

**Report to:** Charity Committee Meeting

**Date of Meeting:** 18<sup>th</sup> March 2024

**Report Title:** Foreshore Trust Existing Events Financial Sustainability Grant recommendations

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**Key Decision:** Yes

**Classification:** Open

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### **Purpose of Report**

To present the recommendations of the Grant Advisory Panel (GAP) in respect of applications for the Foreshore Trust Existing Events Financial Sustainability Grant recommendations

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### **Recommendation(s)**

That the meeting:

1. Consider for approval the Foreshore Trust Existing Events Financial Sustainability Grant recommendations of the GAP as set out in Appendix 1

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### **Reasons for Recommendations**

The Grant Advisory Panel has appraised the merits of the applications received for Foreshore Trust Existing Events Financial Sustainability Grant support and has made recommendations for grant awards that can be funded from the ringfenced budget.

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### **Background**

1. The Charity Committee agreed in December 2023 to temporarily expand the budget for the small and events grants for established events to apply for funding to support the move towards a reduction in grant aid.
2. It agreed to ring fence part of this expanded funding for 3 established events deemed to be able to meet the criteria – subject to appropriate robust consideration of application forms by the Grant Advisory Panel. The events being: Jack in the Green, Old town carnival week and Hastings week.

3. The available budget for this early call is a total of £8,000 and the three established events were invited to apply on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024 with a deadline for receipt of applications 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024.
4. All three organisations responded to the invitation and submitted applications which were assessed by the GAP on Teams on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024
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 with particular regard to the organisations' business plan and their ability to become financially sustainable beyond the 2 year FST funding.
7. Following a full assessment process, GAP members agreed to the recommendations shown in the GAP chair report (appendix 1).
8. Of the 3 applications considered, GAP recommends to the Charity Committee that **none** of these be approved for funding at various levels.

### Timetable of Next Steps

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

Action	Key milestone	Due date (provisional)	Responsible
Approval of organisations to fund	Charity committee meeting	18/03/24	Charity Committee members
Notification of approval/rejection and contracting approved projects	After budget and project approval at Charity meeting	W/C 25/3/24	HBC secretariat officer

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### 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

