

Surrey Heath Borough Council
External Partnerships Select Committee
5 September 2023

Revenue Grants Introductory Report

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Key Decision: No
Wards Affected: All

Summary and purpose

To consider progress reports and updates from organisations in receipt of Revenue Grant funding for the financial year 2023/24

Recommendation

The Committee/Council is advised to

- (i) Review the reports and comment on the updates provided by organisations in receipt of Revenue Grant Funding.

1. Background and Supporting Information

- 1.1 The Council Revenue Grant Scheme is open and transparent and enables any organisation who delivers services within Surrey Heath, that fulfils all governance requirements and helps the Council to meet its long and short term strategy as outlined within our 5 year Plan, to apply for funds.
- 1.2 The Council values the work undertaken by our voluntary organisations enormously and agreed in the January 2023 Executive meeting to provide £186,000 in Revenue Grant funding to seven organisations. This is a clear demonstration of the Council's ongoing commitment to the community and to local organisations who provide crucial services within Surrey Heath.
- 1.3 The organisations in receipt of Revenue Grant Funding for 2023/24 are
- Citizens Advice Surrey Heath: £80,000
 - Surrey Heath Age Concern: £10,000
 - Voluntary Support North Surrey: £20,000
 - Voluntary Support North Surrey, Time to Talk Project: £10,000
 - Camberley Job Club: £6,000
 - The Hope Hub: £40,000 (ring fenced for three years from April 2023)
 - Basingstoke Canal Authority: £10,000

- Blackwater Valley Countryside Partnership: £10,000

2. Reasons for Recommendation

- 2.1 To allow members of the committee to review the contributions and progress of organisations in receipt of Revenue Grant Funding prior to applications opening for Revenue Grant Funding for 2024/25
- 2.2 Applications for 2024/25 will be opening shortly and further information will be provided on this process in due course.

3. Contribution to the Council's Five Year Strategy

- 3.1 The provision of Revenue Grants to organisations providing crucial services in the borough supports the Council's priorities around Health and Quality of Life:
To nurture the strong sense of community across the whole borough, fostering a sense of respect and consideration. We aim to ensure everyone can access a safe, quality home to meet their needs. We will take a positive approach to supporting all sectors of our community, including those who are most vulnerable. We will promote active and healthy lives for all, and a rich programme of cultural and community events.