

CABINET MEMBER FOR COMMUNITIES AND CENTRAL SERVICES

RECORD OF DECISIONS of the meeting of the Cabinet Member for Communities and Central Services held on Wednesday, 21 September 2022 at 2.00 pm at the Guildhall, Portsmouth

Present

Councillor Chris Attwell (Cabinet Member for Communities & Central Services)

Councillors George Madgwick
 Lee Mason
 Asghar Shah

9. Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

10. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

11. Record of Previous Decision Meeting - 24 March 2022

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed by the Cabinet Member, subject to the below addition to minute 8 - Monitoring of the Third Quarter 2021/22 Revenue Cash Limits:

'In response to a request in respect of para 4.10 of the report, the Director of Corporate Services agreed to forward the costings for holding meetings in the Main Auditorium of the Portsmouth Guildhall to Cllr Lee Mason, Opposition Spokesperson.'

12. Distribution of Equalities Funding

The Director of Corporate Services introduced the report, with the Equalities & Diversity Officer and the Community Engagement and Inclusion Programme Manager adding detail around the award process and the Community Inclusion Grant Scheme.

In response to a question from an opposition spokesperson, it was explained that the distribution of funding had been arrived at by the administration, informed by the wording of the budget amendment. This had made specific reference to violence against women and girls and the annual pride event.

In response to further questions from opposition spokespersons the details of the Community Inclusion Grant Scheme and how groups could apply was explained, along with the details of the Violence Against Women and Girls Toolkit.

Further clarification of the funding to the annual Pride event was provided and members were advised that the £25,000 would be split over the next three years. £5,000 had already been awarded for the 2022 event and £5,000 of the funding being considered would also be put towards the 2022 event, making £10,000 in total. The remaining £20,000 would be split equally between the 2023 and 2024 events, thereby making a total of £10,000 per year for the 2022, 2023 and 2024 events. It was also confirmed that the Leader was also looking to secure match funding.

In response to a suggestion by an opposition spokesperson, the Cabinet Member agreed that the resolution make the split in funding for the Portsmouth Pride annual event clear.

RESOLVED that the budget allocation is distributed as follows:

- (i) Portsmouth Pride annual event - £25,000 (split over the next three years)**
- (ii) Live Well Community Outreach programme - £10,000**
- (iii) Youth Voice project - £14,000**
- (iv) Community research and participation initiatives - £11,000**
- (v) Violence Against Women and Girls Toolkit - £5,000**
- (vi) Community Inclusion Grant Scheme - £30,000**
- (vii) Unallocated contingency - £5,000**

13. Monitoring of the First Quarter 2022/23 Revenue Cash Limits

The Finance Manager introduced the report.

Opposition spokespersons and the Cabinet Member thanked the finance team for their work.

RESOLVED that the Cabinet Member NOTED the report.

The meeting concluded at 2.29 pm.

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Chair