

Record of Decisions

Community Grant Fund Policy 2025/2026

Decision Taker

Cabinet on 09 June 2025.

Decision

That the Community Grant Fund Policy 2025/2026 set out at Appendix 1 to the submitted report be approved and opened to applications in accordance with the policy, subject to Paragraph 3.1 being amended to read 'the fund is primarily designed to provide support for organisations providing projects of a capital nature but up to 25% of the total grant funding available may be allocated to applications for projects requiring revenue funding. Revenue funding applications will need to demonstrate lasting benefit to residents living in the communities they are designed to support.'

Reason for the Decision

To provide further funding to the voluntary and community sector organisations in support of the Council's long-term objectives for the Bay.

Implementation

This decision will come into force and may be implemented on 23 June 2025 unless the call-in procedure is triggered (as set out in the Standing Orders in relation to Overview and Scrutiny).

Information

Torbay Council is introducing a Community Grant Fund for 2025 to further support the voluntary and community sector organisations because the Council believed that a vibrant Third Sector was vital to the community.

The Council was committed to supporting organisations that delivered projects which had a beneficial impact on the local community and supported one or more of the Council's strategic themes from the Torbay Community and Corporate Plan. This grant fund aimed to further enable work in Torbay's deprived areas outside of Torquay, which was benefiting from other significant place-based funding.

At the meeting Councillor Tyerman proposed and Councillor Chris Lewis seconded a motion that was agreed unanimously by the Cabinet, as set out above.

Alternative Options considered and rejected at the time of the decision

This fund was considered in the approval of the budget for 2025/2026. The option to not spend this allocation has been discounted as it does not meet the aims and objectives.

Is this a Key Decision?

No

Does the call-in procedure apply?

Yes

Declarations of interest (including details of any relevant dispensations issued by the Standards Committee)

None

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Signed: _____ Date: _____
Leader of Torbay Council on behalf of the Cabinet