ANDOVER TOWN COUNCIL
Full Council

Item No.

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1. Purpose and Scope

To seek approval on the recommendation from the Community and Events Committee CE 053/09/26 from Members to fund the delivery of three community wellbeing projects during 2027: Memories and Munch and two six-week Grub Club Community Cookery Programmes targeted at different groups of young people. As per the recommendation from the Community and Events Committee CE 053/09/26.
Memories & Munch project brief from MUNCH C.I.C

4. Grub Club Community Cookery Programme

The Grub Club programme consists of six weekly sessions providing practical cooking skills, healthy eating education and opportunities for participants to cook and eat together. The programme includes recipe development, ingredients, participant resources, evaluation and project delivery staff.
The project supports residents to prepare affordable and nutritious meals, increases confidence in cooking from scratch, encourages healthier lifestyle choices and creates meaningful opportunities for social interaction.
The hope is to run 2 clubs, one out of King Arthurs Community Hall again in continuation of the summer sessions ran and attended by primary aged children and their families. This will bring continuity to the community as the attendance was built across the 6-week sessions and now hopefully more families will attend now trust is there and a reputation has been built. We will market this via the PEAS network and open it to all local schools within Andover, this will most certainly increase engagement and attendance as we will be casting the net wider and to more families.
The second grub club is to be aimed at and marketed at young carers within the community. This will equip young carers with the tools and confidence to cook healthier options for themselves and the person they are caring for. The final session we hope to result in a session where the young people bring their loved ones in and cook a meal for them which can be shared and where they can showcase their new skills. These sessions we hope to run out of Augusta Park Community Centre. We will approach Andover Young Carers to see if they would be open to inviting some of their young carers to the sessions, we are also aware of schools in the area who run support groups for young carers within their schools and would look to link those students into these sessions. We would work with the organisations who are involved to see when the best time of day would be to run these sessions and if we can work the sessions into their school day as part of their curriculum or if it'll need to be after school.

The total course time for this is 24 hours for the 6 week projects.

5. Venues

Officers plan to run these proposed sessions out of King Arthurs Community Hall (Grub Club primary school sessions) and Memories and Munch & Grub Club and the Young Carers sessions out of Augusta Park Community Hall. We are currently in talks with both venues to discuss rates and the approximate costings below are based on known venue hire costs plus 5% due to costs rising and to accommodate this if it Council approves the projects.

6. Financial Implications

Project	cost
Memories and Munch	£1,626.60 – from Pensioner Service budget line
Grub Club (6-week programme) Young Carers	£3,810.86 – from Youth Services budget line
Grub Club (6-week programme) Primary families	£3,810.86 - from Youth Services budget line
Venue Hire approximate costings	24 x 18.50 =£444 KAWCH 24 x 10.50=£252 APCA 8 x 10.50 = £84 APCA 5% of £780 is £39 Total approx. cost is £819.00
Total Funding Request	£10,067.32

Remaining budget as of 30/09/2026

Youth Services	**£31,810.02**
Pensioner Services	**£15,001.00**

5. Strategic Benefits

Andover town council priorities set out below fall into these projects objectives and will allow Andover Town Council to continue to deliver the pledge to make the town a better place for all residents.

- Help make Andover a welcoming, safe, and well cared for town
- Engage with Andover community stakeholders to provide targeted support for residents, taxpayers and businesses
- Put civility and respect at the heart of everything Andover Town Council does

In addition to the above priorities, the below benefits will be felt as a result of the projects:

- Improves physical health through healthy eating education.
- Reduces social isolation and loneliness.
- Supports older residents and vulnerable groups.
- Encourages community cohesion and inclusion.
- Builds confidence, life skills and independence.
- Provides measurable wellbeing outcomes through project evaluation.

6. Risk Implications

The risks associated with the above projects are considered low and will be managed through appropriate safeguarding procedures, risk assessments, food hygiene requirements, insurance arrangements and project monitoring. These measures will be delivered in conjunction with MUNCH C.I.C.

7. Officer Assessment

Officers consider all three projects to represent good value for money. The projects align with the Council's wider objectives of supporting resident wellbeing, reducing isolation and creating stronger, connected communities. The costs are proportionate to the anticipated social, health and community outcomes.

8. Recommendation

It is recommended that Members approve funding of £10,067.32 for the delivery of one Memories and Munch project and two six-week Grub Club Community Cookery Programmes during 2027 to be taken from the Youth Services and Pensioner Services budget lines.

It is recommended that the Council:

1. **Approve** a budget of **£10,067.32** for the delivery of two further Grub Club programmes between January and June 2027: a family programme at King Arthur's Hall and a Young Carers programme at Augusta Park Community Centre and Memories and Munch aimed at Over 55's. Each are subject to hall availability and discussions with the respective trustees.
2. **Instruct Officers** to proceed with the above proposal and work with MUNCH C.I.C to deliver these three projects within the community.