



28 April 2022

To: Members of the Grants & Awards Sub Committee (Councillors C Palmer, K Cursons, S Hemmings, B Spurr, S Jones, A Dodwell, M Freeman, R Goodchild, A Gray and D Scott)
(Copies to all Town Councillors for information)

NOTICE OF MEETING

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of **Grants & Awards Sub Committee** to be held on **Monday, 9 May 2022** commencing at **7.30 pm** in the Council Chamber, The White House, Hockliffe Street, Leighton Buzzard, Beds, LU7 1HD.

**THIS MEETING MAY
BE RECORDED ***

Mark Saccoccio

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Town Clerk

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Schedule 12 of the Local Government Act 1972 requires a record be kept of the Members present and that this record form part of the minutes of the meeting. Members who cannot attend a meeting should tender apologies to the Town Clerk.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- (i) Under the Localism Act 2011 (sections 26-37 and Schedule 4) and in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct, Members are required to declare any interests which are not currently entered in the Member's Register of Interests or if he/she has not notified the Monitoring Officer of it.
- (ii) Should any Member have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in an item on the agenda, the Member may not participate in consideration of that item unless a Dispensation has first been requested (in writing) and granted by the Council (see Dispensation Procedure).

3. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC (3 MINUTES PER PERSON; MAXIMUM 15 MINUTES)

To receive questions and statements from members of the public in respect of any item of business included in the agenda, as provided for in Standing Order

No.s 3 (e) (f) (g) and 3(h).

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Pages 1 - 4)

(a) To receive and approve as a correct record the minutes of the Grants Sub-Committee meeting held on 21 February 2022 (**attached**), in accordance with Standing Order 12.

(b) To receive any information updates arising from the minutes (if applicable).

5. GENERAL GRANT APPLICATIONS (1ST ROUND FOR 2022-2023) (Pages 5 - 22)

(a) To note that the General Grant budget for the financial year 2022-2023 provides up to £9,000 of available funds (£1,000 of the total £10,000 budget having already been allocated at the meeting held 21 February 2022).

(b) To consider the deferred application from February 2022 for Body and Mind Martial Arts (verbal update).

(c) To consider 1st round applications for General Grants for 2022-2023 totalling £3,676.49 as per the attached schedule and summary, in accordance with the General Grant guidelines (copy attached).

6. GUARANTEED GRANTS (Pages 23 - 50)

(a) To receive and note the reports received to date from Guaranteed Grant recipients in respect of funding provided in 2021-22 (information **attached**; further information may **follow**).

(b) To note the budget allocation for Guaranteed Grants of £37,119 in 2022-23 (this represents an increase for RPI of 4.9% from the previous year).

(c) To authorise the release of 2022-23 grant funding to Guaranteed Grant recipients, subject to them having met the required criteria i.e. having provided a report and accounts for the previous year.

7. LEIGHTON-LINSLADE MUSIC CENTRE/INSPIRING MUSIC (Pages 51 - 62)

(a) To receive and note the information provided at the Spring term monitoring meeting (**attached**) and to authorise the release of 2022-23 funding in the amount of £9,357 (this represents an increase for RPI of 4.9% from the previous year).

(b) To receive and consider a verbal update on the Time Machine project funding previously provided to Inspiring Music (project delayed due to Covid).

8. CITIZENS ADVICE LEIGHTON-LINSLADE

Noting the report provided to Policy & Finance Committee on 22 November 2021 and that the next report will follow in November 2022, to approve the release of 2022-23 funding in the amount of £23,327 (this represents an increase for RPI of 4.9% from the previous year).

9. AWARDS SCHEMES

To receive a verbal update regarding awards.

Terms of Reference

- 1. To approve or refuse grant applications, in accordance with Council policy.*
- 2. To consider other requests for funding from the Town Council and where appropriate, make recommendations to Policy & Finance accordingly.*
- 3. To consider and make recommendations in respect of the annual Honorary Burgess award, in accordance with Council policy.*
- 4. To consider options in respect of nominations for other award schemes, as appropriate.*

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