

AWARD OF GRANT FUNDING TO: (I) LUNCH CLUBS; AND (II) AGE UK DAY CENTRE
<u>COUNCILLOR JOHN HOWARD CABINET MEMBER FOR ADULT SOCIAL CARE, HEALTH AND PUBLIC HEALTH</u>
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Deadline date: N/A

Cabinet portfolio holder:	Councillor John Howard Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, Health and Public Health
Responsible Director:	Charlotte Black, Executive Director: People and Communities
Is this a Key Decision?	NO
Is this decision eligible for call-in?	YES
Does this Public report have any annex that contains exempt information?	NO
Is this a project and if so has it been registered on Verto?	NO Verto number: N/A

RECOMMENDATIONS
<p>The Cabinet Member is recommended to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Approve the award of grant funding for a two-year period, until 31 March 2024, to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bharat Hindu Samaj Lunch Club Italian Community Centre Lunch Club South Grove Community Centre (formally known as FILEF Lunch Club) <p>The total value of the grant period is £26,744.00.</p> Approve the award of grant funding to AgeUK for Orton Day Care for a two-year period until 31 March 2024. The total value of this grant is £46,764.00. <p>The total value of this grant funding is £73,508.00.</p>

1. PURPOSE OF THIS REPORT

- 1.1 This report is for the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, Health, and Public Health to consider exercising delegated authority under paragraph 3.4.6 of Part 3 of the constitution in accordance with the terms of their portfolio at paragraph (a).

2. TIMESCALES

Is this a Major Policy Item/Statutory Plan?	NO	If yes, date for Cabinet meeting	N/A
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3. BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

- 3.1 The Council wishes to grant fund the following recipient's services between 1 April 2022 and 31 March 2024. This decision recognises the retrospective nature, however, the purpose of this CMDN is to reconcile the grant funding for the full period of grant.

Grant Funded Organisation	Annual Value	Reported No. of members
Bharat Hindu Samaj Lunch Club	£7,149.00	60
Italian Community Centre Lunch Club	£2,443.00	60
South Grove Community Centre (formally known as FILEF Lunch Club)	£3,780.00	30
AgeUK Orton day service	£23,382.00	28

In October 2021, the JCB (Joint Commissioning Board) supported and agreed to continue grant funding the above until April 2024.

This grant funding allows the Council to support a wide range of older people to remain active within their communities, reducing the risk of them experiencing loneliness and isolation and the harm to wellbeing this brings. This preventative offer is key to the Adult Social Care strategy and Think Communities ethos; to support people to remain living at home and to be active and connected within their communities. The prevention of harm and protection of wellbeing is at the heart of the statutory duties contained in the Care Act 2014.

The grant funding awarded to the recipients will assist them to meet their community support objectives.

4. CONSULTATION

- 4.1 Commissioners have contacted the grant recipients to ensure there are no issues impacting their work and confirm they want to continue to deliver the projects that the Council is grant funding.

Consultation and approval has also been sought from JCB approval in October 2021

5. ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES OR IMPACT

- 5.1 Grant Agreements with each of the grant recipients to allow them to continue to meet their objectives of lunch club and Day Care centre.
- 5.2 Throughout this period of grant funding the Council will undertake work as part of the Day Services Transformation programme to support the transformation of service delivery, commissioning mechanisms and outcomes, and impacts achieved by individuals accessing all day services including those that support people with higher needs as well as those that are more preventative.

The work to be undertaken includes:

- 5.3
- Further engagement with people accessing services to help shape service delivery within Peterborough
 - Data gathering to gain evidence of current usage and demand
 - Modelling and alignment with other PCC services / teams such as Think Communities

6. REASON FOR THE RECOMMENDATION

6.1 The reason for the recommendation is to enable grant funding to remain in place to ensure that there is no disruption in these cohorts and communities, whilst work is undertaken, as there is little knowledge of alternative support options.

6.2 The individual value of the grants are relatively low and the grant recipients they support provide an invaluable service to the community in terms of maximising health, wellbeing, and independence. More specifically, they provide support to ensure individuals can continue to live independently in the community, preventing them from developing higher support needs that require access to care packages.

6.3 All lunch clubs are well established within the Peterborough community and offer an important lifeline to a range of local people and in particular the lunch clubs are judged to offer outstanding value for money. For example, all lunch clubs equate to funding of less than £3.00 per person. The Italian lunch club that receives the smallest grant just 81p per person also only charges people £4.00 a day and is open from 9am – 2.30pm and includes drinks, a two-course lunch and transport for the people who live too far to walk. This is particularly excellent value for money when compared to a lunchtime homecare call costing an average of £16.75 per hour.

6.4 The lunch clubs provide more than lunch and outcomes for members include social interaction, physical activity and mental wellbeing.

6.5 The Age UK Day Care currently supports 28 older people and would immediately close without this grant funding.

7. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

7.1 1. **Not award the grant funding** – this option was discounted as it makes a valuable contribution to the cohorts and communities who benefit from this funding and supports the Council's strategic objectives and offers excellent value for money.

2. **Contract with the providers** – this option was discounted under the current grant arrangements given that the relationship is more of providing funding for the grant recipients to achieve their objectives rather than the Council receiving direct services in return for the funding. This would also not align to the proposed commissioning intentions for older people day opportunities. The AGE UK grant arrangement enables the service to continue and brings its funding arrangements more in line with similar services while the day opportunities review programme takes place.

8. IMPLICATIONS

Financial Implications

8.1 Core budget will be used.
The total value for all grants over 2 years is £73,508, equating to £36,754 per year.

8.2 Risks and mitigations:

There is a risk that with the increasing cost of living, the grant amount will not be sufficient to allow these non-profit services to continue. To mitigate it is recommended that these be included in any PCC uplift strategy for 2023-2024, as they were not included in 2022-2023. To also mitigate the grant payment schedule will be paid quarterly in arrears and will not be paid if services should cease to run.

Legal Implications

- 8.2 The Council has the legal power to make grant awards under the general power of competence contained in section 1 of the Localism Act 2011.

Grant agreements shall be entered into with the grant recipients.

Equalities Implications

- 8.3 These services are predominantly used by those from the largest ethnic minority communities in Peterborough. Due to labour recruitment in the 1950s Peterborough has one of the highest concentrations of Italian immigrants in the UK and the 2021 census shows that 13% of Peterborough's population identifies as Asian/Asian British. If these services were not available, it would likely have a negative impact on these communities.

Carbon Impact Assessment

- 8.5 The proposal is to continue to grant fund the 3 community-based lunch clubs (Bharat Hindu Samaj Lunch Club, Italian Community Centre Lunch Club, South Grove Community Centre (formally known as FILEF Lunch Club)) and grant fund the Age UK Orton day service. The lunch clubs are currently operating, and it is likely that they would continue with the aim of sourcing other funding without the extension of the grant funding meaning any carbon emissions or environmental impact would be the same whether they are funded or not, suggesting an overall neutral impact.

The day service would close should the grant not be given however any savings on energy and water would likely be offset by individuals using such resources within their own homes or alternative services. In terms of energy consumption to travel, most members live in the local community of the service and those that do travel in would likely find alternative provision to travel to again suggesting an overall neutral impact.

9. DECLARATIONS / CONFLICTS OF INTEREST & DISPENSATIONS GRANTED

- 9.1 None.

10. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Used to prepare this report, in accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985) and The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.

11. APPENDICES

- 11.1 None.