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SOUTHEND-ON-SEA BOROUGH COUNCIL

Meeting of Grants Strategy Working Party

Date: Thursday, 25th January, 2018
Place: Committee Room 5 - Civic Suite

Present: Councillor A Moring (Chair)
Councillors C Endersby, I Gilbert, S Habermel, R Hadley, D McGlone
and J Ware-Lane

In Attendance: L Eddy, K Clarke, G Taylor, N Graham and T Row

Start/End Time: 6.30 p.m. - 8.30 p.m.

1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Burzotta and Callaghan (no substitutes).

2 Declarations of Interest

The following interests were declared at the meeting:

(a) Councillor Moring – Agenda Item No. 5 (Community Commissioning Presentations 2018 – Recommendations) – Non-pecuniary interest: Outcome 2 - One of the presenters of the CAB is known to them as a former Councillor; Outcome 3 - One of the presenters from Age Concern is known to him; Outcome 4 - One of the presenters in respect of the application by Age Concern and one of the presenters in respect of the application by Wellbeing@garonpark were known to him; Outcome 5 - Council appointed Member to the Board of SAVS; Outcome 6 - Member to the Board of SAVS and one of the presenters of Southend Community Hub is known to him;.

(b) Councillor Habermel – Agenda Item No. 5 (Community Commissioning Presentations 2018 – Recommendations) – Non-pecuniary interest: One of the presenters of the CAB is known to them as a former Councillor.

(c) Councillor Hadley– Agenda Item No. 5 (Community Commissioning Presentations 2018 – Recommendations) – Non-pecuniary interest: One of the presenters of the CAB is known to them as a former Councillor.

(d) Councillors McGlone – Agenda Item No. 5 (Community Commissioning Presentations 2018 – Recommendations) – Non-pecuniary interest: One of the presenters of the CAB is known to them as a former Councillor.

(e) Councillor Ware-Lane – Agenda Item No. 5 (Community Commissioning Presentations 2018 – Recommendations) – Outcomes 5 and 6 Non-pecuniary interest: Donated to one of the charities;

3 Exclusion of the Public

Resolved:-

That, under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the items of business set out below, on the grounds that they would involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act and that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

4 Commissioning Presentations

(a) Presentation 1: Southend United Community & Educational Trust (SUCET) - Outcome 4

The Working Party received a presentation from SUCET.

The Working Party asked a number of questions which were responded to by the applicants. The Working Party then discussed the application in private session in more detail.

(b) Presentation 2: South East & Central Essex MIND - Outcome 4

The Working Party received a presentation from South East & Central Essex MIND.

The Working Party asked a number of questions which were responded to by the applicants. The Working Party then discussed the application in private session in more detail.

5 Community Commissioning Programme 2018 - Recommendations

The Working Party received presentations from a range of organisations at meetings of the Working Party that had taken place on 16th, 18th, 23rd and 25th January 2018. The presentations formed part of the application for the award of voluntary sector through the Council's Community Commissioning process.

The Working Party had been afforded the opportunity to ask each applicant a series of pre-set questions, the answers to which were used to contribute to the overall rating of the applications and to assist in the determination between competing bids. Members of the Working Party also took the opportunity to ask questions to clarify points in the presentations and their bids.

A summary of each of the bids had been circulated to each Member of the Working Party prior to the presentations.

The Working Party also had before it the responses to the additional questions to the applicants in respect of Outcome 6.

It was noted that the recommendations for funding would be considered by Cabinet at its special meeting on 29th January 2018 and would subject to the approval of the budget.

Resolved:

That Cabinet be recommended that, subject to the approval of the budget, the Groups be commissioned for 3 year funding agreements to deliver the outcomes listed for the amounts detailed on the confidential sheet appended to these Minutes, from the voluntary sector grants budget.

Chairman: _____

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