

# SALISBURY CITY COUNCIL

## Report

**Subject** : Grant Policy Amendment – City Grants  
**Committee** : Events, Markets and Grants Subcommittee  
**Date** : 29 January 2024  
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### 1. Report Summary

- 1.1. This report proposes the removal of the city grants option from the SCC Grants Policy and offer.
- 1.2. This report asks the subcommittee to vote on the removal of the city grants from the SCC Grants Policy and offer.

### 2. Background

- 2.1. City Grants are for sums over £3000 and have no allocated budget.
- 2.2. City Grants are defined in the current SCC Grants Policy in the following terms.
  - 2.2.1. *City Grants Applications can be made, following the process outlined in this policy, for projects, activities or works that exceed £3,000. These grants are unfunded and granted at the discretion of councillors from the relevant committee, with reference to the priorities outlined below.*
- 2.3. *City Grants are subject to the following priority area focus, as outlined in the current SCC Grants Policy.*
  - 2.3.1. *City Grant Priorities City Grants applications can be made for projects, activities or works that exceed £3,000. These grants are unfunded and granted at the discretion of councillors from the relevant committee, with reference to the priorities outlined below. SCC City Grants will be considered for projects, activities and works that contribute to the long-term benefit to and have a significant impact on Salisbury City and/or its residents. Applicants must be able to evidence long-term impact against at least 1 of the following least one of the following priorities.*
    - 2.3.1.1. *Creating a Green City*
    - 2.3.1.2. *Creating a Lively City*
    - 2.3.1.3. *Improving the Wellbeing of Residents*
- 2.4. No City Grants have been awarded in the last 6 years.
- 2.5. In the last three years 3 enquiries have been made and advice sought from the City Clerk who considered the outlined proposal. Two did not meet the new priorities outlined in the policy as per the amendments to the policy in 2021.
- 2.6. One was advised that, due to budgetary constraints, their application was unlikely to be successful. They opted not to apply given this advice.
- 2.7. No commitments are in place with any local organisation with regards City Grants
- 2.8. Council Leaders have advised that it is unlikely that funds from reserves will be available for grants of this nature in the foreseeable future and support the recommendation below.
- 2.9. We are currently holding one new City Grant enquiry and this paper is brought to committee to seek clarity for prospective grant applicants and the positive relationships with local voluntary sector organisations.

2.10. Amendments to the policy are outlined in Appendix 1

**3. Recommendations**

3.1. That City Grants be removed as a grant option from the SCC Grants Policy as per the amendments outlined in Appendix 1

**4. Wards Affected:** All Wards

**5. Background papers:** Item 6 – Appendix 1 – Draft Amended SCC Grants Policy

**6. Implications:**

6.1. **Financial:** None in relation to this report

6.2. **Legal:** None in relation to this report.

6.3. **Personnel:** None in relation to this report

6.4. **Environmental Impact:** None in relation to this report

6.5. **Equalities Impact Statement:** Equalities policy or statements required by all grant holders