

Charity Committee Agenda

Monday, 13 March 2023 at 6.00 pm

Council Chamber - Muriel Matters House, Breeds Place, Hastings TN34 3UY

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CHARITY COMMITTEE

16 JANUARY 2023

Present: Councillors Cannan (Chair), Batsford, and Rogers. James Cook (The Protector)

In attendance: Mary Kilner (Chief Legal Officer), Kevin Boorman (Marketing and Major Projects Manager), Paul Cosson (Enforcement Manager), Natasha Tewksbury (Customer Services, Communications and Emergency Planning Manager), and Rita O'Mahoney (Senior Corporate Accountant)

18. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None received.

19. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor	Item	Interest
Rogers	20. Response to proposed Dog Control Public Space Protection Order	Personal – Will be leading on this work as Cabinet Portfolio Holder

20. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS CHARITY COMMITTEE 29.09.22

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Charity Committee Meeting held on 29th September 2022 be approved as a true record.

21. MINUTES OF COASTAL USERS GROUP

The Marketing and Major Projects Manager informed the Committee that a number of issues were discussed at the Coastal Users' Group meeting in December. The group noted that the previous Dog Control PSPO had brought about beneficial change, particularly in tackling and reducing dog fouling.

The Protector noted that the Coastal Users' Group hadn't seen all of the reports and they were therefore unable to comment on all the items coming to the Charity Committee.

22. FORESHORE TRUST FINANCE REPORT

The Senior Corporate Accountant presented a report to advise the Committee of the current year's financial position (2022/23).

Income is currently projected to be £82,000 under budget. Car Parking income is expected to be under budget by £95,000 and rental Income over budget by £13,000 due to rental reviews. Quarter 3 finances will be reviewed with the protector in the next

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ten days.

The Committee discussed the opportunities for having permeable paving installed in Foreshore car parks when they next require maintenance and asked officers to look into the potential costs for this.

RESOLVED:

1. To agree the current financial position for 2022/23.

2. To agree Fees and Charges are kept in line with Hastings Borough Council's Fees and Charges Strategy.

Reasons:

The Council has the responsibility for the proper management of the financial affairs of the Trust. In doing so it complies with Accounting Codes of Practice and the high standards required for the accounting of public money.

The Trust is reporting a surplus for the 2022/23 financial year in respect of operating income and expenses of £234,000. However, once Grant and project costs are taken into account this figure becomes a deficit of £83,000.

23. RESPONSE TO PROPOSED DOG CONTROL PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDER (DC PSPO)

The Enforcement Manager presented a report to inform the Committee of the proposed Dog Control Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs) and advise them of the consultation results, providing the Committee an opportunity to feedback on the proposals for the PSPOs on Foreshore Trust land.

The last Dog Control PSPO expired on the 12 June 2020. As a result of the Council's Covid-19 response there wasn't sufficient officer capacity to review the existing order and go out to consultation at that time.

In the last quarter prior to the Covid-19 pandemic 42 fixed penalty notices were issued for dog offences, mostly in council parks and gardens.

The Committee discussed the proposals for the new Dog Control PSPO and agreed that the order should be kept as it was previously, although extended to Rock-a-Nore beach in the west. It was also agreed that the PSPO should be enforced from 1st April as tourists begin to visit the town from Easter. It was noted that the consultation responses showed strong support for the previous Dog Control PSPO.

(The Chair declared the meeting closed at 6.25pm)

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Report to: Charity Committee

Date of Meeting: 13 March 2023

Report Title: Foreshore Trust 2023/24 Budget and Finance Report 2022/23

Report By: Kit Wheeler, Chief Finance Officer

Purpose of Report

To advise members of the Committee on the current year's financial position (2022/23) and to determine the budget for 2023/24.

Recommendation(s)

- 1. To agree the current financial position for 2022/23.**
- 2. Approve the budget for 2023/24.**
- 3. A full Financial and Business Plan review of future years be conducted once Final Financial position for 2022/23 is confirmed.**
- 4. Car parking charges for 2023/24 increase in line with Hastings Borough Council's approved policy.**

Reasons for Recommendations

The Council has the responsibility for the proper management of the financial affairs of the Trust. In doing so it complies with Accounting Codes of Practice and the high standards required for the accounting of Public money.

A surplus in excess of budget expectations is anticipated for 2022/23 to the sum of £259k in respect of operating income and expenses. Budget expectations were an Operating surplus of £218k. Once grant and project costs are taken into account a deficit of £58,000 is anticipated against a budgeted deficit of £99,000.

Introduction

1. The Foreshore Trust derives its income mainly from car parking and property leases/licences, the former income stream being quite variable. It is worth emphasising that these are estimates and that the main income sources are very reliant on tourism and the visitor economy.
2. Like all Charities and businesses in the current climate, the Trust has been financially impacted in a negative way since 2020/21 as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic. The expectation is that the forthcoming years will be better financially than we've seen over the last couple of years.
3. Appendix 1 attached provides details of actual income and expenditure against the budget for 2022/23 as agreed at the March 2022 meeting of the committee. In summary, the operating surplus for 2022/23 was budgeted at £218,000 and is now forecast at £259,000 surplus.

4.

Financial Position 2022/23

5. The budget agreed in March 2022 identified budgeted income at £1,578,000 and expenditure at £1,360,000 (Excl Capital Charges). The budgeted surplus for the year being £218,000 after direct governance costs, but before distribution of grants, capital charges and before use of Reserves.
6. Income is currently projected to be £84,000 under budget. The amount of car parking income anticipated is £111,000 under budget and rental income £27,000 higher as a result of a number of rental reviews.
7. Expenditure is expected to be £124,000 less than budget for the financial year, mainly due to lower Car Parking costs and lower than budgeted maintenance & cyclical repairs.

As a result, all the above variations to the original budget will give rise to a predicted net operating deficit for the year 2022/23 of £58,000. This is £41,000 better than the original budgeted deficit of £99,000.

Budget 2023/24

8. The budget for 2023/24 is shown in the right-hand column of Appendix 1 and again in the indicative Forward Plan on Appendix 3. The business plan in Appendix 2 has been incorporated into the 2023/24 budget.
9. The budget has been reviewed to allow for increases or decreases in expected income and expenditure e.g. contractual costs/ wage inflation.
10. The budgeted income figures for the forthcoming financial year includes car park income. These have been included on the basis that they have been increased in line with the fees and charges policy as set out and agreed by Hastings Borough Council of an average of 12.9% for pay and display. The recommendation is therefore that charges are increased in line with this policy for 2023/24.

Business Plan

11. Appendix 2 details the planned expenditure on projects over a 4 year period (including the current year original budget). This is split between cyclical repairs and redecorations and the main programme projects.
12. The Business plan has been updated as much as possible but will need a detailed review once the final financial position for the current financial year is agreed and the impact of the pandemic is fully known.

Indicative Forward Plan

13. The indicative forward plan has been provided for information (Appendix 3). This identifies projected cash balances for future years and hence affordability of current initiatives and commitments.
14. However, due to the ongoing uncertainty around the impact of the pandemic, the plan is only indicative at this stage for future years until the full business plan review and financial position is fully understood.
15. Therefore, it is only the 2023/24 budget which is being requested to be approved at this stage, with a further paper due to be presented later in 2023/24 to update on the longer-term financial position of the Trust along with a separate report regarding any amendments to the business plan.
16. This is to allow for further discussions to take place with officers once the current financial position is confirmed for 2022/23.

Reserves

17. The total effective cash balances of the Trust at the 31 March 2022 amounted to £1.46m after providing for the outstanding settlement to Hastings Borough Council for amounts owed for 2020/21.
18. With the current business plan, the revised cash balances for future years are estimated as follows :-
 - £1.40m as at 31st March 2023,
 - £1.41m as at 31st March 2024,
 - £1.46m as at 31st March 2025,
 - £1.53m as at 31st March 2026.
19. The reserves policy agreed on 23rd September 2019 identifies £900,000 as the suitable level to maintain given the potential risks to the Trust. This figure will be reviewed in conjunction with a revised risk register and the maintenance and repair schedules.

Additional Information

Appendix 1 - Financial Monitoring Report
Appendix 2 - Business Plan - Financial Summary
Appendix 3 - Indicative Forward Plan
Appendix 4 – Grants summary

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SUMMARY - MONITORING REPORT	Actual 2021-22	Budget 2022/23	YTD Actual 2022-23 (10 months)	2022-23 Forecast to Year End (4 months)	2022-23 Forecast Outturn	2022-23 Variance	Budget 2023/24
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Incoming Resources							
Investment Income	9	6	6	0	6	0	6
*Incoming resources from Charitable activities	1,169	1,350	968	271	1,239	(111)	1,285
Rental income	217	222	249	0	249	27	258
Total incoming resources	1,395	1,578	1,223	271	1,494	(84)	1,549
					84		
Resources Expended							
Loan Interest repayments	33	33	0	33	33	0	33
Charitable Activities (excluding Capital charges)	926	1,045	524	385	909	136	986
Maintenance projects and cyclical repairs	94	128	63	76	139	(12)	118
Governance costs	136	154	76	78	154	(0)	155
Total resources expended	1,189	1,360	663	573	1,235	124	1,292
Total Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	206	218	561	(302)	259	(208)	257
Small / Event Grants	89	90	80	10	90	0	43
Large Grants	134	182	128	54	182	0	181
Projects**	46	45	31	14	45	0	25
Total Grants & Projects	269	317	239	78	317	0	249
Surplus/(Deficit) before Depreciation	(63)	(99)	321	(379)	(58)	(208)	7
Transfer to/(from) HBC account							
Total Funds brought forward	1,521	1,458	-	-	1,458	0	
Total funds carried forward	1,458	1,359	-	-	1,400	-	1,407

*Mainly parking income

** See main Business Plan

Business Plan

Appendix 2

Foreshore Trust Spending Plan	Foreshore Trust Spending Plan		2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026	Total
Cost centre	PROPERTY	DESCRIPTION OF WORK	ESTIMATE	ESTIMATE	ESTIMATE	ESTIMATE	ESTIMATE
			£				£
Maintenance projects							
20156B1100 / 5290B020	Beach - Other	Other repairs and renewals beachfront area	12,000	0	12,000	12,000	36,000
20156B1100 / 5290B020	Car Parks - Pelham	Maintenance	6,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	21,000
20156B1100 / 5290B020	Car Parks Rock a Nore	Maintenance	6,000	7,000	5,000	5,000	23,000
20156B1100 / 5290B020	Chalets - White Rock & Marina	Maintenance	2,000	2,000	1,000	1,000	6,000
20156B1100 / 5290B020	Cycle Hire Hut	Main walls - external redecoration	0	1,000	0	0	1,000
20156B1100 / 5290B020	Cycle Hire Hut	Roofs - routine re-felting	0	1,000	1,000	0	2,000
20156B1100 / 5290B020	Cycle route	Contribution to maintenance	0	0	0	0	0
20156B1100 / 5290B020	Pelham Place Car Park	Tarmac surfacing - routine minor maintenance	0	0	2,000	0	2,000
20156B1100 / 5290B020	Pelham Place Car Park	Clean out car park drainage gullies and channels	1,000	1,000	0	1,000	3,000
20156B1100 / 5290B020	Pelham Place Car Park	Main access routes and disabled parking space hatching road markings - re-application	0	0	0	3,000	3,000
20156B1100 / 5290B020	Pelham Place Car Park	Parking bay road markings - re-application	0	0	0	2,000	2,000
20156B1100 / 5290B020	Pelham Place Car Park	Traffic speed humps - repair / replacement	0	5,000	4,000		9,000
20156B1100 / 5290B020	Pelham Place Car Park	Vehicle height barrier at entrance	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	12,000
20156B1100 / 5290B020	Rock A Nore	Access Control Systems	0	5,000	0	0	5,000
20156B1100 / 5290B020	Pelham Place Car Park	Car park lighting columns - maintain LED lamps	500	500	500	500	2,000
20156B1100 / 5290B020	Pelham Place Car Park	Car park information and direction signage	0	0	1,000	0	1,000
20156B1100 / 5290B020	Pelham Place Public Conveniences	Main walls - external redecorations	0	0	3,000	0	3,000
20156B1100 / 5290B020	Pelham Place Public Conveniences	Interior - internal redecorations	0	0	1,000		1,000
20156B1100 / 5290B020	Pelham Playa (netted MUGA)	Replacement of roof netting system	0	10,000	0	0	10,000
20156B1100 / 5290B020	Pelham Playground	Repair of play proprietary play equipment	2,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	11,000
20156B1100 / 5290B020	Play Areas and Exercise Equipment	Maintenance of equipment	15,000	15,000	0	0	
20156B1100 / 5290B020	Play Hire Huts (Former Life Guards' Huts)	Main walls - external redecoration	0	0	0	1,000	1,000

Business Plan

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20156B1100 / 5290B020	Play Hire Huts (Former Life Guards' Huts)	Roofs - routine re-felting	0	2,000	0	0	2,000
20156B1100 / 5290B020	Promenade Adult Exercise Equipment	Replacement / repair of equipment	0	2,000	0	2,000	4,000
20156B1100 / 5290B020	Promenade Finger Posts	Redecoration and repair	500	500	0	500	1,500
20156B1100 / 5290B020	Public Conveniences	Maintenance	6,000	6,000			12,000
20156B1100 / 5290B020	Rock-a-Nore Car Park - Hard Surfaced	Clean out car park drainage gullies and channels	1,000	0	1,000		2,000
20156B1100 / 5290B020	Rock-a-Nore Car Park - Hard Surfaced	Main access route and disabled parking space hatching road markings - re-application	0	0	0	2,000	2,000
20156B1100 / 5290B020	Rock-a-Nore Car Park - Hard Surfaced	Parking bay road markings to east end - re-application	0	0	0	1,000	1,000
20156B1100 / 5290B020	Rock-a-Nore Car Park - Hard Surfaced	Repair and replacement of metal bollards	0	2,000	0	0	2,000
20156B1100 / 5290B020	Rock-a-Nore Car Park - Hard Surfaced	Vehicle height barrier at car park entrance	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	12,000
20156B1100 / 5290B020	Rock-a-Nore Car Park - Hard Surfaced	Car park lighting columns - maintain LED lamps	500	500	500	500	2,000
20156B1100 / 5290B020	Rock-a-Nore Car Park - Hard Surfaced	Car park information and direction signage	0	0	1,000	0	1,000
20156B1100 / 5290B020	Rock-a-Nore Car Park - Loose Surface	Scarify and fill pot holes in loose surface finish	5,000	12,000	5,000	5,000	27,000
20156B1100 / 5290B020	Rock-a-Nore Car Park - Loose Surface	Replacement of damaged timber bollards	0	1,000		1,000	2,000
20156B1100 / 5290B020	Rock-a-Nore Car Park - Loose Surface	Repair timber kerb baulks to south boundary	0	0	2,000	0	2,000
20156B1100 / 5290B020	Rock-a-Nore Car Park - Loose Surface	Replace timber kerb baulks to south boundary	5,000	0	0	0	5,000
20156B1100 / 5290B020	Stade and Stade Kitchen	Maintenance	3,000	1,500	1,500	1,000	7,000
20156B1100 / 5290B020	Stade Barriers	Annual maintenance	2,000	2,000			4,000
20156B1100 / 5290B020	Stade Hall	Interior spaces - internal redecoration	0	0	0	0	0
20156B1100 / 5290B020	Stade Hall	Main hall & kitchen - renewal of floor coverings	0	0	0	0	0
20156B1100 / 5290B020	Stade Open Space	Drainage gulley clearance	500	500	500	500	2,000
20156B1100 / 5290B020	Stade Open Space	Bench redecoration and remove shingle build up	3,000	0	0	3,000	6,000
20156B1100 / 5290B020	Stade Open Space	Automatic bollard and barrier replacement	0	0	10,000	0	10,000
20156B1100 / 5290B020	Stade Public Conveniences	Interior spaces - internal redecoration	6,000	0	0	0	6,000
20156B1100 / 5290B020	White Rock Baths	External redecoration/ Building maintenance	10,000	10,000	0	0	20,000

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			£				£
20156B1100 / 5290B020	White Rock Baths - Lower Basement	Additional pump hire if above adopted.	8,000	8,000	8,000	8,000	32,000
20156B1100 / 5290B020	White Rock Baths - Lower Basement	Sewage tank and pump set - maintenance	500	500	500	500	2,000
20156B1100 / 5290B020	White Rock Baths - Main and Small Hall Level	Further protection of interior spaces from water ingress with use of plastic sheeting at high level and internal guttering where new ingress occurs.	3,500	5,000	0	5,000	13,500
20156B1100 / 5290B020	White Rock Baths - Promenade Level	Main central entrance superstructure and lightwell upper and lower walls - external redecorations (Inc. White Rock Community Hub frontage)	15,000	0	0	0	15,000
20156B1100 / 5290B020	White Rock Beach Chalets	Timber walls - external redecoration	5,000	0	0	5,000	10,000
20156B1100 / 5290B020	White Rock Promenade - Timber Kiosk Decking	Timber decking and ramps around kiosk -minor repairs	0	500	0	500	1,000
20156B1100 / 5290B020	White Rock Promenade (FST owned area only)	Timber seating, benches, waste bins, & planters - repairs and maintenance.	500	0	0	0	500
20156B1100 / 5290B020	Winch Road	Maintenance & lighting	2,000	2,000	2,000	0	6,000
Total of Cyclical Repairs and Redecorations			127,500	117,500	76,500	75,000	366,500
Projects (main programme)							
20156B1100 / 5290B020	White Rock Promenade (FST owned area only)	Rationalisation of timber seating, benches and waste bins.*	20,000	0			20,000
20161B1102 / 5296B022	Contingency	Project Work Contingency	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	100,000
Total Projects - Main Programme			45,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	120,000
TOTAL PROGRAMME			172,500	142,500	101,500	100,000	486,500

Indicative Forward Plan	Draft			
	Outturn 2022-23	Budget 2023-24 £'000	Budget 2024-25 £'000	Budget 2025-26 £'000
Incoming Resources				
Investment Income	6	6	6	6
Incoming resources from Charitable activities	1,239	1,285	1,311	1,337
Rental income	249	258	263	269
Total incoming resources	1,494	1,549	1,580	1,612
Resources Expended				
Loan repayments	33	33	33	33
Charitable Activities* (excluding Capital charges)	909	986	1,006	1,026
Maintenance projects and cyclical repairs	139	118	77	75
Governance costs	154	155	159	162
Total resources expended	1,235	1,292	1,274	1,296
Total Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	259	257	306	315
Small / Event Grants	90	43	45	45
Large Grants	182	181	181	181
Projects**	45	25	25	25
Total Grants & Projects	317	249	251	251
Surplus/(Deficit)	(58)	7	54	64
Usable current assets brought forward	1,458	1,400	1,407	1,461
Usable current assets carried forward	1,400	1,407	1,461	1,525
Minimum Reserves	900	900	900	900

**Hastings and St Leonards Foreshore Charitable Trust
Grants Programme Payments Schedule**

Appendix 4

Small Grants

	Amount £
The Rude Mechanical Theatre Co	1,000.00
Warming up the Homeless	5,832.00
Cruse Bereavement Support East Sussex	3,041.00
In2play CIC	5,900.00
Stop Look Listen CIC	5,991.00
Project Rewild CIC	3,720.00
Hastings City of Sanctuary (public name Hastings Community of Sanctuary)	3,000.00
Tempo Arts Ltd	2,688.00
Sweetshop Revolution CIC	3,950.00
The Posh Club CIC	5,000.00
Paediatric Diabetes Community team	1,000.00
Hastings & St.Leonards Voluntary Lifeguard Club	1,800.00
Total	42,922.00

Large Grants

Change Grow Live (CGL)	22,299.00
Citizens Advice 1066	42,108.00
Hastings Advice & Representation Centre (HARC)	42,108.00
Hastings Voluntary Action (HVA)	35,755.00
The Links Project (HVA)	11,140.00
The Seaview Project	28,000.00
	181,410.00
Total Grants	224,332.00

Agenda Item 6

Report to: Charity Committee Meeting

Date of Meeting: 13th March 2023

Report Title: Foreshore Trust Small & Events Grants Round 7
recommendations

Report By: Victoria Conheady
Assistant Director Regeneration and Culture

Key Decision: Yes

Classification: Open

Purpose of Report

1. To present the recommendations of the Grant Advisory Panel (GAP) in respect of applications for the Small and Events Grants Round 7 2023-24.

Recommendation(s)

That the meeting:

1. Consider for approval the Small and Events Grants Round 7 2023-24 recommendations of the GAP as set out in Appendix 1 (with projects listed in Appendix A)

Reasons for Recommendations

The Grant Advisory Panel has appraised the merits of the applications received for Small and Event Grant support and has made a number of recommendations for grant awards that can be funded from the available 2023-24 budget.

Background

1. The Foreshore Trust Small and Events Grants Programme is a grants scheme for voluntary and community groups offering a service or running an event within Hastings & St. Leonards. £45,000 is available for round 7 in the 2023-24 financial year for grants of up to £6,000 each.
2. Hastings Borough Council, as administrator for the Foreshore Trust Grants Programmes, advertised the programme on 14th November 2022 via a social media campaign and in the Hastings Voluntary Action newsletter, the Hastings Observer and in East Sussex County Council's external funding newsletter.

An e-mail was also circulated to all previous Foreshore Trust grant applicants. The deadline for receipt of applications was 16th December 2022

Small and Events Grants Awards 2023-24

3. A total of 35 applications were assessed with a total amount requested of £158,405
4. The GAP met at Muriel Matters House on 24th January 2023 to review and score the applications. As in previous years the GAP members were paired up for the initial assessments and these were then jointly reviewed at the meeting.
5. All GAP members had previously declared conflicts of interest, which precluded them from appraising applications from particular organisations.
6. In assessing the applications, the GAP attempted to ensure they were assessed in terms of the organisations' ability to deliver their proposals, how closely the proposed activities match the priorities of the Charity Committee, their value for money and a fair distribution of funds amongst all the priorities and members of the community.
7. Following a full assessment process, GAP members agreed to the recommendations shown in appendix A of the GAP chair report (appendix 1).
8. Of the 35 applications considered, GAP recommends to the Charity Committee that 12 of these be approved for funding at various levels. All the projects plan to deliver within 12 months of approval of the grant.
9. The projects recommended for approval total £42,922. The panel recommend that the remaining balance of £2,078 be carried over and added to the total budget available for the next round (Round 8) of the small and events grant programme.

Timetable of Next Steps

10. Please include a list of key actions and the scheduled dates for these:

Action	Key milestone	Due date (provisional)	Responsible
Consideration of GAP recommendations	Assessment at Planning meeting prior to formal Charity meeting	01/03/23	Charity Committee members, GAP chair
Approval of organisations to fund	Charity committee meeting	15/03/23	Charity Committee members
Notification of approval/rejection and contracting approved projects	After budget and project approval at Charity meeting	24/03/23	HBC secretariat officer

Wards Affected

All

Policy Implications

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

Equalities and Community Cohesiveness	Yes
Crime and Fear of Crime (Section 17)	
Risk Management	
Environmental Issues	
Economic/Financial Implications	Yes
Human Rights Act	
Organisational Consequences	
Local People's Views	
Anti-Poverty	
Legal	

Additional Information

Appendix 1 – Report by the Chair of the Grants Advisory Panel with the Panel's recommendations (Appendix A).

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Report to: Charity Committee Meeting

Date of Meeting: 13th March 2023

Report Title: Foreshore Trust Small & Events Grants Round 7 recommendations

Report By: Nick Porter
Chair, Foreshore Trust Grants Advisory Panel

Purpose of Report

1. To make recommendations as to which organisations should be funded under the Foreshore Trust Small & Events Grants Round 7 2023- 2024 and the allocations that will be made to each.

Recommendation(s)

1. To consider the Grant Advisory Panel's (GAP) recommendation to award small and events grants to the organisations shown in Appendix A.
2. To request grant funding for this round at £42,922 and agree to hold the balance for Round 8

Reasons for Recommendations

1. The recommended organisations for grant funding have been selected following an open application process and awarded to those considered by the GAP to best meet the Foreshore Trust's aims and objectives.

Introduction

1. The Foreshore Trust Small and Events Grants Programme is a small and events grants scheme for voluntary and community groups offering a service or running an event within Hastings & St. Leonards. £45,000 is available for Round 7 in the 2023-2024 financial year for grants of up to £6,000 each.
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Assessment of applications

A total of 35 applications were assessed, with a total amount requested of £158,405.60

3. The GAP met at Muriel Matters House on 24th January 2023 to review and score the applications. As in previous years the GAP members were paired up for the initial assessments and these were then jointly reviewed at the meetings.
4. All GAP members had previously declared conflicts of interest, which precluded them from appraising applications from particular organisations.
5. In assessing the applications, the GAP attempted to ensure they were assessed in terms of the organisations' ability to deliver their proposals, how closely the proposed activities matched the priorities of the Charity Committee, value for money and a fair distribution of funds amongst all the priorities and members of the community.
6. Following a full assessment process, GAP members agreed to the recommendations shown in Appendix A.
7. Of the 35 applications considered, GAP recommends to the Charity Committee that 12 of these be approved for funding at various levels. All the projects plan to deliver within 12 months of approval of the grant.
8. The projects recommended for approval total £42,922. The panel recommend that the remaining balance of £2,078 be carried over and added to the total budget available for the next round (Round 8) of the small and events grant programme.

Policy Implications

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9. The Foreshore Trust's Grants Programme is a funding regime that will impact positively on the economic and financial environment in the Borough and will assist organisations in delivering a range of activities for local people.

Wards Affected

Ashdown, Baird, Braybrooke, Castle, Central St. Leonards, Conquest, Gensing, Hollington, Maze Hill, Old Hastings, Ore, Silverhill, St. Helens, Tressell, West St. Leonards, Wishing Tree

Policy Implications

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

Equalities and Community Cohesiveness	Yes
Crime and Fear of Crime (Section 17)	No
Risk Management	Yes
Environmental Issues	No
Economic/Financial Implications	Yes
Human Rights Act	No
Organisational Consequences	No
Local People's Views	No
Anti-Poverty	No

Additional Information

Appendix A – Foreshore Trust Small & Events Grants Programme Round 7 2023-24 recommendations

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Appendix A - Foreshore Trust Small & Events Grants Programme Round 7 2023 - 2024

Foreshore Trust Small and Events Grants Round 7 2023 – 2024 – Recommended for Approval

Applicant	Project (in their own words)	Funding recommended
The Rude Mechanical Theatre Co	The project is a brand new play created by ourselves. It is set in April 1940 in the village community of Little Inking. It's a comedy of manners, but a detective story too with poignancy - & gently directs the audience to potential insularity in small communities and fear of outsiders.	£1,000
Warming up the Homeless	New outreach and drop in centre in Hastings will aim to relieve poverty and improve the quality of life for the homeless and vulnerable community within the town. The centre will provide the opportunity for us to work in partnership with multiple local statutory agencies to provide a one stop place where vulnerable adults and young people experiencing homelessness can access and engage with wrap around care services	£5,832
Cruse Bereavement Support East Sussex	local team of bereavement volunteers highly trained in a person-centred approach to help bereaved people navigate complex feelings associated with loss, build resilience and identify additional support networks. we help people to develop coping strategies, aiming to help them feel able to return to work and daily life. Identify support for specific challenges, including mental health services, signpost to help with legal or financial issues.	£3,041
in2play CIC	Young volunteers host play on the beach. Project located in areas of high deprivation and designed to enable and support children, young people and their families and the local community to be able to have free and easy access to learn, play and grow together. Recruiting volunteers from our local community and targeting families we know are in need to support them to attend our beach play events and volunteer program.	£5,900

Stop Look Listen CIC	Picnic Photography Festival Picnic is a permanent community space for photography, a place where children, families and young people can come and be creative. This event will be a week long sea-themed photography-based experience that will end in a live exhibition that will be created by the young people of Hastings and St. Leonards. - 6 locally based but globally recognised photographers will facilitate a photography experience to culminate at the end of the week with a live exhibition.	£5,991
Project Rewild CIC	Project Seawild Improving the mental health and wellbeing of people in our local communities by spending more time on our wonderful beaches. We aim to improve the lives of the most vulnerable people in our town using one of our biggest assets – our coastline. Working with Adults to support mental health and wellbeing. We will be working with local organisations to engage adults who would benefit most from this work.	£3,720
Hastings City of Sanctuary (public name Hastings Community of Sanctuary)	Sanctuary Festival a one-day event with music, talks, workshops and activities for children. The 2023 event will take place at Hastings Museum & Art Gallery, on 25 June during Refugee Week. We work in partnership with the Museum, who provide the venue and staff support. This will be the seventh year of the festival and an effective and efficient model has been developed that has led to the event becoming a much anticipated part of the town's cultural calendar.	£3,000
Tempo Arts Ltd	Artist Billboard 2 / AB2 TA aims to further develop six more consecutive commissions in this public space project, supported by artist-led workshops and community events. AB2 will take place on the billboard created for the first project in TA's public art space (The SPACE) in St John's Road, St Leonards. We propose to invite & commission six new artists to create impressive billboard images.	£2,688
Sweetshop Revoloution CIC	RE: CONNECT a dance project for older people in care homes in Hastings and St Leonards, using memories of growing up and of the local area to stimulate conversations and movement. The workshops will promote physical mobility, celebration each participant's life and identity, and promote social connection for people who've been particularly isolated over the last year. Please see below for a more detailed outline of workshop content.	£3,950

The Posh Club CIC	TPC will run 10 x 4 hour weekly events for 130 older people and 20 volunteers over 2023 at St John's Church Hall, Brittany Road, TN38 0RD (dates TBC). Assertive Outreach Programme (AOP) which will identify/engage isolated local people who will benefit from joining TPC events. The AOP will take place in multiple locations across Hastings and St Leonards through visits and presentations across the community.	£5,000
Paediatric Diabetes Community team	Children's Diabetes Days out We are looking at organising several activities for children and young people with Type 1 diabetes such picnic in the park and hiring the Source park for BMX session which would appeal to both primary and secondary age children or even our older patients 16-17 years as well as organising a group trip to the Pantomime at The White Rock Theatre.	£1,000
Hastings & St.Leonards Voluntary Lifeguard Club	AED Life Skill Training AED's (Automated External Defibrillator) We have been training those taking vocational qualifications the use of AEDs using 'training machines' the RLSS UK (Royal Life Saving Society UK), have now included it in Lifesaving Awards, as an essential skill, open to all ages as the equipment is suitable to be used by young people. Therefore we need to purchase new AED training machines to facilitate this and expand to our complete membership as well as community groups.	£1,800
	Total	£42,922