



<b>Title of Report:</b>	<b>Livesmart Community Environmental Grant Programme</b>
<b>Committee Report Submitted To:</b>	<b>Environmental Services Committee</b>
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	<b>12<sup>th</sup> April 2022</b>
<b>For Decision or For Information</b>	<b>For Decision</b>

<b>Linkage to Council Strategy (2021-25)</b>	
Strategic Theme	Climate Change and our Environment
Outcome	Our natural assets and spaces are managed and developed to recognised standards and processes
Lead Officer	Head of Operations

<b>Budgetary Considerations</b>	
Cost of Proposal	£10,500
Included in Current Year Estimates	Yes
Capital/Revenue	N/A
Code	25402 2560
Staffing Costs	N/A

<b>Screening Requirements</b>	Required for new or revised Policies, Plans, Strategies or Service Delivery Proposals.		
Section 75 Screening	Screening Completed:	N/A	Date:
	EQIA Required and Completed:	N/A	Date:
Rural Needs Assessment (RNA)	Screening Completed	N/A	Date:
	RNA Required and Completed:	N/A	Date:
Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA)	Screening Completed:	N/A	Date:
	DPIA Required and Completed:	N/A	Date:

## **1.0 Purpose of Report**

1.1 The purpose of this report is to recommend that Council approve the Community Environmental Grant programme for the period 2022-23.

## **2.0 Background**

2.1 On 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021 Council agreed a Pilot Community Environmental Grant Programme.

2.2 The total grant fund agreed was £10,500 and was derived from the annual Street Cleansing budget.

2.3 The Pilot Grant scheme programme opened on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2021 and closed on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

2.4 Thirty-three applications were received by the closing date.

2.5 Twenty-three applications were successful and 23 Letters of Offer were issued totalling £10,438. Letters of Offer were awarded to a variety of organisations including community associations, community development groups, parent teacher associations and youth groups.

## **3.0 Proposed Grant Programme for 2022 -2023**

3.1 The purpose of the LiveSmart Community Environmental Grant Programme is to provide small grants of £500 to local community and voluntary organisations. The grants are to give financial assistance to allow groups and organisations to:

- (1) Improve the general cleanliness in their local area, particularly in respect of litter;
- (2) Promote recycling, reuse and waste reduction;
- (3) Look at ways of reducing carbon footprint by taking simple, practical actions such as planting.

3.2 There are several specific objectives which applicants must address. An application can address more than one objective but only one is necessary:

- RecycleSmart: aims to reduce waste by educating, engaging and inspiring us all to buy less, reuse more, recycle and compost.
- LitterSmart: aims to reduce litter through education, encouraging responsible disposal and supporting local people to carry out litter lifts.
- ClimateSmart: aims to reduce our carbon footprint by increasing our knowledge of sustainability and empowering change with simple, practical actions such as planting vegetables, fruit, native shrubs and pollinator plants.

#### 4.0 Assessment & Scoring Criteria:

4.1 The criteria set out in the table below will be used for assessment and scoring of grant applications:

Criteria	Score out of a possible 5	Weighting	Possible Score
1. Good project description; range of activities, quality of project; fit with the fund objectives.		X4	20
2. How well the need has been demonstrated		X2	10
3. How well the project includes participation from the wider community and involves a range of people		X2	10
4. Area deprivation score		X1	5
5. How well the project is promoted & publicised.		X1	5
			<b>50</b>

**Applications must achieve a minimum score of 65% to be considered for funding.**

#### 5.0 Recommendation

**It is recommended** that the Environmental Services Committee agrees the Community Environmental Grant Programme for the 2022-23 period with a budget of £10,500.