

ABINGDON TOWN COUNCIL

Report to	COMMUNITY COMMITTEE
Meeting date	7 February 2023
Report author	Democratic Services Officer
Agenda item	7

GRANTS DETERMINATION REPORT

1. Purpose of this report

1.1 Presentation of grant applications received for approval.

2. Summary

2.1 The following grant application has been received for consideration by the Committee:

Oxfordshire Play Association £1,000

2.2 The application has been assessed against the council's objectives and a grant scoring sheet is provided with this report.

2.3 The remaining budget available in the annual community grants fund (406/4886) for 2022-23 is £8,620.

3. Action required

3.1 Members are requested to determine this grant application.

4. Link to strategic plan and objectives

4.1 The objective being met is: 'To work with community partners to support those who are vulnerable and in need and to create opportunities to increase social inclusivity.'

5. **Background**

5.1 The charity 'Oxfordshire Play Association' has previously been awarded grants by the town council as follows:

2011-12	£500
2013-14	£500
2015-16	£500
2017-18	£800
2019-20	£400
2020-21	£400
2021-22	<u>£1,000</u>
Total	£4,100

6. **Key information and options**

6.1 Members are required to consider the grant application and choose one of the following options:

- (i) Award the grant requested in full;
- (ii) Award a partial amount of the grant requested;
- (iii) Refuse the grant request and confirm the reason for this decision;
- (iv) Request further information from the applicant and defer a decision to a future meeting.

6.2 The table below summarises the application:

Applicant	Project	Total cost of project	Grant applied for	Total score	Score to grant applied for (score/grant applied for x 100)
Oxfordshire Play Association	Play and activity day at Southern Town Park	£4,500	£1,000	21	$\frac{21}{1000} \times 100 = 2.1$

6.3 The intention of calculating the **score to grant applied for** is to allow a comparison which considers both the financial request and the ways in which the project can meet the aims and objectives of the council. A higher score suggests that the grant offers better value for money than a lower scoring application. For comparison, grants awarded since September 2022 had scores of 5, 12, 17, 14 and 13.

7. **Climate change/green implications**

7.1 As part of the grant scoring process the green implications of each application are considered and are reflected in the final scorings.

8. **Financial/budget implications**

- 8.1 The budget for community grants for 2022-23 is £20,000 (406/4886), of which £11,380 has been used this year. Councillors are advised that any unspent element of the budget at the end of the civic year shall be transferred to the general fund and will not be available to fund any further community grants.
- 8.2 There are no further meetings of the Community Committee scheduled for the municipal year 2022-23. If the grant was awarded in full the remaining community grant budget for this year would be £7,620.

9. **HR implications**

- 9.1 None.

10. **Supporting papers and appendices**

- 10.1 Application form
- 10.2 Grant scoring criteria spreadsheet
- 10.3 Annual report 2022
- 10.4 Report on South Abingdon Play and Activity Day 2022

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