Andover Town Council
Grants Committee
Minutes

Time and date	6.00pm on Tuesday 17 November 2026
Place	Incuhive, Andover

Grant Committee – QUORUM = 3 (as per TERMS OF REFERENCE)								
Councillors Present:		Arrival time noted if after meeting start						
Cllr R Hughes (Chairman)	**P**		Cllr E Reynolds (Vice Chairman)	**P**		Cllr K Bird	**P**	
Cllr J Goodwin	**P**		Cllr L Gregori	**A**		Cllr A Horsnell	**P**	
Cllr R Kidd	**P**		Cllr M Farren	**P**		Cllr T James	**P**	6:10pm

Officers Present:	Tor Warburton (Town Clerk)
Members of the Public present:	1
Press:	0
HCC/TVBC Cllrs:	0

PUBLIC SESSION	
G 064/11/26	There were no comments from members of the public.
APOLOGIES	
G 065/11/26	Apologies were received from Councillor Luigi Gregori.
PECUNIARY INTERESTS	
G 066/11/26	Non-pecuniary declarations were received from: • Councillor E Reynolds, as a member of The Drove Allotment Association and a plot holder at The Drove allotment site. • Councillor R Hughes declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 5, the Warm Hub grant application from King Arthurs Way Community Association. Councillor Hughes confirmed that he would receive no pecuniary benefit, would not take part in the discussion or vote, and would remain in the room. • Cllr R Kidd declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 5 as a Trustee of the King Arthurs Way Community Association and confirmed that he would not take part in the discussion or vote.
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G 067/11/26	It was proposed by Councillor K Bird and seconded by Councillor E Reynolds and **RESOLVED: Unanimously,** that the Grants Committee Minutes of 27 October 2026 be approved.
GRANTS APPLICATIONS	
G 068/11/26	Grants information ***All grant applications have fulfilled the required criteria before coming to this Committee. More details are included in the confidential reports sent to members. Where necessary these will be discussed in closed session***. Budgetary information (A) ***for consideration when making awards***. *Councillor E Reynolds (Vice Chairman) took the chair for this item.* Members received and considered the following Warm Hub Grant Application from: King Arthurs Way Community Association for £500 towards their Warm Hub events, which are held every other Wednesday during the winter period. It was proposed by Councillor A Horsnell and seconded by Councillor J Goodwin and **RESOLVED: Unanimously**, that the amount of £500 toward the King Arthurs Way Community Association Warm Hub grant application be approved. Councillor R Hughes and Cllr R Kidd did not take part in the discussion or vote, having declared interests.
GRANT BUDGET (1st PASS)	
G 069/11/26	Members received the proposed budget for this Committee for 2027/28, comprising of a) Grants (4190); b) Youth Services (4700/26), to be used for Service Provider Grants; and c) Pensioner Services (4700/27), to be used for Service Provider Grants. Members also considered the related earmarked reserves (Grants Project, Youth Services and Plus 55 (Pensioner Services) and the commitments already made from these budgets for U-Choose and Community Chef. It was explained that the Youth Services and Plus 55 (Pensioner Services) budgets currently sit under the Community and Events Committee and will remain there until the end of the current financial year. From 2027/28 they will be reported to this Committee and used for Service Provider Grants. How Service Provider Grants will be administered is yet to be decided and will be a matter for this Committee. Members may retain, reduce or increase the current sums of £50,000 and £20,000. In response to a query, it was confirmed that the proposed figures include the standard 5% uplift, which is recommended but not mandatory. Councillor M Farren noted that, based on the position at 30 September 2026, approximately 38% of the budget had been spent at the half-year point, indicating projected spend of around 75% to 76% for the year, and suggested that there may be scope to reduce the budget. It was noted that from 2027/28 the budgets would be used for a different purpose, and that each Service Provider Grant is expected to commit £10,000 per year for three years. Commitments would therefore accumulate: for example, three awards in the first year would require £30,000, potentially rising to £60,000 in the following year if a further three awards were made. It was noted that not all awards need be made in the first year and that this is a decision for the Committee. A Member queried whether setting the budget at this level would impose constraints on the Council elected in May 2027. It was noted that the 2027/28 budget is for the current Council to set. *Cllr T James arrived at 6:10pm* Members agreed that, as this is the first pass, the figures should remain as proposed at this stage, but asked that all Members remain mindful that current expenditure

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	suggests there may be scope for a reduction. The figures will be reviewed further before the budget is finalised. It was noted that Full Council sets the budget and may amend the recommendations of its committees.
G 070/11/26	It was proposed by Councillor E Reynolds and seconded by Councillor K Bird and **RESOLVED: Unanimously,** to: • note the budget position as at 30 September 2026; • note that the Youth Services and Pensioner Services budgets will be used for Service Provider Grants and reported to this Committee from the 2027/28 budget year; • note the commitments already made from these budgets for Community and Events projects: Community Chef, £8,440.02 from Youth Services and £1,626.60 from Pensioner Services and U-Choose (to be considered by Full Council on 9 December 2026), which will remain with the Community and Events Committee to deliver; • note that the Grants Project, Youth Services and Plus 55 (Pensioner Services) earmarked reserves were set up in 2025/26 under minute C 014/05/26; and • recommend to the Policy and Resources Committee and Full Council the changes set out in the report under "What this means for budget setting 2027/28". *Cllr T James did not participate in the vote, having arrived late.*
NEXT MEETING	
G 071/11/26	It was noted that the date of the next meeting would be on the **8 December 2026** at **6:00pm** in the **Incuhive, Andover**.
MEETING CLOSURE	
G 072/11/26	The Chairman closed the meeting at 6.15pm.

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