

## POLICY, GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

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**Date:** Monday, 3 October 2022

**Title:** Annual Grant Application – Volunteer Link Up

**Contact Officer:** Deputy Town Clerk – Adam Clapton

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### Background

The Town Council supports several local organisations which offer a significant community benefit within Witney by way of an annual grant.

### Current Situation

A budget of £500 for Volunteer Link-Up is set for the current financial year. A request has been received from the organisation for £2,000 due to a rising demand for services and assistance with training/retention of volunteers (application attached).

### Environmental impact

There would be no environmental impact if the requests were to be granted.

### Risk

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 grants are awarded under.

### Financial implications

- As outlined, the budget set for annual financial support to Volunteer Link Up is £500.00 (4162/407).
- If a higher amount were to be considered it would need to be funded from the remaining discretionary grant budget (4100/407). The balance currently stands at £17,740.00 with a final round of awards due in January 2023.

### Recommendations

Members are invited to note this report and,

1. Consider the request for annual funding (above the budgeted amount) for Volunteer Link-Up for 2022-23.