



Andover Town Council

Item
No.

To **approve** for recommendation to Full Council the minor amendment to the current Grants Policy.

To **note** that the Community and Events Terms of Reference will be amended to reflect this, when they are reviewed at the Annual May Meeting.

Produced for: Policy and Resources

By: Acting Town Clerk

Date of Report: 4 April 2025

Background:

At the Full Council meeting on the 19 March the following was agreed:

C427/03/25 Members discussed the current Grants Policy and pointed out that the wording needed to be clearer about funding levels and the requirement of the application needing to go to Full Council for approval. Officers were requested to review the Grants Policy for an amendment, to clarify the procedure for grant applications that exceed £2,000.00.

To note:

The Business Plan Working Group will be reviewing the current Grants Policy and amending it accordingly, but in the meantime the following amendment is recommended:

Andover Town Council (ATC) is funded by the residents of Andover. A small fund is collected via the precept and made available for community grants.

The Council uses the General Power of Competence to permit the giving of grants, and the fund is agreed in January every year. The fund yearly total can be viewed in the budget report under code 4190. Grants are given each year aiming to support:

- Measures contributing to a positive, clean, healthy and happy town.
- Actions to promote a thriving, inclusive and resilient community.
- Projects with proven environmental benefit to the town.
- Local people to participate and feel ownership of ideas, spaces and assets locally.
- Events or facilities which enrich physical, mental and emotional health of the town's residents.
- Any other direct positive impact for Andover Town residents.
- Typically, Andover Town Council consider grants up to £2,000.00, however, exceptional circumstances would be considered and the budget reviewed as necessary throughout the year. **Any grant applications exceeding £2,000 to be recommended to Full Council for approval.**

Officers also **recommend** that it be noted that the Community and Events Terms of Reference will be amended to reflect this, when they are reviewed at the Annual May Meeting.