



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

Date when item(s) to be considered:	Wednesday, 19 JUNE 2024
Name of Individual Executive Councillors who will consider the items:	Councillors L Davenport-Ray, S Conboy and B Pitt
Subject of item(s) to be	Huntingdonshire Futures Grant Scheme Awards
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 12 day of June 2024

### 1. MEMBERS' INTERESTS

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

### 2. HUNTINGDONSHIRE FUTURES GRANT SCHEME AWARDS 2024 (Pages 3 - 12)

To consider applications received via the Huntingdonshire Futures Grant Scheme 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 award

**Meeting/Date:** Grants Panel – 19 June 2024

**Executive Portfolio:** Executive Councillor for Place  
– Councillor S Conboy

Executive Councillor for Community and Health  
– Councillor B Pitt

Executive Councillor for Climate and  
Environment  
– Councillor L Davenport-Ray

**Report by:** Assistant Director (Strategic Insights and Delivery)

**Ward(s) affected:** All

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### **Executive Summary:**

Huntingdonshire Futures sets out a vision to make Huntingdonshire a better place to live, work, and visit over the next 30 years. Over the last year, the council has started to work with local communities to bring the strategy to life.

The grants will provide funding of up to £2,500 to enable groups to put on events or activities that support the Huntingdonshire Futures vision, such as improving physical and mental health, protecting and supporting our environment and celebrating our sense of history and place.

The strategy is made up of five 'journeys'. Applications must link to and support at least one of these and may cover more than one.

The five journeys are:

- Pride in Place
- Inclusive Economy
- Health Embedded
- Environmental Innovation
- Travel Transformed

Community groups and organisations requiring financial aid to deliver projects that address one or more of the five Journeys are invited to apply from 15 May 2024. 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 2024/25 is £40,000

**Recommendation(s):**

- a. To consider applications submitted to the Huntingdonshire Futures Grant Scheme 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. 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 2024/25, £40,000 was set aside for the Huntingdonshire Futures Grant Scheme.

2.2 From the commencement of the 2024/25 financial year, the panel has committed £0.00 to applicants, leaving £40,000 available for the remainder of 2024/25.

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 Once all funding has been allocated, the Huntingdonshire Futures Grant Scheme will close.

## **3. ANALYSIS**

3.1 Appendix 2 of the report provides a summary of applications been received since the last meeting. In establishing the Huntingdonshire Futures grant scheme, 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 2024/25 scheme must be used against projects applied for and approved in the 2024/25 financial year.

## **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 12 months of the award being made.
- 5.3 If the award remains unpaid 6 months after having been approved, the District Council will contact the applicant to establish if the grant is still required. If the grant is still required, the original application, along with an updated statement from the applicant will be forwarded to the Grants Panel for further consideration.
- 5.4 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 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 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 2024/25.

## **8. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

- 8.1 The funding of £40,000 allocated to the Huntingdonshire Futures Grant Scheme 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.

## **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 Funding Criteria

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**Huntingdonshire District Council - Huntingdonshire Futures Grant Scheme - 19 June 2024 Grant Panel Applications**

<b>Project Name/Applicant</b>	<b>Priority Focus</b>	<b>Criteria Met</b>	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>Amount Requested</b>
<b>HFG/01</b> <b>Hunts Shopmobility</b>	Hunts Shopmobility has existed since 2006, allowing those with limited mobility (either temporary or permanent) to hire, allowing them help to get around. They can be hired out in a number of ways, from 1 day at a time through to quarterly memberships.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Health Embedded</li> <li>• Travel Transformed</li> </ul>	Hunts Shopmobility wishes to ensure the hired equipment is suitable and reliable for all the needs of the people from all over the District that use them. Obtaining 2 new scooters will allow this to continue.	£2,500 to replace one small boot scooter and one of the larger mobility scooters
<b>HFG/02</b> <b>Huntingdon Neurotherapy Centre Open Day and 21<sup>st</sup> Birthday</b>	This Centre is catered for all those with mobility issues. There is an onsite exercise tutor who teaches those with mobility issues, easy exercises to help with posture, frame, stability and much more. There is also a large garden for everybody to enjoy.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Health Embedded</li> <li>• Pride in Place</li> </ul>	HNC would like to invite all Oxmoor and Hartford residents to the centre to showcase the facilities they have for those to use with a neurological issue.	£750 broken down into the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• £25 for licence</li> <li>• £275 for children's entertainment</li> <li>• £450 for food and drink</li> </ul>
<b>HFG/03</b> <b>Sawtry CARESCO – Health and Balance Classes</b>	There is an ageing population both within Sawtry and the surrounding villages. CARESCO keeps people supported, mentally engaged and physically mobile for as long as possible. Services and groups include a Day Club, Chatterbox Carers Group and a Car Scheme to help with appointments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Health Embedded</li> </ul>	Unique, strength exercise classes which focus on the use of stretch bands and light weights as well as exercises focussing on resistance. The classes have proved very effective and there is now a waiting list.	£1,080 to cover 24 weeks at £45 per session

<b>HFG/04</b>  <b>St Ives Day Centre – Exercise and Massage Therapy</b>	<p>St Ives Day Centre is a unique, community charity founded in 1979 to provide a 5-day a week day service for the elderly, lonely and frail within the local community including St Ives and the surrounding villages.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Health Embedded</li> </ul>	<p>The Day Centre would like to hold regular exercise and massage therapy sessions for their elderly service users. This has had a positive effect in the past and has had a great impact on their members including both their physical and mental health.</p>	<p>£2,500 to cover: 50 weeks of sessions, each session cost £50 per session for the cost of a professional leader for each one</p>
<b>HFG/05</b>  <b>St Ives Carnival and Music Festival</b>	<p>St Ives Carnival and Festival is organised to bring the community together and is a well-loved part of the local social calendar.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pride in Place</li> <li>• Health Embedded</li> <li>• Inclusive Economy</li> </ul>	<p>This is going to be an annual, 3-day event which will be free to enter. There will be stalls for local businesses, activities, open air film, live music, proms in the park, a funfair and displays from local groups</p>	<p>£2,500 to go towards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• £7,200 stage setup</li> </ul>
<b>HFG/06</b>  <b>Huntingdon Methodist Church</b>	<p>Huntingdon Methodist Church offers a warm space to chat, support for homeless people, working with young people and supporting the local community.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pride in Place</li> <li>• Health Embedded</li> </ul>	<p>This project will provide essential improvements to the multifunctional Church area so that it can provide the level of facilities which our community and Church groups now require. These improvements will transform the facilities for their existing community user groups and also provide a venue to enable concerts, plays, presentations etc. for up to 200 people.</p>	<p>£2,500 as part of a £32,429 project, for which other funding has been done as well Requested costs would go towards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• £1,591 – replacing the laptop with a newer model</li> <li>• £850 – furniture for the private reflexion space</li> <li>• £4,350 – creating a private reflection space</li> </ul>

<p><b>HFG/07</b></p> <p><b>Great Staughton Playing Field – Avoid the GPs with GPs (goals and picnics)</b></p>	<p>Great Staughton is aiming to improve their playing field by developing this to become a more widely used space to encourage physical activity and improve outdoor social engagement opportunities in the village. The play area is already well used by other children but the additional facilities will draw more local residents, of all ages, to use this outdoor space.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pride in Place</li> <li>• Health Embedded</li> </ul>	<p>The playing field would like to install 2 sets of new football goals: one full size set for teenage and adult use and one smaller standalone goal for junior use</p>	<p>£2,500 to put towards the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• £1,800 – 1 set of socketed aluminium full size goals</li> <li>• £1,300 – 1 standalone socketed aluminium goal for children</li> <li>• £1,312.01 – 2 recycled plastic picnic tables</li> </ul>
<p><b>HFG/08</b></p> <p><b>Ramsey Heritage Day</b></p>	<p>The Heritage Day came about as there was a thirst for interest in local history by offering a fully accessible, low-cost visitor experience. The re-enactors offer an additional, fun attraction which will encourage more visitors, including those who may have visited the sites before.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pride in Place</li> <li>• Health Embedded</li> </ul>	<p>The project aims to provide the community with free access to all the heritage sites in Ramsey and provide additional learning and entertainment for all.</p>	<p>£1,150, which is broken down as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• £650 – re-enactors</li> <li>• £50 – community bus</li> <li>• £150 – maps/leaflets</li> <li>• £250 – advertising</li> <li>• £50 – children’s activity items</li> </ul>
<p><b>HFG/09</b></p> <p><b>Godmanchester Community Nursery</b></p>	<p>Godmanchester Community Nursery is a unique, horticultural project, aiming to involve and educate the local community in areas including conservation, vegetable gardens, beekeeping and various other community projects</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Environmental Innovation</li> <li>• Pride in Place</li> </ul>	<p>Application to contribute towards the running and ongoing environmental conservation projects following the Green Weekend</p>	<p>£1,000 to put towards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• £300 for materials</li> <li>• £400 for educational workshops</li> <li>• £300 for marketing</li> </ul>

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