

BEXHILL-ON-SEA TOWN COUNCIL

Agenda Item:	7(a)	APPENDIX E
Report to:	Finance and Audit Committee	
Date:	8th April 2026	
Subject:	Grants and Donations	
Summary:	The committee is asked to consider paying out various grants to relevant organisations.	

1. Background and objective

- 1.1 Bexhill-On-Sea Town Council includes in its budget a sum of money in order to award grants to voluntary organisations and community groups that provide benefits for the residents of Bexhill-on Sea using the power provided by the Local Government Act 1972 s137.
- 1.2 The total Local Government Act 1972 s137 limit for 2025/26 is £11.10 which would equate to approximately £404,400 limit for grants and donations for this financial year. The Town Council has agreed a budget of £42,000 for grants and donations.
- 1.3 Two applications has been received to review and decide within the policy.

2. Purpose of the report

- 2.1 The purpose of this report is to review the applications and consider payment of the grants.
- 2.2 The first table below shows a summary of checks made by the Responsible Financial Officer of the applications which shows if the council's criteria has been met or not.
- 2.3 The second table shows payments made year to date so a decision can be made if more than one application is made in a calendar year. There is no restriction to the number of times an organisation may apply for grant funding, however, the history of previous applications will be considered in the decision-making process. Priority will be given to first time applicants who fulfil the criteria.

Table One:

Organisation	Amount Required	Criteria Met
Flatlands	£7,500	Documents received – Safeguarding policy, accounts, projects and constitution. The grant request is for project delivery costs, Community Banner Commission, and Ceramics in Bexhill. All detailed in the breakdown on the application form.
Dyslexia South East CIC	£500.00	Documents received – Safeguarding policy, accounts, bank statement and constitution. The grant request is for Venue hire, Literacy screening material, material for children to take home, volunteer expenses.

Table Two

N/A	
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Current budget position:

Annual Budget: £42,000

Spent to date: £0.00

Left to spend: £42,000

2.4 The total grants and donations budget is £42,000, with £24,000 designated for events and £18,000 for other projects. For event-related applications, the maximum grant available will be £4,000. If an organisation receives funding for an event and applies for the same event the following year, they may be awarded up to 50% of the amount applied for. If they apply again for the same event in the subsequent year, they may receive up to 25% of the amount applied for, subject to a successful application. For applications relating to other types of projects, organisations may apply for a maximum of £1,000 and must also provide a clear breakdown of the intended use of funds.

2.5 The total of grants applied for is £8,000. The total available funding is £2,386.81

2 Recommendation

- a) The committee is to review the Grants listed in Table One and decide whether to award the grant.