



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

Date when item(s) to be considered:	Wednesday, 2 OCTOBER 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 26 day of September 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 (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

Meeting/Date: Grants Panel – 2 October 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 £37,462.68 to applicants, leaving £2,537.32 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 - 2 October 2024 Grant Panel Applications

Project Applicant/Name	Priority Focus	Criteria Met	Project Description	Amount Requested
HFG/36 Social Echo Hobby Hub & Men Shed at Yaxley Festival	Social Echo is a non-profit which evolved from the Yaxley Festival . Yaxley Festival is run by volunteers and has been running since 2012. It is a community and family event.	Pride in Place, Environmental Innovation	A space for Hobby Hub and Men's Shed at Yaxley Festival 2025 where they can showcase their work for the 3 day event. It will include demonstrations and have-a-go sessions, and selling items. The Hobby Hub launched in 2022 and promotes hobbies e.g. textiles, 3D printing, and painting. The Men's Shed makes and mends a variety of items. They both provide a space for people to undertake these together.	£2,500 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marquee hire - £2,000 • Furniture hire - £500
HFG/37 Houghton and Wyton Parish Council New safety surfacing for Houghton and Wyton Play Area	Houghton and Wyton play area is used by families after school, and pre-school children during the day. There is a new housing development underway so more families who will benefit. The play area is near the sports field and facilities.	Pride in Place	They would like to add resin-bound rubber surfacing to the play area. It currently has bark. They have additional funding from other sources and their own funds. The play equipment has recently been repaired and maintained.	£2,500 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contributing to £36,000 total costs as below • Mulch bond rubber surfacing (225m sq) including installation - £16,000 • Stone baseworks in preparation for surfacing - £20,000

<p>HFG/38</p> <p>Yaxley Vintage Festival</p> <p>Yaxley Vintage Festival 2025</p>	<p>Yaxley Vintage Festival has been running for over 5 years, and is run by volunteers. 3000+ people attend, and the event self-funds and raises money for local charities.</p>	<p>Pride in Place</p>	<p>The festival showcases vintage vehicles and machinery, and aims to provide education around this. It is free to attend, and also includes a range of traders, catering, craft stalls etc. They would like funding to support delivery of the event.</p>	<p>£1,500</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • External first aid for the event • Event insurance • New event banners (reusable)
<p>HFG/39</p> <p>Neotists</p> <p>The New to Town Meetup</p>	<p>Neotists are a community of creatives based in St Neots and Huntingdon that work with other organisations to collaborate on projects and events that benefit the community.</p>	<p>Pride in Place</p>	<p>They would like to put on 'New to Town Meetup' which involves bringing together current and new residents to engage in decision-making together, taking input on what they'd like to see happening in St Neots, and direct resources. It will help create a community culture and ensure St Neots is a great place to live.</p>	<p>£2,500</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Producing posters and social media posts to advertise the meetings. • Creating social media and other PR and press reports on the activities. • Collecting ideas and matching them with resources • Producing a "Culture of St Neots" Plan/Manifesto

<p>HFG/40</p> <p>Cambridge Carbon Footprint</p> <p>Huntingdonshire Thermal Imaging Training and Loan Scheme</p>	<p>Cambridge Carbon Footprint are a charity that aims to raise awareness of climate change and supports people in moving to low-carbon living. They have previously worked with Warboys Parish Council, Cambridge City Council, and South Cambridgeshire District Council.</p>	<p>Environmental Innovation</p>	<p>They would like to partner with Warboys Parish Council (WPC) to expand their Thermal Imaging Training and Loan Scheme into Huntingdonshire. They will provide training and use of equipment. Huntingdonshire residents can join free online training and borrow the camera for free to conduct surveys. Thermal imaging allows identification of issues by producing temperature maps and can highlight faults e.g. damp, poor insulation, many of which are simple to fix. They can be used for individual homes but also other buildings in the community.</p>	<p>£2,500</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contributing to £2,927 total as below • 1 x Thermal Imaging Camera Flir C5 - £579 • Coordinating and delivering thermal imaging training, 5 days at £145/day - £725 • Managing booking and coordinating loan scheme - £725 • Marketing and communications - £580 • Printing and publicity £200 • Travel - £68 • WPC project and volunteer expenses - £50
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