

To Councillors

March 2017

Grants and Donations 2016/2017

Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 enables local councils to spend a limited amount of money for purposes for which they have no other specific statutory power of expenditure.

You have asked that consideration of grant donations be added to the agenda which if agreed would have to be awarded using your power under S137 LGA 1972.

You have no budgeted amount for charity grants under S137 Local Government Act 1972 for the year 2016/2017.

You have £50 budgeted for a donation to Citizens Advice Bureau, you have the power to give to CAB under S142 of LGA 1072 which covers the providing of information.

You make a contribution towards the insurance of the defibrillator which can only be made using your power under S137 however you do hold reserve funds for defibrillator expences and did not budget it separately.

You have received three letters of application to date from the following charities;
Headway – Brain injury association
SARS – Suffolk Accident Rescue Service
Suffolk Age UK.

Recommendation:

That council consider awarding a grant to CAB to the value of the budgeted amount.

That council note, should they consider awarding further grants any amount will need to come from reserves.

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