

REPORT TO COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

POLICY REVISIONS



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Agenda Item 7
Prepared by Town Clerk

1.0 BACKGROUND

The restructuring of the council's committees has transferred some areas of responsibility to the new Community Committee. There are two existing policies which now fall under the remit of this committee which consequently require updating:

- Community Grants Policy
- Town Awards Policy

2.0 COMMUNITY GRANTS POLICY

2.1 BACKGROUND

This policy sets out the council's policy on the award of donations (<£200), small grants (£200-£1,500) and large grants (£1,500+). In accordance with the new system, responsibility for donations and small grants has transferred from the Finance Committee to the Community Committee whilst the former retains decision making authority for large grants. The policy also refers to the strategic aims of the council.

Two minor changes are required to this policy:

2.2 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

1.3 Current:

Decisions related to Community Grants have been delegated to the Finance Committee. This policy is designed to act as guidance for both applicants and councillors when considering applications.

1.3 Proposed:

Decisions related to applications under the Small Grants Scheme have been delegated to the Community Committee whilst decisions related to the Large Grant Scheme are delegated to the Finance Committee. This policy is designed to act as guidance for both applicants and councillors when considering applications.

4.7 (pt) Current:

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| <i>Fits well with Town Council strategic aims</i> | Up to 6 | <i>A high score indicates a good fit with the stated strategic aims of Knutsford Town Council (currently our 2020 Vision)</i> |
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4.7 (pt) Proposed:

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| <i>Fits well with Town Council strategic aims</i> | Up to 6 | <p><i>A high score indicates a good fit with the stated strategic aims of Knutsford Town Council:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>1. Knutsford Town Centre will be a thriving and unique destination for residents and visitors alike</i> <i>2. We will enable residents to choose to reduce their reliance on cars by improving the desirability of walking, cycling and using public transport</i> <i>3. Knutsford will have a diverse network of green spaces, a biodiverse natural environment and a reduced carbon footprint</i> <i>4. Knutsford's heritage will be conserved, understood and celebrated</i> <i>5. We will lead a strong, connected community with a thriving community spirit and civic pride</i> <i>6. Knutsford residents will have access to the services and facilities they need to live happy and healthy lives</i> |
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3.0 TOWN AWARDS POLICY

2.1 BACKGROUND

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2.2 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

1.1 Current:

The Town Council will hold an annual Town Awards organised by the Events Committee

1.1 Proposed:

The Town Council will hold an annual Town Awards organised by the Community Committee

4.2 Current:

The Decision Panel will consist of the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Town Clerk and Chairman of the Events Committee and, if applicable, a representative of the sponsor of the awards.

4.2 Proposed:

The Decision Panel will consist of the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Town Clerk and Chairman of the Community Committee and, if applicable, a representative of the sponsor of the awards.

4.3 Current:

Should the Deputy Mayor also be the chairman of the Events Committee; the Events Committee will nominate a committee member in their place.

4.3 Proposed:

Should the Deputy Mayor also be the chairman of the Community Committee; the Deputy Chairman shall be a member of the panel.

4.0 RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended the committee approves the outlined minor policy amendments.