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To: Selection and Member Services Committee – 25 February 2021
Subject: KCC Combined Member Grant
Classification: Unrestricted

Summary: The Committee is invited to note the provisional grant recipient list of Combined Member Grants from 2017/18 to 2020/21, to approve that the list be uploaded to the KCC website for information and plans for future uploads.

- 1.1 The Combined Member Grant scheme has run for many years and provides an opportunity for individual Members to determine projects that make a difference to their communities.
- 1.2 A number of Members have asked for information regarding Combined Member Grant spend to be made available to an appropriate Committee of the Council. Following the new focus on the Combined Member Grants at this Committee, it was confirmed that a suitable time, all grants would be presented to the Committee. Given that the majority of grants for 2020/21 have now been processed, it was felt appropriate to bring forward the details at this meeting ahead of the end of this administrative cycle.
- 1.3 The publishing of details of grants to the voluntary community and social enterprise sector is mandatory, not only under the publication scheme (s19 FOIA) but also under the Local Government Transparency Code 2015.
- 1.4 The only exception to this will be during the Pre-Election Period, whereby the information shall be removed.
- 1.5 This information is now duly attached but in a provisional status as the Member Hub are still finalising the details. This is due to the recent closure of the Grants scheme and the influx of last-minute applications during the Christmas period and the changing of status of some grants due to the impacts of the pandemic over the last year.
- 1.6 In relation to future planning for better transparency of Member Grants, the Member Hub are currently developing a new system that will, subject to testing, be able to provide a real time view of Member Grants and can be linked to each Member page for easier user navigation.
- 1.7 Once developed and tested for website upload the information can be provided to the committee for independent testing prior to implementation.

Recommendation:

The Committee is requested to:

1. **NOTE** the provisional grant recipient list of Combined Member Grants from 2017/18 to 2020/21
2. **APPROVE** that the list be uploaded to the KCC website for information
3. **NOTE** plans for future uploads.

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Appendices:

- 1 List of Member Grants from 2017/18 to 2020/21