



TODMORDEN TOWN COUNCIL

Item 13 – Full Council 16th March 2022

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REPORT TO FULL COUNCIL

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Date	16th March 2022
Subject	Grant Awards – West Yorks Police & Todmorden Information Centre

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. To remind Members that under Financial Regulations paragraph 1.6 the Resources Committee can only approve grant payments up an amount of £3,000 and within overall budget provision.
2. To inform Members that the Resources Committee on the 16th February 2022 to considered two grant requests before them:-
 - a. West Yorks Police for provision of 2 additional PCSO's (50/50 funded) in an amount of £36,264.
 - b. Todmorden Information Centre for salary provision of town centre information services in an amount of £25 ,155.94
3. To recommend to Full Council that an award of £36,264 be made to West Yorkshire Police for 2022/23 and that the standard funding agreement be entered into by the Town Clerk
4. To recommend to Full Council that an award of £15,380 be made to Todmorden Information Centre for 2022/23 and that payment be made quarterly in advance on production of a quarterly update report.

BACKGROUND

West Yorkshire Police Grant Application – see Appendices 1 and 2

5. The Resources Committee received a presentation from Inspector Ben Doughty ahead of the meeting, where the benefit of having in place the two additional PCSO's was outlined to Members. See Appendix 1
6. Additional questions were raised and reflected in the draft minute of the meeting – see Appendix 2

Todmorden Information Centre – See Appendices 3 and 4

7. Prior to the meeting the Resources Committee had received notes of exchanges between the Town Clerk and the Applicant regarding the Accounts of the TIC and an underspend of £6,478 in funds awarded, and year-end Financial Reserves which had increased during the covid pandemic, owing to covid support grants being received.
8. The TIC requested that rather than repay this underspend in one amount, they be allowed to phase repayment of this over a four-year period which members felt was reasonable given that they had decided to award £17,000 for this year less £1,620 = £15,380.
9. In agreeing to this request, the Resources Committee did not commit future awards of grant but that if minded in doing so, future awards in years 2,3 and 4 will also be reduced by this figure of £1,620.
10. Should future awards not be made, and part of this underspend still not recovered, then under the grant agreement, clawback would apply.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

11. Adequate budget provision has been made when setting budgets for 2022/23.

RECOMMENDATION

12. That Full Council agree an award of £36,264 be made to West Yorkshire Police for 2022/23 and that the standard funding agreement be entered into by the Town Clerk.
13. That Full Council agree an award of £15,380 be made to Todmorden Information Centre and such award be apid quarterly in advance subject to receipt of quarterly updates of activities carried out.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

14. Full Council approval is required to approve grants at these levels.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

15. None arising from this report

DETAILS OF CONSULTATION:

16. None arising from this report.

CLIMATE CHANGE:

17. None arising from this report.

IMPACT EQUALITY ASSESSMENT

18. None arising from this report.

SUPPORTING PAPERS:

Appendix 1 - WYP Presentation

Appendix 2 - Draft Minute of Resources Committee

Appendix 3 - TIC Grant Application

Appendix 4 - Additional information

Further Information, Please Contact: Naomi Crewe