



HASLEMERE TOWN COUNCIL

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Note of the Revenue Grants Working Party meeting held 26th February 2024, 2pm

Chairman	Cllr Conrad Waters*
Councillors	Banfield, Davidson, Keen*, Nicholson*

*Present

26th February 2024

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies were received. Cllrs Banfield and Davidson did not attend.

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

No interests were declared.

3. REVENUE GRANT APPLICATIONS 2024-25

The working party used the scoring matrices provided to determine whether the four applications under consideration met the criteria for an award. All four of the applications were judged to meet the criteria.

Haslemere Food Bank – the working party felt that this application scored highly in all areas and should be awarded the full amount of **£7,500**.

Crossways counselling – the application seems to be for a one off training exercise, any ongoing revenue requirement needs clarification before the 2025-26 financial year. The working party noted that this service makes a difference to a large number of Haslemere residents, but the organisation does hold some significant reserves. It recommended a slightly reduced award of **£4,500**.

Haslemere Biodiversity Group – The Deputy Town clerk reported that the baseline biodiversity project could potentially be funded from CiL another council budget line. It was agreed that Council needs to have transparency when groups such as this apply for funding from more than one of the council's funding pots, ie small grants and CiL. The working party felt that Council should be asked to award the cost of the baseline biodiversity audit (circa. £10,000) from CIL or other council funds and recommended a revenue grant award of **£5,000**.

Sport Haslemere – The relatively small amount of money being requested will have a definite, positive impact on the person who receives the bursary, supports the council's youth strategy, and is a good use of council funds. The working party felt that the full **£500** should be awarded.

RECOMMENDED: That the £17,500 new revenue grant allocation in the 2024-25 budget is allocated as per the table below. All recipients requiring ongoing funding will need to reapply in September for the remainder of the council term.

Organisation	Reason	Amount requested	Suggested award
Crossways counselling	Expansion of counselling services	£ 4,980.00	£ 4,500.00
Haslemere Food Bank	Local people in food poverty	£ 7,500.00	£ 7,500.00
Haslemere Biodiversity Group	Haslemere Nature Recovery Strategy (HNRS)	£ 10,000.00	£ 5,000.00
Sport Haslemere	Create a Star	£ 500.00	£ 500.00
TOTAL		£ 22,980.00	£ 17,500.00

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