

REPORT TO COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

HOPE CENTRAL GRANT APPLICATION

Report Reference COM-26-01
Meeting Date 13th July 2026
Agenda Item 7
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1.0 BACKGROUND

At the April committee meeting, the committee rejected a recommendation from the Small Grants working group to make a grant award of £1,500 to Hope Central; the grant was listed as “Contribution to Christians Against Poverty Subscription (£7200 per annum) to allow Debt Centre to operate” and scored 32/36 points by the working group in its scoring process.

The committee deferred a decision to this meeting and requested that a representative of Hope Central attend to explain why the organisation needs a subscription to Christians Against Poverty.

The Town Council awarded a grant of £4,685 to Hope Central in 2024 to fund the provision of a debt coach for 12 months; the application highlighted that part of the overall project costs included a subscription to Christians Against Poverty. The committee awarded a grant of £1,500 to Hope Central towards the funding of a subscription for Christians against Poverty to support the operation of its debt centre in 2025.

A copy of the application considered by the working group has been provided to committee members.

A representative of Hope Central will be attending the meeting to take questions from the committee in relation to the application.

2.0 DECISION REQUIRED

The committee should determine whether to award a grant of £1,500 to Hope Central to part fund the cost of their Christians Against Poverty Subscription for the Knutsford Debt Centre.