

ABINGDON TOWN COUNCIL

Report to	Community Committee
Meeting date	6 February 2023
Report author	Temporary Deputy Town Clerk
Agenda item	6

GRANTS DETERMINATION REPORT

1. Purpose of this report

1.1 Presentation of grant applications received for approval.

2. Summary

2.1 The following grant applications have been received for consideration by the committee:

Amount requested

Abingdon Joint Schools Carnegie Trust	£550
Abingdon Lawn Tennis Club	£5,000
ATOM Festival	£1,000
North East Abingdon Community Association (NEACA)	£2,300
One Eighty	£5,000
Oxfordshire Play Association	£1,000
Total amount requested	£14,850

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

2.3 The remaining budget available in the annual community grants fund (406/4886) for 2023-24 is £5,385.

3. Action required

3.1 Members are requested to determine these grant applications.

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 Grants have been awarded previously to some of the applicants as follows:

Abingdon Joint Schools Carnegie Trust

2017-18	£500
2018-19	£500
2019-20	£500
2021-22	£550
2022-23	£550

ATOM Festival

2013-14	£1,500
2016-17	£930
2017-18	£1,000
2018-19	£1,000
2019-20	£1,000
2020-21	£600
2021-22	£1,200
2022-23	£800

North East Abingdon Community Association (NEACA)

2012-13	£300
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Oxfordshire Play Association

2011-12	£500
2013-14	£500
2015-16	£500
2017-18	£800
2018-19	£1,000
2019-20	£400
2020-21	£400
2021-22	£1,000
2022-23	£1,000

Abingdon Lawn Tennis Club - NONE

One Eighty - NONE

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 and defer a decision to a future meeting.

6.2 The table below summarises the applications:

Applicant	Project	Total cost of project	Grant applied for	Total score	Score to grant applied for (score/grant applied for x 100)
Abingdon Joint Schools Carnegie Trust	Reading event	£1,300	£550	4	$\frac{4}{550} \times 100 = 0.73$
Abingdon Lawn Tennis Club	New floodlights	£86,160	£5,000	9	$\frac{9}{5000} \times 100 = 0.18$
ATOM Festival	Science festival	£13,600	£1,000	14	$\frac{14}{1000} \times 100 = 1.4$
NEACA	Refurbishment of floor	£2,300	£2,300	11	$\frac{11}{2300} \times 100 = 0.48$
One Eighty	Education support for disadvantaged children	£6,240	£5,000	13	$\frac{13}{5000} \times 100 = 0.26$
Oxfordshire Play Association	Play event	£4,500	£1,000	12	$\frac{12}{1000} \times 100 = 1.2$

6.3 The calculation of the score to grant applied for offers a comparison of the applications received in terms of the town council's aims and objectives and the extent to which each applicant addresses them. The grant determination form for each application provides further information on this. A higher score suggests that the grant offers better value for money than a lower scoring application. For comparison, grants awarded in 2023-24 to date have had scores between 0.13 and 2.67, with six out of ten grants awarded scoring above 2. The lowest score for a successful application was 0.13. One organisation given a partial award (12.5% of the amount requested) scored 0.15.

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 2023-24 is £30,000 (406/4886), of which £24,615 has been awarded 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 The available budget is £5,385.

9. **HR implications**

9.1 None.

10. **Supporting papers and appendices**

10.1 Application forms

10.2 Grant scoring criteria spreadsheets

10.3 Financial information is provided for councillors to view in Sharepoint (or on request).

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1 February 2024