

Policy & Resources Committee Meeting – 1st June 2022

Agenda Item 7

Grant Awards

At the last Policy & Resources Committee meeting, held on 16th March 2022, it was agreed that further information would be requested from two applicants, the Earley Volunteer Drivers Bureau, with regards the grant application received from Wokingham Volunteer Centre, and additional information would be sought from First Days Children's Charity in view of the lack of required information in their application.

The additional information received is as follows: -

- The Earley Volunteer Driver Bureau anticipate that in the region of £11,500 will be transferred to Wokingham Volunteer Centre.
- First Days Children's Charity have supported 256 families in Earley over the last financial year.

Recap on Request Reasons & Sums: -

Wokingham Volunteer Centre - £500

To support ongoing activities including the Green 'n' Tidy Gardening and Volunteer Brokerage services, the Earley Community Transport scheme (with volunteer drivers) as well as other services and projects that are supported on an ad-hoc basis. Services keep vulnerable elderly and disabled people in their own homes for longer, reducing loneliness and social isolation and increasing independence, dignity, self-confidence and safety.

First Days Children's Charity - £1500 (application submitted after deadline)

To contribute to outreach work across Earley and to help families meet the increasing costs of school uniforms and other expensive, essential items. Items supplied may include beds, mattresses, car seats, school uniforms, new baby essentials, travel equipment, toiletries, safety items, furniture, toys and books and can help save a significant amount from a family budget, which can be used towards food and heating.

The total ETC grant budget for 2022/23 is £20,000.

As at 24th May 2022, £13,041 had been allocated.

With this additional information, Policy & Resources Committee to consider the two grant applications and **RESOLVE** upon a recommendation to be considered by Full Council at its meeting on 15th June 2022.

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