

Report to: Charity Committee

Date of Meeting: 18th July 2022

Report Title: Appointment of Grants Advisory Panel Members

Report By: Mary Kilner Chief Legal Officer and Statutory Monitoring Officer

Purpose of Report

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

Recommendation(s)

- 1. To appoint Christopher Cormack to the Grants Advisory Panel for a period of three years with immediate effect.**
- 2. To confirm and renew the appointment of Susan Coop to the Grants Advisory Panel for a further period of three years.**
- 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 following an application to the Charity Commission 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 from time to time in the Hastings Observer and LinkedIn for volunteers for GAP. Interviews are undertaken by the respective 'Chairs' of GAP and the Charity Committee, as well as the Chief Legal Officer. As existing members of GAP leave, it is essential we have a pool of approved candidates to appoint.

Currently

4. Charity Committee is on the 18th July 2020. Christopher Cormack can be formally appointed then and commence work with other members of GAP as and when required.
5. We will need to run another advertisement to attract more volunteers as soon as we are able as we will need to have a pool of approved candidates.

Timetable of Next Steps

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

Action	Key milestone	Due date (provisional)	Responsible
Approve recommendations	Approve recommendations	18 th July 2020	Charity Committee

Wards Affected

None

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
Anti-Poverty	No

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