SALISBURY CITY COUNCIL

Report

Subject: Grants Policy

Committee: Finance and Governance Committee

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1. Report Summary:

1.1. This report introduces a revised Grants Policy for approval.

2. Background:

- 2.1. A recent review of the Grants Policy by the Communities Working Group (CWG)highlighted areas where improvement could be made in the policy and asked officers to produce a revised policy.
- 2.2. This revised policy is now more concise and should more straightforward for applicants to use.
- 2.3. The draft was agreed by CWG at their meeting in May 2019.
- 2.4. The Services Committee approved the draft at their meeting on 24 Jun 2019.
- 2.5. The Finance and Governance Committee is also asked to approve the policy as both committees have a role to play in awarding grants.

3. Key Changes to the Policy:

3.1. The types of grants have been retitled. There are now four types of grant or subsidy as follows:

Minor Community Grant

For applications for up to £500

Medium Community Grant

For applications for £500-£3,000 per annum Grants can be for 1-3 years

Major Grant

For applications that exceed £3,000 for projects and activities that sit outside Community Grant criteria

Rent Reduction Subsidy

For sports, youth and social clubs that occupy buildings or land owned by SCC

3.2. Applications to the Rent Reduction Scheme will be considered by the CWG and recommendations forwarded to the Finance and Governance Committee for comments prior to being presented to the Services Committee for approval

4. Communities Working Group (CWG) Terms of References (TORS):

- 4.1. The CWG TORS have been revised to reflect the changes in the Grants Policy.
- 4.2. These were agreed by the CWG at its meeting in May 2019 and are shown as part of Annex A.
- 4.3. The Services Committee approved these TORS at their meeting on 24 Jun 2019.

5. Recommendations:

It is recommended that the Committee:

- 5.1. Approve the Grant Policy
- 6. Wards Affected: All
- **7. Background papers:** Annex A Draft Grants Policy (Doc 71176)
- 8. Implications:
 - 8.1. Financial: Nil in relation to this report grants budget are set
 - 8.2. Legal: Nil in relation to his report
 - 8.3. **Personnel:** Nil in relation to his report
 - 8.4. Environmental Impact: Nil in relation to this report
 - 8.5. **Equalities Impact Statement**: Nil in relation to this report