

OFFICER DECISION RECORD 2 FORM

This form should be used to record Officer Decisions which have a financial impact (income/expenditure) between £25k - £100k.

ODR Reference Number: CR/368/05/20

APPLICATIONS FOR:

DONCASTER COMMUNITY FUND – WARD MEMBER BUDGET

BOX 1.

DIRECTORATE: Corporate Resources DATE: 18.05.20

Contact Name: Andrew Sercombe, Governance Manager

Tel. No.: 01302 734354

Subject Matter: Approval of Funding from the Doncaster Community Fund – Ward Member Budget No 36.

BOX 2

DECISION TAKEN:

To approve the following application for grant funding from the Doncaster Community Fund – Ward Member Budget

- a. **Little Fishes Parent and Toddler Group - Little Fishes to Your Door**
Reference No: 36/DCF/WBCV19/WH&Int
Supported by: Councillor Jane Kidd
Cost £300

BOX 3

REASON FOR DECISION AND ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED:

Doncaster Community Fund Ward Member Budget 2020/21
Approval of Applications

Further to the establishment of a ward Members Budget of up to £3k per Councillor (ODR No: CR/352/04/20,) a number of applications have been received and assessed in line with the application criteria and supported by the relevant ward Councillor (s).

Legal Considerations:

Section 236 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 provides that an authority may make arrangements for individual Members to exercise functions of the authority in relation to the electoral division or ward for which the Member is elected.

In implementing the scheme and agreeing grant applications the Council must ensure this is in accordance with its Financial Procedure Rules. Any parties accepting the grant must formally agree to the terms and conditions of the grant funding. Appropriate monitoring of activities and expenses will be undertaken where necessary to ensure compliance.

Financial Considerations

The Doncaster Community Fund Elected Members Ward Budget is included as part of the £280k Locality Budgets contained within the 2020/21 Revenue Budget. Within this allocation each elected Member is allocated up to £3k (£165k in total across all 55 elected Members) to support local groups and organisations to undertake activities and initiatives to support communities and individuals affected by the COVID 19 pandemic.

A central record of grants allocated will be maintained by the Corporate Governance Team within Legal and Democratic Services – this will reconcile to the grant payments made and record the outcomes achieved through the use of the grant funding.

This is an allocation of existing 2020/21 revenue budget and so is contained within the Council's current budget envelope.

The individual applications below, detail the extent to which the initiative will seek to make a positive impact in the community and ensure the most vulnerable people within Doncaster Communities are supported in a safe and responsible way during the Covid 19 pandemic.

- a. Little Fishes Parent and Toddler Group - Little Fishes to Your Door**
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To provide craft and story packs for the toddler group attendees and cover postage costs for those that cannot be delivered to due to travel restrictions (with an occasional small sweet treat will also be included if possible). Many members are on low incomes so cannot afford non-essential items and do not have internet access to join online sessions. These packs enable the group to continue supporting members and children, giving them contact information they can access via the group and other agencies for support purposes and to help with reducing social isolation.

BOX 4
BACKGROUND PAPERS
None.

BOX 5 **INFORMATION NOT FOR PUBLICATION:**

This decision may be published on the Council's website. The individual grant application forms are not available for publication as they contain personal and financial information in respect of the applicant.

Name: Sarah Corbett_ Signature: via email. Date: 06/05/20

Signature of FOI Lead Officer for service area where ODR originates

BOX 6

AUTHORISATION:

Name: Scott Fawcus Signature:  **Date: 18 May 2020**

Scott Fawcus

Assistant Director Legal and Democratic Services

Does this decision require authorisation by the Chief Financial Officer or other Officer?

YES/No

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It is the responsibility of the decision taker to clearly identify any information that is confidential or exempt and should be redacted before publication.