

EARLEY TOWN COUNCIL

Full Council Meeting – 15th June 2022

11. TOWN COUNCIL GRANTS

At its meeting on 1st June 2022, the Policy & Resources Committee considered grant applications from Wokingham Volunteer Centre and First Days Children's Charity, and an application for match funding in relation to the Wokingham Sports Sponsorship Fund. The decision on these applications had been delayed whilst further information was sought.

- **Total ETC grant budget for 2022/23 is £20,000.**
- **As at 24th May 2022, £13,041 had been allocated.**

11.1

The Policy & Resources Committee recommend the following:

Wokingham Volunteer Centre

£500 applied for. Purpose: 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.

Recommendation – In view of the funds being transferred to WVC by the Earley Volunteer Driver Bureau (c.£11,500), a previous recipient of ETC funding, the Policy & Resources Committee recommend that the request is refused but the applicant is encouraged to reapply in 2023.

First Days Children's Charity

£1,500 applied for. Purpose: 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. Over the past financial year, the charity has supported 256 families in Earley.

Recommendation – award a grant of £1,500

11.2

The Policy and Resources Committee recommend the following:

Match funding for a local junior athlete

Recommendation – that the sum of £450 be awarded as match funding to this local junior athlete.