

**NOTICE OF ITEM(S) OF BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED BY
INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS OF THE CABINET**

Date when item(s) to be considered:	Wednesday, 4 JUNE 2025
Name of Individual Executive Councillors who will consider the items:	Councillors S Conboy, L Davenport-Ray, and S Howell
Subject of item(s) to be	Huntingdonshire Futures Grant Scheme Awards 2025
Summary of item(s) to be considered:	<p>To consider the applications that have been submitted to the Huntingdonshire Futures Grants Scheme funding programme and whether the applications meet the criteria which has been set and to decide which applications to award.</p> <p>Supporting report attached.</p>
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This Notice has been copied to the Chairman of the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Panel.

Dated this 29 day of May 2025

1. MEMBERS' INTERESTS

To receive from Members declarations as to disclosable pecuniary, other registerable and non-registerable interests in relation to any Agenda item.

2. HUNTINGDONSHIRE FUTURES GRANT SCHEME AWARDS 2025
(Pages 3 - 10)

To consider applications received via the Huntingdonshire Futures Grant Scheme for 2025 and to indicate preference for the allocation of funds in accordance with agreed eligibility criteria.

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Public
Key Decision - Yes

HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Title/Subject Matter:	Huntingdonshire Futures Grant Scheme 2025
Meeting/Date:	Grants Panel – 4 June 2025
Executive Portfolio:	Executive Councillor for Place - Councillor S Conboy Executive Councillor for Communities, Health and Leisure - Councillor S Howell Executive Councillor for Climate and Environment - Councillor L Davenport-Ray
Report by: Planning	Head of Policy, Performance and Emergency
Ward(s) affected:	All

Executive Summary:

Huntingdonshire Futures sets out a vision to make Huntingdonshire a better place to live, work, and visit over the next 30 years. The Huntingdonshire Futures grants support this vision by enabling communities to deliver events and activities.

The 2025 version of the grant scheme focuses on just the Pride in Place journey. Grants of £500 - £2,500 are available for activities, and events that showcase and celebrate Huntingdonshire's communities, heritage, and cultural identity.

Community groups and organisations requiring financial aid to deliver projects that support Pride in Place are invited to apply from 24 March 2025. Applications must be for projects based in Huntingdonshire and where a significant majority of beneficiaries are Huntingdonshire residents.

This activity supports our commitment from the Corporate Plan to “explore how place strategy priorities are transformed into practical delivery.”

The total budget for 2025/26 is £40,000.

Recommendation(s):

- a. To consider applications submitted to the Huntingdonshire Futures Grant Scheme 2025 funding programme to date and determine whether they meet award criteria.
- b. To decide which applications will be allocated funding.

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 The purpose of this report is to outline details of the applications received from groups or organisations representing Huntingdonshire communities for project funding from the Huntingdonshire Futures Grant Scheme 2025. Applications from community groups and organisations who would like to support the District Council in achieving priorities that have been set out within the Corporate Plan for 2023-28:

- Improving the quality of life and for local people
- Improving the happiness and wellbeing of residents

2. WHY IS THIS REPORT NECESSARY?

2.1 In setting the Council budget for 2025/26, £40,000 was set aside for the Huntingdonshire Futures Grant Scheme 2025.

2.2 From the commencement of the 2025/26 financial year, the panel has committed £32,911.00 to applicants, leaving £7,089.00 available for the remainder of 2025/26.

2.3 The maximum amount that can be applied for is £2,500.

Successful applicants will be required to complete an evaluation of their project later in the year which demonstrates the impact of the funding.

2.4 The Huntingdonshire Futures Grant Scheme 2025 will close on 30 June 2025 or once all funding has been allocated, whichever is the sooner.

3. ANALYSIS

3.1 Appendix 2 of the report provides a summary of applications that have been received since the last meeting. In establishing the Huntingdonshire Futures Grant Scheme 2025, funding criteria will be used, and it is against these criteria that the applications have been assessed.

4. KEY IMPACTS / RISKS

4.1 The funding awarded for the 2025 scheme must be used against projects applied for and approved in 2025.

5. WHAT ACTIONS WILL BE TAKEN/TIMETABLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION

5.1 At ongoing meetings of the Grants Panel, Members will determine which projects should be allocated funding. Officers will then advise all applicant organisations of the outcome.

5.2 Groups or organisations awarded funding must be able to confirm that their project can be delivered within the 2025 calendar year.

5.3 If the applicant no longer requires the grant or the Grants Panel decide that the criteria can no longer be met, the District Council will cancel the award.

6. LINK TO THE CORPORATE PLAN, STRATEGIC PRIORITIES AND/OR CORPORATE OBJECTIVES

6.1 The Huntingdonshire Futures Grant Scheme 2025 links directly to the Council's Corporate Plan 2023-28, specifically the following priorities and outcomes:

- Improving the quality of life and for local people
- Improving the happiness and wellbeing of residents

7. CONSULTATION

7.1 The Huntingdonshire Futures Grant Scheme 2025 is advertised by the Council through a wide range of media including the District Council website, press releases and social media. Further communications will be made to advertise the funding available in 2025/26.

8. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

8.1 The funding of £40,000 allocated to the Huntingdonshire Futures Grant Scheme 2025 is within the Council's approved budget.

9. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDED DECISIONS

9.1 Applications recommended for consideration demonstrate that they satisfy the eligibility criteria set by the Council for the Huntingdonshire Futures Grant Scheme 2025.

10. LIST OF APPENDICES INCLUDED

Appendix 1 - [Huntingdonshire Futures Grant Scheme - Funding Criteria - Huntingdonshire.gov.uk](https://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk)

Appendix 2 - List of applications received, with officer comments.

11. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Huntingdonshire Futures Grant Scheme 2025 Funding Criteria

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Huntingdonshire District Council - Huntingdonshire Futures Grant Scheme 2025 - 4 June 2025 Grant Panel Applications

Project Serial Number and Applicant Name	Project Name and Description	Context	Amount Requested
<p>HFG/33/2025</p> <p>Dramatic Irony</p>	<p>The Tower's Last Execution</p> <p>The last person to be executed at the Tower of London was a German pilot. His death ended over 1000 of the Tower's bloody history and the story began here. They want to uncover some of the stories associated with the historical event, researching and consulting with relatives of those involved in Ramsey and sharing the story with the community.</p>	<p>They share heritage through creativity, improving people's connection with the place in which they live.</p>	<p>£2,500</p>
<p>HFG/34/2025</p> <p>St Neots Museum</p>	<p>Living History Festival</p> <p>This takes place on St Neots Market Square and in the Museum, from 11am to 4pm on 6th September, and has been running for several years. It is a free event, which promotes the heritage and culture of the town, and usually involves various historical re-enactors in costume with artefacts and equipment to demonstrate to the public. Increased space offered by the recent refurbishment of the square, provides an opportunity this this year to expand the scope of the event to include performances of music, combat and sports.</p>	<p>They preserve and display collections of objects and material relating to the heritage and history of St Neots and surrounding areas. They also run educational workshops, exhibitions and events to educate the public of all ages about their local heritage.</p>	<p>£2,500</p>

<p>HFG/35/2025</p> <p>Magpas Air Ambulance</p>	<p>Visitor Centre Improvements to Accommodate Open Days</p> <p>They want to enhance their visitor centre to meet the needs of the public who visit them. They host open days that teach lifesaving CPR skills, using a defibrillator and how individuals can act to make a difference when someone in their community is in an emergency. The open days give information on volunteering opportunities with Magpas Air Ambulance, giving people opportunity to both give back to their local community and develop their skills. They need to improve the facilities at their airbase to accommodate these open days, as well as ad hoc visits from the community.</p>	<p>Magpas Air Ambulance provides the very best pre-hospital emergency care, in the air or on land, including treatments usually only available in hospital. Operating 24/7, the charity answers five calls for help a day on average, treating around 1,100 patients in life-threatening emergencies every year. Magpas Air Ambulance serves the communities of Cambridgeshire, Bedfordshire and across the East of England and are dispatched by both the East of England and the East Midlands Ambulance Service Trusts, caring for a population of over 10 million. The charity relies on generous public donations to continue saving lives.</p>	<p>£2,500</p>
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