

## SHEPTON MALLET TOWN COUNCIL

Meeting	Full Council, Item 10.9
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Subject	Grant Applications for the financial year 2021/22

### 1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 For Councillors to be informed of a recommendation from the Policy & Resources Committee, held on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021, in relation to the award of the grants for the financial year 2021/22.

### 2.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 Officers were requested, when preparing the overall budget for next year, to not increase the overall budget within the Policy and Resources Committee but to make available a sum of money that can be made as grants to local organisation. A total of £11,000 has been made available within the Policy and Resource budget to award to those making an application for funding. Following the terms of the council grant policy, several organisations applied to the town council for a grant from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021. The value of the funds within those combined grant applications exceeded the £11,000 and the committee considered the applications carefully and prudently to ensure that the £11,000 was distributed fairly and that different groups within society were also being supported with activities or agency support.
- 2.2 The Policy & Resources Committee considered the following applications and recommend to Full Council, the following grant awards:

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Amount</b>
SWEDA	£800
YMCA Youth	£1,000
Rubbish Art Project	£3,000
Wassail Theatre	£3,000
A&IT	£3,200

- 2.3 To note that the commitment to the A&IT will be subject to a Service Level Agreement and will continue for a 3 year period, with the option to request that the level of support be reviewed each October.
- 2.4 The Committee agreed that as the Mid Somerset Show is already are in receipt of grant funds from the council that they would continue to receive £500 but no more this year.

### 3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The grant requests above total £11,000 from an available budget of £11,000. These will be awarded after April 2021.

#### **4.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 4.1 For Councillors to agree with the recommendations from the Policy & Resources Committee and to delegate responsibility to the RFO to carry out the actions, to confirm the grants and produce a draft Service Level Agreement with A&IT for approval at the next Policy and Resources Committee meeting.
- 4.2 For the appropriate positive communications be undertaken to highlight this collaborative work with the relevant stakeholders.