

# ABINGDON TOWN COUNCIL

<b>Report to</b>	<b>Community Committee</b>
<b>Meeting date</b>	<b>19 November 2025</b>
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<b>Agenda item</b>	<b>6</b>

## GRANTS DETERMINATION REPORT

### 1. Purpose of this report

1.1 Presentation of grant applications received for consideration by the committee.

### 2. Summary

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

<b>Abingdon Church Twinning Committee</b>	<b>£360</b>
<b>Church of Our Lady and St Edmund, Abingdon</b>	<b>£800</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>£1,160</b>

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 2025-26 is £18,700.

### 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.'

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5. **Background**

5.1 The applicants have previously been awarded grants by the town council as follows:

**Abingdon Church Twinning Committee**

2013-14	£250
2015-16	£150
2019-20	£150
2021-22	£100
2022-23	£250
2023-25	£300

**Church of Our Lady and St Edmund, Abingdon**

2022-23 (Warm Spaces grant, not community grant)	£600
2023-24	£750
2024-25	£700

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)
<b>Abingdon Church Twinning Committee</b>	Support for twinning event in February 2026	£1,200	360	3	$\frac{3}{360} \times 100 = 0.83$
<b>Church of Our Lady and St Edmund, Abingdon</b>	Warm Spaces	£800	£800	7	$\frac{7}{800} \times 100 = 0.875$

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.

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 2025-26 is £35,000 (406/4886), of which £16,300 has been used this year. 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 If the requested grants are awarded in full the remaining community grant budget for this year would be £17,540.

9. **HR implications**

- 9.1 None.

10. **Supporting papers and appendices**

- 10.1 Application forms, supporting information and grant scoring criteria spreadsheets.

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