

## **BEXHILL-ON-SEA TOWN COUNCIL**

<b>Agenda Item:</b>	<b>7 (a)</b>	<b>APPENDIX I</b>
<b>Report to:</b>	<b>Finance and Audit Committee</b>	
<b>Date:</b>	<b>11<sup>th</sup> February 2025</b>	
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Grants and Donations</b>	
<b>Summary:</b>	The committee is asked to consider paying out various grants to relevant organisations.	

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### **1. Background and objective**

- 1.1 Bexhill-On-Sea Town Council includes in its budget a sum of money in order to award grants to voluntary organisations and community groups that provide benefits for the residents of Bexhill-on Sea using the power provided by the Local Government Act 1972 s137.
- 1.2 One applications have been received to review and decide.

### **2. Purpose of the report**

- 2.1 The purpose of this report is to review the applications and consider payment of the grants.
- 2.2 The first table below shows a summary of checks made by the Responsible Financial Officer of the applications which shows if the council's criteria has been met or not.
- 2.3 The second table shows payments made year to date so a decision can be made if more than one application is made in a calendar year. There is no restriction to the number of times an organisation may apply for grant funding, however, the history of previous applications will be considered in the decision-making process. Priority will be given to first time applicants who fulfil the criteria.

Table One:

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Amount Required</b>	<b>Criteria Met</b>
Bexhill Cricket Club	£500.00	Bexhill Cricket Club celebrates it's 150 <sup>th</sup> year in 2025 playing at the Polegrove since the 1940's. They offer cricketing opportunities to all ages and abilities from ages 5 upwards including the only girls only cricket coaching offer in the area (next closest is Eastbourne). They are a not for profit organisation open to the local community in a playing and social capacity with a

		development plan that looks to grow the club, and the sport for all people within the next 5-10 years.  The grant is to replace the nets at the Polegrove.
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Table Two

Bexhill Choral Society	350.00
Bexhill Youth and Community Association	3,000.00
Hastings Sinfonia Orchestra	1,000.00
Mindful Oak Sussex CIC	510.00
St Peters Community Centre	1,854.00
Sparc PM Ltd	500.00
Bexhill Carnival	5,000.00
White Label Events	5,000.00
Bexhill in Bloom	5,000.00
Jesus Loves Bexhill	500.00
The Pelham CIO	446.00
Bexhill Senior Citizen Club	500.00
Community Supporters	5,500.00
Bexhill Wild CIC	480.00
ESSPA	2,000.00
Bexhill Arts Society	2,000.00

Current budget position:

Annual Budget: £42,000  
Spent to date: £33,640  
Left to spend: £ 8,360

**3. Recommendation**

- a) The committee is to review the Grants listed in Table One and decide whether to award the grant.