

## **POLICY, GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

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**Date:** Monday 1 February 2021

**Title:** Grants and Subsidised Lettings

**Contact Officer:** Democratic Services Officer – Nichola Cayley

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### **Background**

The current remaining budget for 2020-21 budget cycle is £14, 140.00.

The current remaining budget for subsidised lettings for 2020-21 is £1,390.

### **Applications**

The following applications have been received, although tentatively agreed through the budget setting process already, the Council needs to formally approve them so that the funds can be realised accordingly : -

1. Citizens Advice Bureau – has requested £1, 000. This money is in the budget and is ringfenced for them so would not impact on the general grant budget.
2. Oxford Play Association – has requested £1, 000 for the play day in 2021. Deferred from 2020 due to COVID-19, the Stronger Communities supported the rolling over of the budget from the current year. A separate budget line has been agreed for this grant. The play day is scheduled for August this year.

The Committee has also received two notes of thanks from Witney Mills Cricket Club, and Volunteer Link Up.

### **Environmental impact**

There would be no environmental impact if these requests were granted.

### **Risk**

In decision making Councillors should give consideration to any risks to the Council and any action it can take to limit or negate its liability.

The Council has a policy and criteria for which it uses to award its grants to ensure public funds are allocated and used appropriately.

The Council has the General Power of Competence (GPC) which generally these grants are awarded under, as well as a specific power to support Citizens Advice Bureaux – Local Government Act 1972, s142(2a).

### **Financial implications**

If these requests were to be granted both the grants budget and the subsidised lettings budget would remain unchanged. Members would need to agree to roll over the budget from the current year for the Oxfordshire Play Day into the 2021- 22 budget.

### **Recommendations**

Members are invited to note this report and consider the requests for funding as detailed in this report and the attached grant applications.