

## **AGENDA 12, Enc ix) GRANT FUNDING – ANNUAL AND SMALL GRANTS 2026/27**

### **Purpose**

To confirm membership of the Grant Funding Working Group and agree to reconvene to review the 2025/26 process and prepare recommendations for the 2026/27 funding round.

### **Background**

The Grant Funding Working Group comprising Cllrs Caroline Ball, Marjorie Chambers, Kerry Davison, Karl Green, and Lynne Grimshaw reviewed how grants had been applied previously, feedback received from organisations, and the Council's priorities, and made recommendations for the 2025/26 funding round. With the current funding year now complete, it is appropriate to reconvene the Working Group to review how this worked in practice and consider whether any changes are required. The Working Group will:

- Review how the 2025/26 guidelines, application process, and assessment criteria worked in practice
- Consider any amendments for the 2026/27 rounds

The group also successfully assessed applications for the 2025/26 Annual Grant round, with Small Grants delegated to officers.

### **Recommendation**

The Committee is asked to:

1. Agree membership of the Grant Funding Working Group; are those Cllrs previously involved happy to continue, are any additional members required?
2. Approve the reconvening of the Grant Funding Working Group
3. Note that the Working Group's recommendations on guidelines, process, and criteria will be brought to the Finance and General Services Committee in March for approval ahead of the 2026/27 funding rounds