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Agenda Item: 102 2a Draft Community Grants Policy
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1 Purpose. To consider the recommendation of the Finance and Strategy Committee to adopt the draft Community Grants Policy and application form.

2 Decision Required. Councillors are asked to adopt the policy and give delegated authority to the Finance and Strategy Committee to approve grants up to the value of £3,000.

3 Background

3.1 At the Finance and Strategy Committee Councillors agreed changes to the grants policy including changing the name of the policy from 'Donations Policy' to 'Community Grants Policy'.

3.2 A list of organisations who have received grants from the Council is provided as document 102d.

4. Policy Amendments

4.1 The changes to the policy and the application form are highlighted in blue. The main changes are:

- Asking applicants to explain how their project supports the Town Council's vision for the Town
- That Council is looking to provide grants of no more than £3,000
- That there is the option for Council to gift items to organisations so that the VAT can be reclaimed
- That conditions are placed on successful applicants
- That applicants must provide information about their governance and finances
- That applicants must seek the best price for any single item that exceeds £1,000.

5. Recommendation

5.1 That Full Council resolve to adopt the Community Grants Policy and application Form.

5.2 That Full Council amend the Finance and Strategy's Committee's Terms of Reference giving delegated authority to approve grant applications up to the value of £3,000.