

Subject: Shopfront Improvement Grant Scheme Subcommittee

Report to: EMT- 23 March 2017
Economic Development Committee- 3 April 2017

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RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Economic Development Committee approve the terms of reference for the Shopfront Improvement Grant Scheme Subcommittee and approve the subcommittee recommendations for the awarding of grant funding to recent applicants of this scheme.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Economic Development Committee agreed to support the Shopfront Improvement Grant Scheme on 21 November, 2016, with a fund of £60,000. It was agreed that a subcommittee would be formed to meet regularly to review the applications with the view of determining acceptance or rejection and the level of grant successful applications would receive.

1.2 The members of the subcommittee are Cllr B Coleman, Cllr K Grey and Cllr M Jeal. The Subcommittee met for the first time on Thursday, 16th March, 2017.

2. TERMS OF REFERENCE

2.1 At this meeting it was noted that the terms of reference were yet to be agreed for the subcommittee. Terms of reference have subsequently been drawn up by Nplaw for approval by this committee, see appendix 1.

3. REVIEW OF GRANT APPLICATIONS

3.1 During this meeting the subcommittee also reviewed eight applications and in doing so established a number of recommendations for approval by this Economic Development Committee. See appendix 2 for these recommendations.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There is a fund of £60,000 allocated to the scheme with a maximum grant of £3,000 allowed for each applicant upon acceptance of their application by and subject to approval of their claim form by the subcommittee.

5. RISK IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Risks are mitigated by officers and the Shopfront Improvement Scheme Subcommittee adhering to the framework as agreed by the Economic Development Committee on 21 November, 2016.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

6.1 It is recommended that Economic Development Committee approve the terms of reference for the Shopfront Improvement Grant Scheme subcommittee and approve the subcommittee recommendations for the awarding of grant funding to recent applicants of this scheme.

Appendix 1 Terms of Reference

1. A subcommittee of the Economic Development Committee is formed review the shop front grant funding applications.
2. The nominated members of the subcommittee are Cllr B Coleman, Cllr K

Grey and Cllr M Jeal.

3. The purpose of this subcommittee is to receive and determine applications for grants in respect of shop fronts, in the context of Town Centre regeneration and as such Economic Development Committee delegate decisions regarding this scheme to this subcommittee.

Appendix 2 Grant Funding Recommendations

Applicant	applied for (75%)	application approved - rejected	grant amount to be approved
Stephen Cook - Branded Toys	£ 891.00	Approval	£ 891.00
Ryan Lawes - Gentlemen's Headquarters	£ 1,950.00	Approval	£ 1,950.00
Michael Pywell - The Kings Arms	£ 3,000.00	Rejection (out of the area)	
Andreas Panteli - 21 Regent Road	£ 3,000.00	Further information required	
Jonathan Mott - Papa Johns	£ 3,000.00	Rejection	
Richard Marks - Woodcraft	£ 1,645.23	Approval	£ 1,645.23
The Sock Stop - Sharon & Jonathan Hanks	£ 3,000.00	Approval	£ 3,000.00
Mike Wallis, Wallis' Wonders	£ 1,026.00	Approval	£ 1,026.00

TOTAL TO AWARD			£ 8,512.23
REMAINING BUDGET			£ 51,487.77

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Economic Development Committee Report – Shopfront Improvement Grant Scheme, 21 November, 2016.

Area for consideration	Comment
Monitoring Officer Consultation:	n/a
Section 151 Officer Consultation:	n/a
Existing Council Policies:	Covered in the report
Financial Implications:	Covered in the report
Legal Implications (including human rights):	Covered in the report
Risk Implications:	Covered in the report
Equality Issues/EQIA assessment:	n/a
Crime & Disorder:	n/a
Every Child Matters:	n/a