

Part I

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WELWYN HATFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL  
GRANTS BOARD – 4 FEBRUARY 2020  
REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES'

2019/20 QUEENS SAPPHIRE JUBILEE AWARDS

**1 Executive Summary**

- 1.1 A total of 34 applications have been received from young people for the Queen's Sapphire Jubilee Awards (QSJA) in 2019-20, totalling £11,000. These are set out in Appendix A to this report.
- 1.2 There is £6,000 in total available for the Jubilee Awards during the financial year 2019/20 to be awarded through the community grants process.
- 1.3 This is the only round of Jubilee Awards.

**2 Recommendation(s)**

- 2.1 Members of the Grants Board are asked to consider all Jubilee Award Applications (Part II) and make a recommendation to Cabinet in accordance with the council's priorities and criteria.

**3 Explanation**

- 3.1 There are 34 applications totalling £11,000 for 2019/20 Queens Sapphire Jubilee Awards to be reviewed:
- 3.2 QSJA enables the awarding of grants to help and encourage talented young people to reach their full potential in pursuit of their chosen vocation in sport, art, craft or dance.
- 3.3 The award can be put towards coaching, training or tuition costs; travelling expenses; competition entry fees; or the purchase of kit and equipment.
- 3.4 All of the applications received in respect of this year's QSJA are set out in Appendix A. All have been checked by Officers to ensure they have completed all the appropriate paper work as agreed by the Grants Board.
- 3.5 The full criteria for which the Council reviews grant applications is set out in the Community Grant Policy (<http://www.welhat.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=795>).

**Implications**

**4 Legal Implication(s)**

- 4.1 There are no legal implications connected with this report.

## **5 Financial Implication(s)**

- 5.1 The budget available in the current financial year is £6,000. The Grants Board has yet to decide on any awards in this financial year, so the full amount is available for allocation at this time.
- 5.2 The total amount applied for this year is £11,000.
- 5.3 The applications for year 2019/20 comprise of:
- Eight applications at Exemplar level (£500 each)
  - Twenty Two individuals applied for an Improver Grant (£300 each)
  - Four applications from a Starter Grant (£100 each).
- 5.4 Members of the Grants Board have the authority to increase, decrease or reject applications as part of their decision-making process, by adhering to the same eligibility criteria across all applications which are received.

## **6 Risk Management Implications**

- 6.1 There is a risk related to providing grants to individuals in that there is the possibility that they might not be able to fulfil their ambition as outlined in their applications. There is also the possibility that an individual does not spend the grant provided on the agreed costs as per their applications.
- 6.2 The risks are mitigated as much as possible through the application process, where information is provided about the individual, including receiving independent references from each potential award winner asking to detail the reason they should receive a financial grant.
- 6.3 Risk Score Likelihood Low; Impact Low to Medium. Overall risk score Low

## **7 Security & Terrorism Implication(s)**

- 7.1 In complying with the Prevent duty Local Authorities need to ensure that publicly owned resources do not provide a platform for extremists and are not used to disseminate extremist views.

## **8 Procurement Implication(s)**

- 8.1 There are no procurement implications

## **9 Climate Change Implication(s)**

- 9.1 There are no climate change implications

## **10 Human Resources Implication(s)**

10.1 There are none arising from this report.

**11 Health and Wellbeing Implication(s)**

11.1 Providing grants to young individuals within our community will go toward the council in meeting its objectives to improve the health and wellbeing of the borough.

**12 Communication and Engagement Implication(s)**

12.1 There is responsibility placed on all recipients of council community grants to ensure that the council is mentioned within all associated publicity and promotion. Part of the agreement of the QSJA is that individuals provide feedback on how the grant was used.

12.2 The council's communications department are given all associated details to ensure that publicity is given to successful grant applicants.

**13 Link to Corporate Priorities**

13.1 Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council Grants Board looks to support projects which help achieve Council's Corporate Priorities. Applications for community grants need to contribute to at least one of the following:

1. Our Community
2. Our Environment
3. Our Housing
4. Our Economy
5. Engage with our communities and provide value for money.

**14 Equality and Diversity**

14.1 An EqIA was not completed because this report does not propose changes to existing service-related policies or the development of new service-related policies.

14.2 Those organisations applying for a council grant are required to produce evidence of their commitment to equality and diversity.

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**Background papers**

Appendix A: Summary of all Queen's Sapphire Jubilee Award applications for 2019/20, note that the names of the individuals have been removed for data protection and safeguarding purposes.

Category	Activity	Amount requesting
Exemplar	Sport - Football	£500
Exemplar	Sport - Basketball & Hockey	£500
Exemplar	Sport - Cycling	£500
Exemplar	Sport - Badminton	£500
Exemplar	Dance	£500
Exemplar	Sport - Swimming	£500
Exemplar	Sport - Golf	£500
Exemplar	Sport - Cycling	£500
Improver	Sport - Tennis	£300
Improver	Sport - Tennis	£300
Improver	Sport - rock climbing	£300
Improver	Sport - Triathlon	£300
Improver	Sport - Netball	£300
Improver	Sport	£300
Improver	Music - Cello, voice, bass & piano	£300
Improver	Sport - Roller hockey	£300
Improver	Sport - Football	£300
Improver	Dance	£300
Improver	Sport - Cycling	£300
Improver	Challenge - Drama	£300
Improver	Sport - Table tennis	£300
Improver	Sport - Roller hockey	£300
Improver	Sport - Basketball	£300
Improver	Dance	£300
Improver	Sport - Pentathlon	£300
Improver	Music - Trumpet	£300
Improver	Sport - Roller hockey	£300
Improver	Sport - Roller hockey	£300
Improver	Dance	£300
Improver	Dance	£300
Starter	Dance	£100
Starter	Dance	£100
Starter	Sport - Motorbiking	£100
Starter	Dance	£100
		£11,000