to try something new, meet new people and have an uplifting day.

## Assessment and Policy Context

- All applications have met the basic criteria of the corporate grants scheme and the standard assessment process has been applied. Applications have been scored against four key criteria; Council priorities, evidence of need, finances impact and benefits. The maximum possible score for excellent applications which fully meet all the criteria is 12.
- The Corporate Priorities were amended this year during the application process and as a result some of the applications received completed an older version of the application form containing the previous priorities.

## Financial Implications

- The Community & Economic Development fund currently stands as follows:

<b>Scheme</b>	<b>Fund as at 6 April 2017</b>	<b>Additional funds approved</b>	<b>Allocated and spent to date</b>	<b>Balance</b>
Community & Economic Development	£7,719	£220,000	£53,308	£174,411

- If Members agree to the recommendations in Appendix A the balance will be reduced by £2,750 leaving a remainder of £171,661 in the Community & Economic Development fund reserve.

## Risk Management Implications

- The main associated risks that may impact upon the successful implementation of the decisions arising from this report would be the inability of the funded organisations to carry out the services, activities or equipment purchase for which funding had been awarded.

11. A Contract is signed at the application stage by organisations seeking funding that details the terms and conditions under which the grant is given, including the return of all monies to the Council should the purpose for which the grant is awarded not materialise.
12. All organisations are requested to complete an End of Grant Report at the end of the funding period and required to submit information relating to the grant including purchase invoices, details of the number of residents benefiting from the grant, annual accounts, how the grant was used etc. Grants of over £1,000 are released on receipt of evidence of expenditure.
13. It is considered that these measures would mitigate the main risks from materialising and indicate a low-risk to the successful outcomes arising from this report.

### **Equality and customer service implications**

14. As part of the assessment process all of the organisations applying for funding from the Council have complied with the required conditions of funding and have the requisite policies and procedures in place including any other relevant legislation.

### **Legal Implications**

15. The Council is not obliged to provide grant funding, but by virtue of section 1 of the Localism Act 2011, it is able to do anything which it considers is likely to achieve the promotion of the economic, social or environmental wellbeing of its area. This includes the incurring of expenditure, giving financial assistance to any person (or organisation) and entering into arrangements or agreements with any person.

### **Background Papers**

Grant applications and associated documentation for the Community & Economic Development and Facility Grants are held in the Performance and Partnerships Section.