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To: Selection and Member Services Committee – 19 October 2023

Subject: KCC Combined Member Grants

Classification: Unrestricted

1. Combined Member Grants

1.1   As part of its Terms of Reference, this Committee is responsible for monitoring expenditure relating to Members allowances, expenses and services, and any Member Grants Schemes. Following the financial closedown period and analysis of the grants processed during the 2022/23 period, a report is now available for your information and attached as an appendix.

1.2   The publishing of details of grants to the voluntary, community and social enterprise sector is mandatory under the publication scheme (s19 FOIA) and Local Government Transparency Code 2015. Information should be published at least annually.

1.3   The only exception to this is during the Pre-Election Period, where the information will be removed.

1.4   Many grants were awarded in the last financial year supporting a variety of organisations and thanks are given to Ollie Streatfield, Lucy Bigwood, Grace Kukkola, Jenny Leagas, Dilpreet Sall and Katie Southworth from the Member Hub team and Janet Kent from Business Support for their work in processing the grants in line with guidelines. Additionally, the team along with Jackie Hicks, were instrumental in the production of this report.

2. Covid-19 Local Recovery Fund Grants 2021/22

2.1   During the presentation of the 2021/22 grants, Committee Members highlighted that the Covid-19 Local Recovery Fund Grants had not been formally presented; to ensure that they are formally recorded, the information is presented as an appendix.

Recommendation:

The Committee is requested to:

- note the grant recipient list for the Combined Member Grants 2022/23;
- note the Covid-19 Local Recovery Fund Grants 2021/22; and
- approve the upload to the KCC website.

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Appendix:

List of Combined Member Grants 2022/23
List of Covid-19 Local Recovery Fund Grants 2021/22