

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

<b>Agenda Item:</b>	<b>7(a)</b>	<b>APPENDIX F</b>
<b>Report to:</b>	<b>Finance and Audit Committee</b>	
<b>Date:</b>	<b>11<sup>th</sup> February 2026</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 Six 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:

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Amount Required</b>	<b>Criteria Met</b>
Bexhill Art Society	<b>£2,476</b>	<b>Bank Statements, Constitution, accounts and insurance policies all submitted. The grant request is to fund cost of hire of De LA Warr Studio for the art exhibit in May 2026.</b>
ESSPA	<b>£8,000</b>	<b>Bank Statements, safeguarding framework, and DWLP hire form submitted. The grant request is to cover hire costs of DWLP.</b>
Bexhill Choral Society	<b>£475.00</b>	<b>Bank Statements, signed accounts, constitution and safeguarding policy all submitted. The grant request is for printing and advertising of the Mendelssohn's Elijah performance in May 2026 at DWLP.</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> Sidley Brownies	<b>£400.00</b>	<b>Constitution and safeguarding policy submitted. The grant request is for a pack holiday to Bushy Wood and visit to Girlguiding Word Centre – this grant would make it full accessible.</b>
Bexhill Primary Care Network (ICC)	<b>£5,000</b>	<b>No documentation provided. The grant request is for costs to help fund the Health and Wellness event at DWLP.</b>
White Label CIC	<b>£5,000</b>	<b>Bank Statement and Constitution submitted. The grant request is for safety elements of the event – Return to the 80's.</b>

Table Two

Action Against Abuse	496.25
Bexhill Senior Citizen Club	10,000
White Label Events CIC	5,000
Bexhill Breathers	1,000
The Pelham CIO	515
Heart of Sidley	5,000
Connection Café	425
Bexhill United Football Club	5,000
Normans Bay Residents Association	499.90
Bexhill 100 Motoring Club	500.00
The Little Commoners	392.04
Child with Cancer Fund (Polegate)	1,000
Come As You Are CIC	1,000

HRVAB	660
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Current budget position:

Annual Budget: £42,000  
Spent to date: £31,488.19  
Left to spend: £10,511.81

- 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 £21,351.00. The total available funding is £10,511.81.

**2 Recommendation**

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