

## **BEXHILL-ON-SEA TOWN COUNCIL**

<b>Agenda Item:</b>	<b>7 (a)</b>	<b>APPENDIX C</b>
<b>Report to:</b>	<b>Finance and Audit Committee</b>	
<b>Date:</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup> April 2025</b>	
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Grants and Donations</b>	
<b>Summary:</b>	The committee is asked to consider paying out various grants to relevant organisations.	

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### **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 One applications have 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:

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Amount Required</b>	<b>Criteria Met</b>
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Action Against Abuse	<b>£496.25</b>	<b>Bank statement supplied, Constitution and Safeguarding Policy provided. Volunteer Run charity supporting victims of domestic abuse. Applying for funds to support the work of the volunteers and transport for victims to and from court.</b>
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Table Two

Bexhill Choral Society	350.00
Bexhill Youth and Community Association	3,000.00
Hastings Sinfonia Orchestra	1,000.00
Mindful Oak Sussex CIC	510.00
St Peters Community Centre	1,854.00
Sparc PM Ltd	500.00
Bexhill Carnival	5,000.00
White Label Events	5,000.00
Bexhill in Bloom	5,000.00
Jesus Loves Bexhill	500.00
The Pelham CIO	446.00
Bexhill Senior Citizen Club	500.00
Community Supporters	5,500.00
Bexhill Wild CIC	480.00
ESSPA	2,000.00
Bexhill Arts Society	2,000.00
Bexhill Cricket Club	500.00
Little Common Methodist Church	4,779.18
Bexhill Festival of Music	1,800.00
Bexhill Downs Ladies Group	500.00
Sidley Cricket Club	500.00

Current budget position:

Annual Budget: £42,000  
Spent to date: £0  
Left to spend: £42,000

- 2.4 The council has set a policy that all grants applied for in excess of £1,000 up to £10,000 shall be considered in the months of January, May and September.
- 2.5 The total of grants applied for is £496.25. The total available funding is £42,000.

## **2      Recommendation**

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