

**Agenda Item No:** 6

**Report to:** Charity Committee

**Date of Meeting:** 24 March 2014

**Report Title:** Appointment of Grants Advisory Panel Members

**Report By:** Christine Barkshire-Jones  
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### **Purpose of Report**

To appoint three new members to the Grants Advisory Panel.

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### **Recommendation(s)**

- 1. To appoint Andrew Colquhoun, Richard Lewis and Barry Cooper to the Grants Advisory Panel with immediate effect for a period of three years.**

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### **Reasons for Recommendations**

Both the Charity Committee members and members of the Grants Advisory Panel were in agreement that the Hastings and St Leonards Foreshore Trust should look to appoint up to three members to the Grants Advisory Panel

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## Background

Under a scheme dated 13 January 2011, Hastings Borough Council became 'the Trustee' to the Hastings and St Leonards Foreshore Trust.

The scheme advocated that there must be a Grants Advisory Panel with no fewer than four and not more than eight members.

The members of the Grants Advisory Panel must be appointed by the trustee on the basis of their knowledge and experience of the voluntary and charitable sector and in particular their knowledge of the voluntary and charitable sector in the area of the Borough of Hastings.

The Grants Advisory Panel must consider and make recommendations in respect of:

- a) the criteria for making grants which the trustee adopts from time to time.
- b) the content and format of grant application forms.
- c) the advertisement of availability of assistance by way of grant from the charity.
- d) individual applicants for grants and proposals of the trustee for making grants.

## Process

During February and March 2014 advertisements were published in the Hastings and St Leonards Observer. Ten applications were received. Seven applicants were interviewed by the Charity Committee, Councillors Hodges (Chair) Kramer and Forward.

Out of those seven, three candidates were selected based on performance.

The Charity Committee were extremely impressed with the standard of all applicants.

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## Wards Affected

None

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## Area(s) Affected

None

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## Policy Implications

Please identify if this report contains any implications for the following:

Equalities and Community Cohesiveness	No
Crime and Fear of Crime (Section 17)	No
Risk Management	No
Environmental Issues	No
Economic/Financial Implications	No

Human Rights Act	No
Organisational Consequences	No
Local People's Views	No

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**Background Information**

None

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