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| <b>Meeting</b>          | Community Development Committee                   |
| <b>Date</b>             | 1 <sup>st</sup> August 2023                       |
| <b>Report Title</b>     | Grant Application Process Report                  |
| <b>Agenda Reference</b> | 14A                                               |
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### Officer's Recommendations:

1. To note the report.

### Background/ Project Update

It is a part of the Community Development Officer's role to seek grant funding for Parish projects and initiatives in order to supplement Council's budgets. In addition to applying for grants, the Community Development Officer and her Team seek sponsorship, this can be financial or provision of materials, for example cycle stands or refreshments for an event.

Funding priorities are decided by the Council each year, to give the Officer guidance on sourcing appropriate funding streams. For 2023-2024 the priorities are Memory Café, tree planting and an outdoor gym (minute reference CD 181). Funding priorities will be discussed again in May 2024.

### Grant Applications

Criteria is set for each grant application, and there is qualifying criteria for the majority of funding streams. Requirements are different for each grant, and can include project planning, delivery, outcomes and evaluation. Population statistics, such as indices of deprivation, are often used by external funders to assess the suitability of applications. Grant bodies occasionally give feedback and sometimes it is the case that the Council simply does not meet the required criteria.

### Example of a Grant Application

Attached is an example of a grant funding application made in 2022. No detailed feedback was provided on the reason this bid was not successful.