

## RECORD OF DECISION MADE UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY

### **PART 1 – PUBLIC DOCUMENT**

Any interest to declare/ or conflict and any dispensation granted for the Officer or Executive Member – the Executive Member is part of the Area Forum, but did not take part in the vote to recommend.

Any conflict with any Member of the Forum and the bodies concerned **[NO]** *However, note that only two of the three Members attending the Baldock Area Forum could vote on the recommendations. Ordinarily this would be three, however, as an informal body, the Executive Member, who was in attendance (and not voting), shall take into account the recommendations.*

### **SERVICE DIRECTORATE: Legal and Community**

#### **1. DECISION TAKEN**

1.1 The approval of the allocation **Baldock Community Grant** funding of:

1.1.1 **£2,060** to Home-start Herts for funding towards allowing them to support a family currently waiting for support in Baldock, with weekly, 1:1 home-visiting support.

1.1.2 **£1,500** to Resolve for funding towards the costs of their key workers who take group therapy sessions and individual casework; acupuncture and counselling therapy costs and operational running costs including IT and premises costs.

#### **2. DECISION TAKER**

2.1 Cllr Alistair Willoughby (Executive Member for Community and Partnerships in consultation with the Service Director – Legal and Community).

3. **DATE DECISION TAKEN: 29.1.24**

#### **4. REASON FOR DECISION**

4.1 The **Baldock Area Forum** held on 15 January 2024 considered a funding application from Home-start Herts and Resolve, and recorded their recommendations to the Executive Member for Community and Partnerships for the formal commitment of Community Grant funds via the delegated authority process.

#### **5. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

5.1 There are no other reasonable alternative options.

#### **6. CONSULTATION (INCLUDING THE EFFECT ON STAKEHOLDERS, PARTNERS AND THE PUBLIC)**

6.1 Consultation has taken place with the Baldock Area Forum Members in a public meeting on 15 January 2024. Two Members were in favour and recommend that the Baldock Area Community Grant budget should be used for this purpose.

#### **7. FORWARD PLAN**

7.1 This decision is not a key Executive decision and has therefore not been referred to in the Forward Plan.

#### **8. BACKGROUND/ RELEVANT CONSIDERATIONS**

- 8.1 The grant applications were considered by the Baldock Area Forum on 15 January 2024. The report with the application details is set out under item 4, available on the Council's website [[CLICK HERE](#)].
- 8.2 This delegated decision confirms that the recommendation made by the Area Forum members. Clarification was sought regarding the Resolve application, as a similar application had been made to the Royston Area Forum for £1K. It was clarified that this grant was different from the one they were seeking from the Baldock Area Forum members. It was then accepted by the Executive Member for Community & Partnerships, and Service Director on applications 1.1.1 – 1.1.2.

## 9. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 Following the decision of Full Council on 18 April 2023, an Area Forum shall consider applications for community grants in its area and make recommendations to the Executive Member for Community & Partnerships on them. The Executive Member has delegated authority to make these Executive decisions under section 14.6.9(b)(ii)A of the constitution, in consultation with the Service Director: Legal & Community. That decision will be subject to a 5 clear working day call-in period, following publication in the Members Information Service (MIS) and on the Council's website.

## 10. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1. The 2023/24 base budget is **£5,000** with **£4,065** carried forward from the 2022/23 budget. This leaves a budget available of **£9,065**.
- 10.2. **£3,276** has been allocated to date in 2023/24, leaving **£5,789** available to allocate for community grants.
- 10.2. The grant applications for this meeting total **£3,560**. If the grants are awarded as outlined in 1.1.1 – 1.1.2, and in Appendix 2 and 3, the remaining balance will be **£2,229**.

## 11. RISK IMPLICATIONS

- 11.1 Good Risk Management supports and enhances the decision-making process, increasing the likelihood of the Council meeting its objectives and enabling it to respond quickly and effectively to change. When taking decisions, risks and opportunities must be considered.
- 11.2 There are no relevant risk entries that have been recorded on Ideagen Risk Management, the Council's performance and risk system. Individual events should have their own risk assessments in place to mitigate any health and safety issues. Whenever a request for grant funding for equipment is received, the recipient of the funding will be advised to obtain insurance for the item to avoid a repeat request for funding in the event of the equipment being stolen or damaged. There are no pertinent risk implications for the Authority associated with any items within this report.

## 12. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 12.1 In line with the Public Sector Equality Duty, public bodies must, in the exercise of their functions, give due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation, to advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations between those who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.

12.2 Community Grant funds are awarded to community groups that clearly demonstrate positive impact on the community and wider environment. The projects outlined in this report seek to advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations.

### 3. SOCIAL VALUE IMPLICATIONS

13.1 The Social Value Act and “go local” policy do not apply to the matters contained within this report, as there are no recommendations on procurement.

### 14. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

14.1. There are no Environmental implications.

### 15. HUMAN RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

15.1 The activities details of the Community & Partnership team are covered by existing budgets.

### 16. BACKGROUND PAPERS

16.1 Terms of Reference for Area Forums, see Constitution page <https://www.north-herts.gov.uk/council-constitution>

16.2 [Community Grants Policy, 9<sup>th</sup> May 2023](#)

### 17. APPENDICES

17.1 See website links above.

## NOTIFICATION DATE

29.1.24

**Signature of Service Director Consulted**



Date 29.1.24

**Signature of Executive Member for Community and Partnerships**



**Decision Taker**

**Please Note: that *unless urgency provisions apply* EXECUTIVE decisions cannot be implemented until 5 clear working days have elapsed after the decision has been taken to allow for scrutiny call-in.  
Call-in does not apply to NON-EXECUTIVE DECISIONS**