

SHEPTON MALLET TOWN COUNCIL

Meeting	Policy & Resources Committee , Item 5.13
Date	23 rd June 2020
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Subject	Covid-19 Donation Feedback

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To inform Councillors of feedback from organisations who received a specific donation for Covid-19 support.

2.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 The council was approached by a newly formed group, the Shepton Mallet Coronavirus Volunteers (SMCV), to request a donation to help the people of Shepton Mallet during the pandemic. The council agreed to give a donation of £2,000 with conditions on how the monies could be spent.
- 2.2 The council was approached by the Shepton Mallet branch of The Salvation Army (SMTSA), to request a donation to help provide food parcels for the people of Shepton Mallet during the pandemic. The council agreed to give a donation of £2,000.

3.0 COMMUNITY DONATIONS FEEDBACK

3.1 Shepton Mallet Coronavirus Volunteers

The group have spent £612 on foodstuffs, website, PPE and telecomms.

3.2 Shepton Mallet Salvation Army

The Salvation Army building is only being opened and used to provide a foodbank to feed vulnerable people in our community. An average of 62 people per week are being supported from our foodbank, with an average of 27 food parcels per week; this is to a mixture of individuals, couples and families. The cost of these parcels is on average £2004.93 per month. These are delivered with a combination of financial and food donations; currently, this month 35% financial and 65% food donations, from a range of businesses and individuals.

The full grant of £2,000 has been spent.

4.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 For Councillors to note the report.