

BEXHILL-ON-SEA TOWN COUNCIL

Agenda Item:	7 (a)	APPENDIX G
Report to:	Finance and Audit Committee	
Date:	14th May 2025	
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 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:

Organisation	Amount Required	Criteria Met
White Label Events CIC	£7,000	Bank statement supplied, Constitution provided. A not-for-profit organisation running a free event for all the community. Applying for funds to fund the safety element of the event I.e. First Aid, Security, and Insurance as well as infrastructure and entertainment costs.
Bexhill United Football Club	£2,000-£5,000	Bank statement supplied, Constitution and Safeguarding Policy provided. Applying for funds towards replacement Floodlighting, sponsorship of 2/3 teams and training for coaches.
The Pelham	£9,956.86	Bank statement supplied, Constitution and Safeguarding Policy provided. Charitable organisation applying for funds for new flooring, and upgrade security.
Bexhill Breathers	£1,000	No Bank statements, Constitution or Safeguarding policy provided. Applying for funding to upgrade equipment (i.e. blood pressure monitors), print leaflets and marketing material.
Bexhill & Rother Homelessness Unity Group (HUG) CIO	£10,000	Charity Commission Accounts, Constitution and Safeguarding Policy provided. A self-funded organisation by donations. Applying for funding for venue hire, Equipment replacement, staffing costs and sundries, due to decrease in funding from other bodies.

Table Two

Action Against Abuse	496.25
Bexhill Senior Citizen Club	10,000

Current budget position:

Annual Budget:	£42,000
Spent to date:	£10,496.25
Left to spend:	£31,503.75

- 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 £19,956.86-£32,956.86. The total available funding is £21,503.75.

2 **Recommendation**

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