

Report to: Charity Committee

Date of Meeting: 13th July 2020

Report Title: Appointment of Grants Advisory Panel Members

Report By: Christine Barkshire-Jones Chief Legal Officer and Statutory Monitoring Officer

Purpose of Report

To maintain the levels of Grants Advisory Panel (GAP) members at maximum

Recommendation(s)

- 1. To appoint Terrence Fawthrop to the Grants Advisory Panel for a period of three years with immediate effect**
- 2. To minute that urgency powers were used on 22nd June 2020 to formally appoint Susan McNally to the Grants Advisory Panel for a period of three years from that date**
- 3. To give delegated authority to the Council's Chief Legal Officer to embark on a further recruitment drive for more volunteers to be considered for the Grants Advisory Panel**

Reasons for Recommendations

The Grants Advisory Panel must be able to have enough members to assess and evaluate grant applications under the Scheme dated 13 January 2011

Introduction

1. The Grants Advisory Panel (GAP) was introduced within the Scheme dated 13 January 2011 in which Hastings Borough Council became the Trustee for the Hastings and St Leonards Foreshore Charitable Trust
2. The Scheme stated that GAP should have no fewer than four members and no more than eight. This has subsequently been amended to no more than 10 members by the Charity Commission by application by the Council's Chief Legal Officer. This was to assist GAP with the additional work created by the introduction of a new larger grants programme.
3. The Council advertises annually in the Hastings Observer for volunteers for GAP. Interviews are undertaken by the respective 'Chairs' of GAP and the Charity Commission. Throughout the year as existing members leave we then have a pool of approved candidates to appoint.

Currently

4. Susan McNally has been working with GAP recently as they have been in the process considering of grant applications. It was therefore necessary to use urgency powers to formalise that appointment. Urgency powers need the approval of the Monitoring Officer and the decision to be made by a delegated officer in consultation with Charity Committee members and the Protector. The Charity Committee members and the Protector agreed to this appointment on 22nd June 2020.
5. Charity Committee is on the 13th July 2020. Terrence Fawthrop can be formally appointed then and commence work with other members as and when required.
6. We will need to run another advertisement to attract more volunteers as soon as we are able as we have utilised all those approved candidates.

Timetable of Next Steps

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

Action	Key milestone	Due date (provisional)	Responsible
Approve recommendations	Approve recommendations	13 th July 2020	Charity Committee

Wards Affected

Insert the list of wards affected

Implications

Relevant project tools applied? No

Have you checked this report for plain English and readability? Yes

Climate change implications considered? No

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

Equalities and Community Cohesiveness

Crime and Fear of Crime (Section 17)

Risk Management

Environmental Issues

Economic/Financial Implications

Human Rights Act

Organisational Consequences

Local People's Views

Anti-Poverty

Additional Information

Insert a list of appendices and/or additional documents. Report writers are encouraged to use links to existing information, rather than appending large documents.

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