

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

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| Date when item(s) to be considered:                                   | Wednesday, 21 MAY 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<br>.   |
| 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 15 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

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| <b>Title/Subject Matter:</b>  | Huntingdonshire Futures Grant Scheme 2025  |
| <b>Meeting/Date:</b>          | Grants Panel – 21 May 2025   |
| <b>Executive Portfolio:</b>   | Executive Councillor for Place<br>- Councillor S Conboy<br><br>Executive Councillor for Communities, Health and Leisure<br>- Councillor S Howell<br><br>Executive Councillor for Climate and Environment<br>- Councillor L Davenport-Ray |
| <b>Report by:</b><br>Planning | Head of Policy, Performance and Emergency  |
| <b>Ward(s) affected:</b>      | 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. 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 £30,911.00 to applicants, leaving £9,089.00 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 - 21 May 2025 Grant Panel Applications**

| <b>Project Serial Number and Applicant Name</b>            | <b>Project Name and Description</b>   | <b>Context</b>   | <b>Amount Requested</b> |
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| <b>HFG/28/2025</b><br><br><b>The Cromwell Museum Trust</b> | <b>Cromwell Outreach</b><br><br>They want to promote the Cromwell Museum and the rich heritage of our area by taking a pop-up museum to support community events through Huntingdonshire. Their project will purchase a robust and attractive branded gazebo, handling artefacts and family activities to take to events across the district and beyond, for this summer and future years. The handling artefacts will also be used in Museum events and learning sessions onsite and offsite with schools, care homes and local history groups. We will attend at least six community events this year including Huntingdon Carnival, St Neots History Day, Huntingdonshire History Festival, and BID Huntingdon's Family Day. | They are an independent museum which houses the best collection of artefacts in the world relating to the life and times of Huntingdon's most famous resident, Oliver Cromwell, bringing to life his remarkable story 'warts and all'. They offer educational programmes and events, attracting local people as well as visitors from across the UK and beyond to the town - 15,300 in the last financial year - as well as online programmes. | <b>£2,000.00</b>        |
| <b>HFG/29/2025</b><br><br><b>Huntingdon Town Council</b>   | <b>Sunset Beats and Bites, 4 dates from 23 May–22 Aug</b><br><br>Sunset Beats & Bites is a series of four free evening events held from 4–9pm in Huntingdon's Market Square over the summer. Featuring live music and a range of street food vendors, the events aim to bring the community together, activate the town centre in the evenings, and support the local night-time economy. Funding will help cover the costs of entertainment, infrastructure, and promotion, allowing them to deliver a vibrant, accessible programme that enhances Huntingdon's cultural and economic life.  | HTC is the local authority serving the residents of Huntingdon. They work to maintain and improve community facilities, support local events, promote wellbeing, and enhance the town's heritage and environment. Through partnerships and direct services, they deliver initiatives that benefit residents, businesses, and visitors. They are committed to fostering a vibrant, inclusive community and encouraging civic pride.             | <b>£2,500.00</b>        |

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| <b>HFG/30/2025</b>           | <b>Void – Cancelled Application</b>  |  |                  |
| <b>HFG/31/2025</b>           | <b>Huntingdon Sea Cadets Minibus</b>   |  | <b>£2,000.00</b> |
| <b>Huntingdon Sea Cadets</b> | A project to continue to keep their existing minibus on the road. This is a vital lifeline to allow the cadets to access events across Huntingdon and further afield. On a weekly basis, this allows them to take cadets to experience boating at Thrapston boat station to gain RYA qualifications alongside their unit-based training. | They are a cadet group providing a safe environment to develop skills based on the Royal Navy traditions, allowing access to real world qualifications in boating and various other subjects.  |                  |
| <b>HFG/32/2025</b>           | <b>Southoe Village Hall Event: June 2025</b>   |  | <b>£2,500.00</b> |
| <b>Southoe Village Hall</b>  | They are holding a grand opening of the refurbished playground with food and games for adults and children. They will have painted the playground, installed a pétanque ring, and purchased more outdoor play equipment e.g. footballs, cricket bats, tennis racquets.   | The village hall committee organise functions for the local community. They are currently redecorating the hall and installing a new kitchen and disabled toilets. It has a children's playground attached which they are improving. They are now attracting more new families and children to use the hall and facilities. Their most recent function was the Easter egg hunt and games around the hall. This attracted a lot of new children and parents to the function, with comments saying it is the best function the hall has put on. They aim to build on this to give the community a choice of what they want to do with the type of functions they require. This makes the hall all-inclusive in the future. |                  |