



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

Date when item(s) to be considered:	Wednesday, 3 JULY 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.
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 26 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 (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 – 3 July 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

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 £12,980.00 to applicants, leaving £27,020 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

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 - 3 July 2024 Grant Panel Applications

Project Name/Applicant	Priority Focus	Criteria Met	Project Description	Amount Requested
HFG/10 Buckden Football Club Girls Football	Buckden Football Club has existed since 1984, and runs a variety of programmes including an adult league, youth and U14 and U11 boys and girls.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health Embedded 	They would like to set up a girl's football team and training sessions. They've already started doing training sessions, using borrowed equipment.	£1,500 for football kit
HFG/11 Eaton Socon Cricket Club Charity Cricket match	Eaton Socon Cricket Club run an annual cricket match over the August Bank Holiday to raise money for the Teenage Cancer Trust and support the local community. It usually raises approx. £4000 for charity.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health Embedded • Pride in Place 	They would like to make the event bigger this year, and cover costs such as a bouncy castle and a BBQ.	£2,000 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bouncy castle £500 rental • BBQ £500 on food • Face painting and other entertainment £300 • Disco costs music £300
HFG/12 Perry Parish Council Perry Festival and Family Fun Day	Perry Parish Council would like to organise a free community event at Grafham Water Centre. It will be the first event of this scale they have organised, intended to bring the community together as Perry does not have a village hall or similar.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pride in Place 	The event will include adult and children's physical activities, live music, trade and information stalls. Profits will be donated to charity. The plan is to make it an annual event if it is successful.	£550 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wood &c. for stalls £300 • Programmes £150 • Second flyer and poster production £100

HFG/13 Huntingdon Girls Football Club Free Football for Females	Huntingdon Girls Football Club was established in 2018 and provides training, matches and social opportunities for girls aged 4 upwards. They run development sessions, and three teams (u12s, u11s and u8s).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health Embedded 	They would like to run 2 free football sessions a week, one for 4-10 year olds and one for 11-12 year olds, at Coneygear Park and Huntingdon One Leisure. They have offered free sessions for beginners since Jan 2024 and want to continue this.	£1600 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 weeks @£35 astro hire one leisure: £700 • (session 11-12yrs) • 25% towards facilities usage outside of the above • hire: £500 for both groups. • Equipment for the groups: £300 • Christmas Party: £100
HFG/14 Warsely-cum-Tetworth Parish Council Waresley Jubilee Monument Renovation	Warseley has a listed monument built in 1897 to commemorate the 60 th year of Queen Victoria's reign, located in the centre of the village. It is currently run-down and needs renovating to preserve heritage and improve the environment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pride in Place 	The funds would go towards conserving the monument, including re-carving an inscription added in 2012 onto a new block due to degradation of the original surface. The renovation would be a one off to preserve the monument into the future..	£2,500.00 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would go towards £5860 total quote.
HFG/15 Little Paxton Parish Council Village Adventure Days	Little Paxton Parish Council wants to run 3 adventure days for children, including various activities. They would be free of charge, on weekends 10am-4pm.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pride in Place • Health Embedded 	Activities would include a Caterpillar climb, Spider mountain, climbing walls and a mobile skate part. The aim is to bring the village together and encourage children to take part in activities.	£2,500 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cost of hire of Caterpillar Climb/ Spider Mountain £1670 • Cost of Mobile Skate park £880

<p>HFG/16</p> <p>Wild about Huntingdon</p> <p>Festival of Nature</p>	<p>Wild about Huntingdon is a community project, seeking to run a 2 day festival at Hinchingsbrooke Country Park on 28th and 29th September 2024. Entry will be free and many of the activities will be free.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental Innovation • Pride in Place 	<p>This is a new event aimed at connecting people with nature and learning. Many organisations are already involved. There will be a wide variety of activities including herb planting, wildlife photography, seed kits, animal crazy golf, tree seed planting, wild swimming. Attendees will be able to take away free resources.</p>	<p>£2,500</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £600 free land train for accessibility • £500 mobile zoo • £600 banners/leaflets to advertise the event across Huntingdonshire district • £600 nature-themed rewards (to create nature learning packs for children) • £200 for printing + laminating •
<p>HFG/17</p> <p>Tilbrook Parish Council</p> <p>Storyboard Project</p>	<p>Tilbrook Parish Council are looking to install 3 information boards with walking and cycling routes, and an information board with details on village history.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pride in Place • Health Embedded 	<p>Earmarked £500 from their budget and offering sponsorship space to local businesses. The boards will encourage pride in the area, and help people to enjoy the countryside around them.</p>	<p>£500</p> <p>To go towards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 detailed A1 maps ready for manufacture £1,176 • Manufacture 3 number aluminium composite A1 boards £324
<p>HFG/18</p> <p>Relate Cambridgeshire</p>	<p>Relate Cambridgeshire is a charity providing counselling for families, individuals, children and young people to promote health relationships and improved mental health.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health Embedded 	<p>They would plan to open a 2nd venue in Huntingdon to provide face-to-face counselling. It would also subsidise costs for those who can't afford the full cost of £75-£80.</p>	<p>£2000</p>

<p>HFG/19</p> <p>Ramsey Town Football Club</p> <p>U18s team</p>	<p>Ramsey Town FC wants to develop a new U18s team to enter into the league for boys aged 16-18, with training twice a week. There is no youth centre in Ramsey, or U18 side in Ramsey or surrounding villages.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health Embedded 	<p>The grant would provide equipment and kit for training. There is existing interest of 15 16-18 year olds that is likely to increase. It will bridge the gap between junior sides who want to continue playing after 16. It has confirmed its affiliation to the Peterborough & District U18 league.</p>	<p>£2,500</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joma playing kit - £1094.40 inc VAT • Tracksuits - £576.00 inc VAT • Matchday warm-up t-shirts - £312.00 inc VAT • Matchday polo shirts - £439.20 inc VAT • Training balls x 10 - £75.00 inc VAT
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