

Dorchester Markets Joint Informal Panel 29th January 2020 Distribution of grants from the Dorchester Market Car Boot Fund for the Financial Year 2018-19

For Decision

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Recommendation:

To provide members with an overview of the distribution of the Dorchester Market Car Boot Fund for the financial year 2018-19.

Reason for Recommendation:

1. Executive Summary

To ensure that the panel is updated on the grants awarded from the Dorchester Car Boot Fund in 2019 and the number of local projects and initiatives supported as a result of the income generated by the weekly Sunday Car Boot Sale held at Dorchester Market

2. Financial Implications

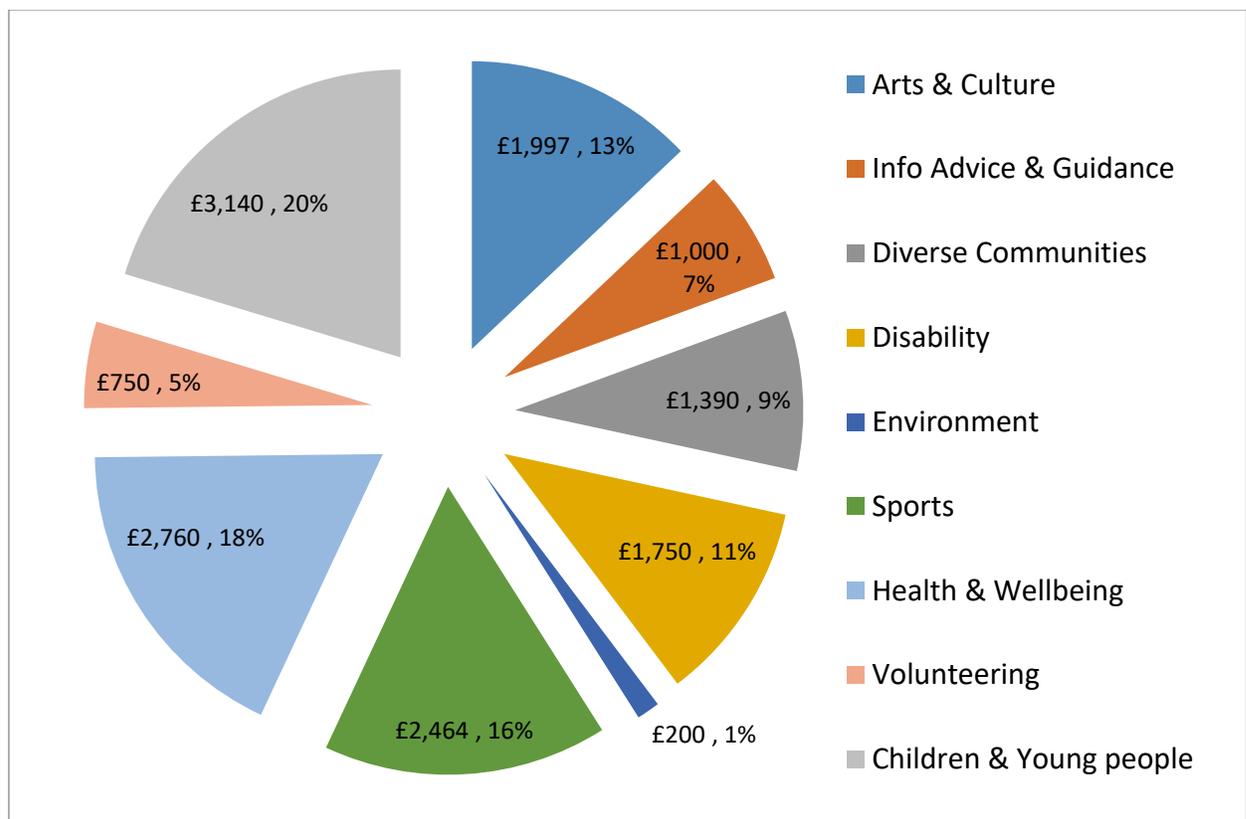
The Dorchester Market Car Boot Fund is financed entirely by the income from the car boot sales. The fund is managed and administered by officers in the Community Development Team.

3. Climate implications

4. Other Implications

The Dorchester Market Car Boot Fund opened for applications on the 23 January 2019 and closed on the 31st March 2019. Information about the fund was distributed locally and was also available on the Dorset for You website. A total of 45 applications were received which was 8 less than the previous year. The Grant awarding panel met on the 17th July 2019 to consider the applications. A total of 31 community and voluntary organisations were successful and the total amount awarded was £15,739.

The diagram below gives an indication of the type of organisations and activities funded by the Dorchester Market Car Boot Fund



A full list of applicants and amount funded is detailed in Appendix 2

Officers from the Planning (Community Policy & Development) Team are involved in the management and administration of the fund

5. Risk Assessment

Having considered the risks associated with this decision, the level of risk has been identified as:

Current Risk: Low

Residual Risk: Low

The Dorchester Market Car Boot Fund is subject to auditable standards of governance. All applications are assessed against clear criteria and organisations and groups are required to submit the necessary documentation.

6. Equalities Impact Assessment

Dorset Council has a statutory duty to promote equality through all of its services and expenditure, including grant aid. The funding of community based projects helps to provide a wide range of activities for all residents and support for those in need.

EQIA Screening Tool attached as Appendix 1

7. Appendices

Appendix 1: EQIA Screening Tool

Appendix 2: A list of applicants for the 2018-19 funding and projects funded

8. Background Papers

Dorset Council receives income from the Sunday Dorchester Car Boot Sale held on the Dorchester Market site. A proportion of this income is distributed to community and voluntary organisations via a community fund that is managed and administered by the Council through a panel comprising of members from Dorset Council and Dorchester Town Council.

The principle of using car boot sale returns to fund a grant scheme was first established in 1997 when Dorchester Markets Joint Committee created a donation scheme using the income from the weekly Dorchester car boot sale

9. Dorchester Market Car Boot Fund Criteria

The Dorchester Market Car Boot Fund is open to community and voluntary organisations and in order to be shortlisted the following criteria must be met:

- Organisations must be operating or supporting residents living within a 6.67 mile radius of the market and within the West Dorset District Council boundary.
- All organisations must have a written constitution or terms of reference.
- All organisations must have an equal opportunities policy or be working towards adopting such a policy.
- If relevant, organisations must have safeguarding policy for vulnerable adults and/or children.
- All organisations must submit a copy of their most recent set of accounts or if a new organisation a copy of a recent bank statement

The Dorchester Market Car Boot Fund will look to re-open for applications at the beginning of February 2020.

Footnote:

Issues relating to financial, legal, environmental, economic and equalities implications have been considered and any information relevant to the decision is included within the report.