

Policy & Resources Committee

Date:	7 February 2017
Title:	Grant Awards Policy
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Purpose of this Report

1. To provide background on the review of the Grant Awards Policy.

Background

2. The Grant Awards Policy was adopted in April 2016 and due to be reviewed in April 2020. However when the Grants Panel met to review applications they found that the criteria required further clarity to assist with the process.
3. Grant Panel members and Officers have reviewed the policy with amendments highlighted for consideration.
 - a) To insert “the Parish of “ as this would include Moreton
 - b) To make clear that funding will be considered where organisation serves Thame
 - c) Highlighting that funding request priorities for capital, seed funding and revenue
 - d) Removing reference to Citizens Advice as now treated separately
 - e) Maximum request by an organisation is 20% of the budget available
 - f) No more than one grant application per organisation
4. That from 2018-19 Lighthouse Thame is given the same consideration as the Citizens Advice and discussed separately as part of the Council budget setting process in October 2017.

Recommendation that:

- i) The Grant Awards Policy presented be considered and approved.*
- ii) From 2018-19, funding given to Lighthouse Thame is included in the annual budget setting process and removed from the Grant Funding budget.*
- iii) The Community Services Manager updates the associated guidance and application form to reflect the approved changes.*