

<b>Agenda Item; Increase in Small Grants Budget Submitted by; Fay Atkinson</b>
<b>1. Approval;</b> Recommendation for Approval
<b>2. Purpose of the Report</b> To Increase the grant fund from £20,000 to £25,000 for this 22/23 financial year
<b>3. Background Information</b> The fund for small grants has almost been spent for this financial year which is extremely positive for the council as this has provided financial support to local organisations for projects and proposals which will enhance the quality of life for Belper residents. In the past this funding has benefitted numerous community groups providing an array of services and opportunities throughout the town. There remain another 2 months of the financial year which will undoubtedly result in further applications being submitted for a small grant which the council may be minded to support.
<b>4. Legislation</b> None
<b>5. Accessibility Implications</b> Grant applicants complete accessibility training.
<b>6. Climate Emergency Implications</b> None
<b>7. Corporate Plan Implications</b> In keeping with the core values and themes outlined in the Corporate Plan 2021 – 2024, a strong commitment was made to support the many volunteer organisations that make our town such an invigorating and caring community.
<b>8. Financial Implications</b> The council could fund from reserves.
<b>9. Recommendation</b> To increase the grant fund by £5,000
<b>10. Reasons for recommendation(s)</b> To support local organisations.