

# DEMOCRATIC AND ELECTORAL SERVICES

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Dear Councillor

## HEALTHY COMMUNITIES POLICY ADVISORY GROUP

The next meeting of the Healthy Communities Policy Advisory Group will be held as follows:

DATE: THURSDAY, 25TH FEBRUARY, 2016

TIME: 6.00 PM

# VENUE: ROOM 6, CAPSWOOD, OXFORD ROAD, DENHAM

Only apologies for absence received prior to the meeting will be recorded.

Yours faithfully

Jim Burness

## Director of Resources

To: The Healthy Communities Policy Advisory Group

Mr Anthony Mr Bastiman Mr Egleton Mr Kelly Dr Matthews Mr Pepler Mr Walters MBE

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## AGENDA

1.	Apologies for Absence	(Pages)
2.	Community Safety Accreditation Scheme Presentation	
	To receive a Community safety Accreditation Scheme presentation.	
3.	Minutes	
	To receive the minutes of the PAG from the 3 December 2015.	(5 - 6)
4.	Reports from Members	
5.	Healthy Communities Update Report	
	To consider the report of the Head of Healthy Communities.	(7 - 12)
6.	Reports Likely to Lead to the Portfolio Holder making a Decision in Accordance with the Scheme of Delegation to Cabinet Members	
7.	Beacon Centre Survey Request	
	To consider report of the Director of Services.	(13 - 14)
8.	Subscriptions & Donations to Community Organisations for 2016-17	
	To consider report of the Director of Services.	(15 - 16)
	Appendix 1	(17 - 32)
9.	Reports Likely to Lead to the Portfolio Holder making a Recommendation to Cabinet	
10.	Reports for Noting	
11.	Any Other Business	

12. Exempt Information

The next meeting is due to take place on Monday, 13 June 2016

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## HEALTHY COMMUNITIES POLICY ADVISORY GROUP

#### Meeting - 3 December 2015

Present:	Mr Egleton (Chairman)
	Mr Bastiman, Dr Matthews and Mr Walters MBE

Also Present:Mr BaggeApologies for absence:Mr Kelly and Mr Pepler

#### 28. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the PAG held on 17 September were agreed.

### 29. BUCKS HOME CHOICE

The PAG received a presentation regarding the operation of, and general background to the Bucks Home Choice Scheme, which they found particularly informative.

#### 30. PRIVATE SECTOR HOUSING AND JOINT HOUSING ASSISTANCE POLICY

The PAG received a presentation regarding Private Sector Housing, including the challenges posed, and the Joint Housing Assistance Policy.

The Portfolio Holder asked members of the PAG to consider the points raised so that they can be discussed in more detail at the Member briefing session on 3 February 2016.

### 31. **REPORTS FROM MEMBERS**

The PAG noted a written report from Mr. Pepler regarding the Meeting of the Buckinghamshire Healthcare Trust on 30 September 2015.

Dr Matthews gave an oral update regarding the HS2 response on AP2, concentrating on the noise issues around Mansion Lane Caravan Park.

### 32. HEALTHY COMMUNITIES UPDATE REPORT

The PAG, after being introduced to Ben Coakley, the newly appointed shared Environmental Health Manager, received a report on the Healthy Communities Portfolio, which included updates on the newly implemented Environmental Health Shared Service. The PAG noted that infrastructure is currently being put in place to enable the team to work from both sites, alongside mobile working.

In terms of Public Health and Nuisance, the team had been working with Planning Policy in order to mitigate the infrastructure impacts of: HS2 depot at Langley; M4 Smart Railway Public Inquiry; Western Rail Access; Heathrow.

The PAG noted that violent crimes within South Bucks had increased by 17.2%, most likely due to the change in national recording standards.

#### (a) <u>Community Development Grants</u>

The PAG considered a report on the application from Gerrards Cross Fun Run for funding for the purchase of medals for participants of the fun run. The total medal cost is £1,347.48, and with maximum eligibility for funding at 50%, the maximum amount that could be allocated was£673.74 which could be met from the existing budget.

The PAG noted that the Council had supported this event in 2013/14 when a grant of  $\pounds$ 1,000 was made. A grant of  $\pounds$ 1,250 had also been made in 2010 but as one of the conditions was not met, the grant was reduced by 50%.

• Having considered the advice of the PAG, the Portfolio Holder has **AGREED in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation to Cabinet Portfolio Holders,** that a grant of £673.74 be made to the Gerrards Cross Fun Run on condition they submit a Safety Advisory Group form in accordance with the Council's guidance.

## (b) Portfolio Budgets 16/17

The PAG received a report presenting the draft revenue budget, and fees and charges schedule for 2016/17 for the Health and Housing Portfolio. The report outlined the context of the overall financial position facing the Council for the coming year.

In considering the report the PAG particularly noted the following inflation assumptions:

- Salaries inflation from April 2016 of 1%
- Contracts inflation 1.9% (unless different rate specified within contract)
- Business rates 1.9%
- Gas 1.8%, Electricity 9% and water 1.9%
- Insurance 3.5% as Insurance Premium Tax has gone up from 6% to 9.5%
- Other expenditure heads
- Income 0%.

The PAG also noted that the 2016/17 budget of  $\pounds$ 1,500,000 was an increase of  $\pounds$ 82,000 on the current year's approved budget due to reasons set out in paragraph 4.4 of the report. The PAG were made of aware of the risks within the budget, the main risk being homelessness expenditure which was demand driven and sensitive to the general economic climate.

Having considered the advice of the PAG, the Portfolio Holder has **RECOMMENDED** for submission to the Cabinet:

1) The 2016/17 revenue budget

2) The 2016/17 fees and charges

### 33. FARNHAM PARK CHARITABLE TRUST BUDGET

The PAG received a report presenting the draft revenue and capital budgets, and fees and charges schedule for 2016/17 for the Farnham Park Charitable Trust Budgets and noted that the report would be discussed further at the meeting of The South Buckinghamshire Members Advisory Panel on 7 December 2015

### 34. **REPORTS FOR NOTING**

None.

### 35. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mr Egleton updated the PAG on the demonstrations that had occurred outside the Windmill Road Mosque and said that the Police had determined that no public order offences had been committed.

The meeting terminated at 7.55 pm

# SOUTH BUCKS DISTRICT COUNCIL – COMMUNITY, HEALTH AND HOUSING SERVICES UPDATE February 2016

SUBJECT	UPDATE
Shared Housing Service	<ul> <li>The working arrangements of the shared housing service are being continuously reviewed to identify opportunities for improved service delivery and sharing of resources across the two authorities. The service is continuing to operate surgery sessions at the SBDC offices on Wednesdays and Fridays for customers who have to see an officer (e.g. a homelessness case) and cannot attend the CDC office. These meetings are by prearranged appointment.</li> <li>Two Housing Options Advisers have been appointed following resignations in December</li> <li>Held the Member workshop 3<sup>rd</sup> February which considered the current and future housing and homelessness pressures facing both CDC and SBDC and identified opportunities to be included in the Housing Strategy</li> </ul>
Bucks Home Choice	As at 11 <sup>th</sup> February 2016, a total of 578 applicants were registered with South Bucks District Council for Bucks Home Choice and were entitled to express interest in vacant social housing tenancies. A further 189 applicants were registered as Housing Options cases meaning that they have applied to Bucks Home Choice but do not qualify for the scheme and cannot express interest in vacancies. Applicants who are assessed as Housing Options cases will have received advice on their alternative housing options via the Bucks Home Choice website. The availability of properties to let via Bucks Home Choice has continued to be low compared with the number of households registered with Bucks Home Choice. Since 1 April 2015, an average of just two properties per week have been available for letting and been advertised. Consequently, many applicants in South Bucks continue to face a long wait for accommodation.
	For properties let in South Bucks via Bucks Home Choice since 1 April 2015 the average waiting times for an applicant to be rehoused have been:- 1 bedroom flat = 15 months 2 bedroom house = 14 months 3 bedroom house = 24 months 4 bedroom house = No Lettings
Homelessness	To date in 2015/16 (since 1 April 2014), South Bucks DC has determined a total of 66 homelessness applications of which 50 were deemed to be subject to the main homelessness duty (i.e. the duty to secure accommodation).
	This pressure on the housing options and homelessness service is evident in the continuing high demand for temporary accommodation for homeless households. The combination of this rising demand with a lack

	of available vacancies in the social housing stock has resulted in an increase in the number of households in temporary accommodation. As at 8th February 2016, SBDC had a total of 57 homeless households in temporary accommodation including 26 in B&B. Of the 26 households in B&B, a total of 9 were households with/expecting children who had been in B&B for at least six weeks. Officers are working actively to move these households on to alternative accommodation. The demand for temporary accommodation and use of bed and breakfast results in an estimated net expenditure of £77k as the expenditure on B&Bs is only partially offset by Government subsidy.
	<ul> <li>Officers continue to look at securing additional and alternative temporary accommodation provision including:-</li> <li>SBDC continues to utilise six properties owned by Thames Valley Police as temporary accommodation (located adjacent to the Police Station on Oxford Road, Gerrards Cross) via Bucks Housing Association. It has been agreed that SBDC can continue to utilise these properties as temporary accommodation during 2015/16 until Thames Valley Police TVP is disposes of the property in 2016/17</li> <li>Officers have been utilising several Paradigm-owned properties in Amersham and South Bucks as temporary accommodation for SBDC clients pending their re-development or disposal.</li> <li>In October 2015, uses 4 vacant former student housing L+Q units in Wycombe as temporary accommodation.</li> </ul>
Private Sector Housing and DFGs	<ul> <li>Since 1 April 2015 in the Council's DFG (Disabled Facilities Grant) Capital Programme:-</li> <li>45 grants for adaptation works have been approved</li> <li>38 grants have been completed (some of these grants were originally approved prior to 1 April 2015)</li> <li>SBDC's Disabled Facilities Grant capital budget is on schedule to be fully committed before the end of 2015/16.</li> <li>The team is working with and increased number of landlords who are letting or proposing to let properties as HMOs (Houses in Multiple Occupation).</li> <li>DECC Green Deal Communities programme is on target to achieve 586 improved properties across the 15 LAs in the partnership scheme. The scheme has also been extended to support those in fuel poverty enabling 92 households in SBDC to register an interest in energy efficiency improvements, 46 Green Deal applications sent out, 25 grant applications received, with 12 offers of assistance made so far.</li> <li>Additionally the fuel poverty group has enabled residents with respiratory and cardiovascular illness to access the Better Housing Better Health</li> </ul>

	The boiler replacement scheme of benefits, in SBDC to access n		olds, in receipt
Affordable Housing	In 2015/16, there have been 4 additional affordable homes delivered in South Bucks funded through the Acquisition or Your Choice Equity Loan scheme. These schemes utilise Commuted Sums arising for section 106 agreements. The current position on the councils availability of community sums is		
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	Total received (including interest)	£5,459,302	
	Total spent (including re-charges)	£3,454,592	-
	Total committed (approved minus spent)	£1,057,407	
	Newly committed STG site (12 affordable rented properties)	£235,000	-
	Total Available	£712,303	1
	Since 2011 Commuted Sums har residents through the operation	n of;	omes for SBDC
	Scheme Type	Numbers	
	BuyBacks/Acquisitions	31	
	YourChoice Equity Loan	22	
	New build conversion grant	3	
	Tenant Incentive to Purchase	1	
	Tenant Incentive to Downsize	8	
	Numbers delivered (Jan 2011 to-date)	65	
	A full report on commuted sum	is will be presented to the r	next PAG
Housing Related Support (Supporting People) contracts	The existing Supporting People services in Bucks were renewed (2015/16 and 2016/17). Most s and have had to review and red services affected in South Buck Padstones and Bucks Floating S	d for most suppliers for a fu suppliers have had a cut in duce their services accordin s (i.e. that currently have SI	rther two years their funding gly. The

	Bucks County Council is now reviewing how homelessness support and prevention services should be delivered after the existing contracts come to an end (i.e. at the end of 2016/17). Bucks CC has held initial discussions with District Council Housing Managers to consider what service provision will be required beyond 2016/17 and further strategic discussions are taking place later in November.
Licensing	The draft Taxi and private hire policy will be presented to the licensing committee in March for consideration ahead of formal consultation
	300 of the 450 drivers licenced for CDC and SBDC have been trained on Safeguarding through the Bernardo's Night Safe programme enabling drivers to be aware of DV, CSE and other safeguarding matters. The courses were well received by the trade and follow up courses are planned for late February and March.
	All drivers will be expected to take the training as part of their competency to be a 'fit and proper' person. New applicants will be required to receive training and the knowledge test has been updated to incorporate questions on safeguarding.
	Meeting with Taxi trade for SBDC raised a number of issues in relation to use of Chiltern Rail station forecourts, impact of the 3-year and 5-year fees, licence renewal reminders, information of the DBS updater service. Trade is seeking a joint Taxi forum with statutory agencies to support improved partnership working with businesses. Taxi rank provision remains a concern for the trade and the Council will facilitate discussions with Highways over the provision. The trade also wishes to see a limit on the number of licences issued.
	These matters will be considered at policy renewal.
Environmental Health Shared Service	The shared service is now operational across both councils and all data has been migrated to the shared Uniform database enabling remote access to information and documents.
	Team building and development is currently being undertaken to deliver a single team culture and procedures.
	Food business performance has improved so that 94% of food outlets are compliant with regulatory standards. Work will be undertaken in addition to the risks based inspection programme to drive standards up in the 6% poorly performing premises.
	The 2014/15 air quality report has been submitted to DEFRA
	<ul> <li>Ongoing work includes:-</li> <li>Increasing activity around partnership working on ASB</li> <li>Update report sent to the Local Government Ombudsman regarding the extending monitoring of alleged nuisance at Lent Rise Road Burnham</li> </ul>

	<ul> <li>Working with Licensing and Housing relating to caravan site at Dudley Wharf</li> </ul>
	Prior approval requests for Crossrail, Pinewood, Mill Lane Taplow
	Working with Planning Policy to ensure mitigation of infrastructure impacts of:-
	<ul> <li>HS2 moving the Heathrow Express depot to Langley</li> </ul>
	M4 Smart Motorway Public Inquiry
	Western Rail Access
	Heathrow
Community Safety	Whilst South Bucks remains a very safe place with low levels of crime there has been an increase in crime - current figures for the rolling 12 month period:- 209 burglary dwelling crimes up 7% to 223 in 2014
	2315 burglary non-dwelling crimes up 8% 291 in 2014
	407 thefts from vehicles down 9% down from 445 in 2014
	Continued low incidents of recorded ASB
	667 all violent crimes (non-physical i.e. bullying, threats) up 33% from 503
	in 2014. This is understood to be linked to the change in national
	recording standards and the increase has been seen across the Force.
	The team has supported the launch of a Dementia-Friendly Communities in Iver and Denham, the launch was attended by over 25 different groups and businesses who may take opportunities to become more dementia- friendly.
	The winter burglary plan continues with the top repeat victim roads being targeted with the Police and Community Safety team. Residents have been visited and offered crime reduction advice/timer switches and SelectaDNA.
	The Community Safety Partnership received a community trigger in Iver and following the review no further action was required by the agencies.
	Domestic Homicide Review, the 1st draft report has been produced which will be the subject of review before submission to the Home Office. The case has proceeded to trial at Reading Crown Court with 3 persons being charged with murder and offences of joint enterprise.
	Community Cards – visiting all schools year 6 to encourage sign up 16 signed up.
	The Home Office Prevent grant has been used to deliver WRAP training in schools and feedback is that there is good take up from schools in CDC and SBDC, more than in other areas of Bucks
	Staff are currently delivering the 'Community Response to Extremism' video to faith leaders and young people in the community with a session at Fulmer Mosque

Community and	Officers are preparing the SBDC brief to consider the future leisure needs
Leisure	of the district to enable options to be considered in relation to the Evreham Centre.
	Supporting the annual Chairman's Community and Volunteering Awards 2016 is now open for nominations
	http://www.southbucks.gov.uk/Chairmansawards
	Safeguarding policies agreed and updated, training being rolled out to staff and later Members
	Held the Community Cohesion Forum which considered the impact of Doorstep Crime on the vulnerable and the challenges faced by the Welfare Benefit Changes
	Four proposals submitted for £15k to fund the Active Bucks Proposals including:
	Walking Football in Burnham
	<ul> <li>Young people activities in Beaconsfield</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Yoga and Pilates in Gerrards Cross</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Activities in local parks for Wexham and Iver</li> </ul>
	Indoor Rowing competition is scheduled for 1 and 3 March 2016.
	Delivered 2 training events enabling SBDC Voluntary Sector Groups and Parish Councils to on ' <i>what do management committees do</i> '
	The Wexham and Iver Residents Survey
	<ul> <li>A joint survey with Bucks County Council identified the priorities as being;</li> <li>Traffic and HGV implications on Major infrastructure projects</li> <li>Parking issues</li> </ul>
	Footpath Improvements
	<ul> <li>Reducing social isolation for the elderly and vulnerable</li> <li>Fly tipping</li> </ul>
	The team will work with CIB and BCC on Good Neighbour schemes in Iver and Denham following feedback from the Prevention Matters project.
	Dementia Communities – working with the countywide partnership to create dementia communities in South bucks with launch events in Iver, Denham and Burnham
	Supporting the community clean in celebration of the 'Clean for the Queen' campaign
	Delivering the 2016 National Citizenship Service programme in the district building on the success delivered in 2015.

SUBJECT:	Mechanical Electrical and Structural Survey at the Beacon Centre
REPORT OF RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	Martin Holt – Head of Healthy Communities
REPORT AUTHOR	Claire Speirs – <u>Claire.speirs@southbucks.gov.uk</u> 01895 837306
WARD/S AFFECTED	Beaconsfield

# 1. Purpose of Report

To seek authority to carry out a mechanical, electrical and structural survey at the Beacon Sports Centre and Theatre.

# 2. RECOMMENDATION

That the Cabinet Member approves expenditure of up to £30k from the capital budget to carry out a mechanical, electrical and structural survey of the Beacon Sports Centre and Theatre after considering the advice of the Healthy Communities PAG

# 3. Reasons for Recommendation

The last survey of the Beacon Centre was carried out in June 2006 prior to the appointment of the current contractor. It is recommended that as a landlord responsibility a condition survey is undertaken every 5 years. As South Bucks District Council is responsible for the external maintenance of the Beacon Centre this survey will enable staff from GLL and SBDC to develop a joint maintenance plan for the building and to provide an update of the maintenance that has occurred through the contract with GLL. The survey will also facilitate future capital budget preparation.

# 4. Content of Report

- 4.1 Beacon Sports Centre and Theatre is owned by South Bucks District Council and has been operated by GLL (Better) since 1<sup>st</sup> April 2007 under the Leisure Management Contract. GLL (Better) took over the contract from Wycombe Leisure Limited in January 2011. GLL are under contract to manage the Beacon Centre until 20th October 2021.
- 4.2 As part of the tendering process to appoint a contractor to manage the Beacon Centre, a structural survey was carried out by Vail Williams LLP Building Consultancy in June 2006. There have been no surveys since this date.
- 4.3 The Leisure Management Contract states that the contractor is responsible for all costs associated with the maintenance of the Centre except for the fabric of the building, which remains the Council's responsibility. The areas of this Council's responsibility are listed below:
  - Foundations
  - Structural steelwork and concrete excluding internal surface finishes
  - Walls and cladding excluding internal surface finishes
  - Roofs excluding internal surface finishes
  - Doors including frames but excluding ironmongery, locks and glazing
  - Windows including frames, but excluding ironmongery, locks and glazing
  - Lightning conductor
  - Paved, tarmacadam and concreted areas excluding general cleansing

- External guttering, gullies, drains, manholes and soakaways
- External water, gas, electricity and telecommunications equipment where it is not the responsibility of the statutory authority concerned
- Replacement but not maintenance of air conditioning equipment and boilers subject to failure not being due to lack of maintenance
- Replacement of all-weather areas but not maintenance or cleansing subject to any failure not being due to Contractors negligence.
- Replacement of granwood floors or equivalent but not maintenance, resealing or cleansing subject to any failure not being due to Contractors negligence.
- Replacement of CCTV system but not maintenance subject to any failure not being due to Contractors negligence.
- 4.4 In order to plan for any preventative works at the centre a new survey needs to be carried out to establish the condition of the building. This will enable successful budgeting for any maintenance works and reduce any unexpected maintenance issues. It is estimated that the cost of carrying out the necessary structural survey is between £20k and £30k. Tenders will be sought by the Property and Contracts team in accordance with the Council's Contract Procedure Rules.

# 5. Consultation

Not Applicable

# 6. Options

The Cabinet Member could decide not to carry out a survey at this time. However, this would not accord with recommended practice in terms of the Council's responsibilities under the Leisure Management Contract or facilitate a plan for future maintenance of the building.

## 7. Corporate Implications

- 7.1 Financial Carrying out a new survey will enable improved management of budgets and planned maintenance expenditure.
- 7.2 Legal The Council has a legal obligation under the Leisure Management Contract to maintain the fabric of the building in a safe condition and undertaking a condition survey will identify any disrepair that could impact on the health and safety of occupants.
- 7.3 Environmental Issues A condition survey could identify opportunities to reduce CO2 emissions enabling the council to plan progress against its climate change obligations

## 8. Links to Council Policy Objectives

The proposed survey meets the objectives of providing great value services and promoting sustainability by optimising the effectiveness of our resources and assets and promoting a healthy, sustainable and safe built environment

## 9. Next Steps

If authority is given the procurement process for commissioning a survey will begin.

Background	None other than the documents referred to in the report
Papers:	

SUBJECT:	Subscriptions & Donations to Community Organisations for 2016-17
REPORT OF THE RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	Martin Holt – Head of Healthy Communities
REPORT AUTHOR	Claire Speirs – 01895 837306 – Claire.Speirs@SouthBucks.gov.uk
WARD/S AFFECTED	As detailed in the Appendix to the report

# 1. Purpose of Report

To consider the requests for subscriptions and donations received from community organisations for financial year 2016-17 and to agree the sums to be paid.

# 2. RECOMMENDATION

That the Cabinet Member agrees the grant payments to community organisations in financial year 2016-17 having regard to the recommendations set out within Appendix 1 to the report and the comments of the Healthy Communities PAG.

# 3. Reasons for Recommendation

The application from each community organisation has been reviewed and the recommended levels of funding are based on how the application meets the funding criteria, how it benefits the community and whether it meets the Council's priorities.

# 4. Content of Report

- 4.1 Community and Voluntary organisations have been invited to apply to the Subscription and Donation fund for the 2016-17 financial year. Funding is awarded ahead of the financial year so that the community and voluntary groups can plan for a full year of service.
- 4.2 Information for the assessment of applications is based on the strategy recommended by the Policy Advisory Group as follows:
  - (a) A need for financial assistance;
  - (b) How the project/service benefits the community (linking into how the project supports identified needs and gaps);
  - (c) Clear links to the Council priorities
  - (d) The number of residents, businesses or groups that will benefit from the project/service;
  - (e) Past performance of the organisation;
  - (f) Open access to the community;
  - (g) The percentage of the overall grant requested;
  - (h) Whether other funding has been sought;
  - (i) Whether charges are made for the services provided;
  - (j) Whether services / activities will help to reduce local inequalities.
- 4.3 The criteria stipulates that the funding is to be used for general running costs and cannot support purchase of equipment, capital expenditure, sport or cultural events or one off community events.
- 4.4 Details of the applications are summarised in the Appendix to this report. Comments have been included on meeting the objectives of key strategies and information on last

year's payments. In addition recommendations from Officers for funding are also included and feedback from Members.

4.5 The recommendations for funding have been made based on each application's merits, on a case by case basis, rather than ensuring the full budget is allocated at this stage. As a result funding would remain available in the 2016-17budget. Following consideration of the officer's funding recommendations and if there is budget still available, further applications can be entertained throughout the financial year 2016-2017. Should any of the budget remain unallocated at the end of the financial year one option for consideration is to transfer these monies to the Chairman's Fund.

# 5. Consultation

As set out in the Appendix

# 6. Options

The proposed budget for Subscription and Donations in 2016/2017 is £31,680. From this budget £8,708 has been designated for the Bucks Infrastructure Contract as approved by members on  $3^{rd}$  March 2015, leaving £22,972 available for allocation to the remaining voluntary and community sector organisations. The total amount requested from the Subscriptions and Donations budget is £64,841.98 from 18 applicants. The amount of funding recommended by officers having regard to the Council's funding criteria and priorities is £22,850. This level of funding can be agreed or other sums allocated to the community organisations up to the available budget of £22,972. The options for dealing with any unallocated budget are to entertain further in-year applications or to transfer unallocated funds to the Chairman's Charity Fund

# 7. Corporate Implications

7.1 Financial - there are insufficient funds in the budget to cover the all the funding requested by community organisations for 2016/17. But following assessment of the requests by your officers against the PAGs funding criteria and Council priorities, the recommended funding can be met within the allocated budget.

## 8. Links to Council Policy Objectives

Details of how each application links to the Council policy objectives is detailed within Appendix 1

## 9. Next Steps

Applicants will be informed and payment made after the Cabinet Member's decision

Background	Application forms and accompanying information as summarised
Papers:	in Appendix 1

Organisation	Abbeyfield Society	Alexander Devine Children's Hospice	Bucks Best Kept Village
Amount Requested	£3,000	£2,500	£350
SBDC Grant last year	Applied for £2,080 in 2015- 16, application refused, has been refused in the past. High cost but limited number of beneficiaries.	Did not apply.	£100 awarded.
Recommendation	<b>Refuse:</b> Large request for funding for small number of beneficiaries. Has been refused in the past	Partial grant £1,200	<b>Refuse:</b> Whilst the council is supportive of the competition, money from this grant pot should not be used for this event as it does not meet the criteria. Recommend it's funded from the Chairman's Fund.
Councillor Feedback			
Links to SBDC Aims & Objectives	<ul> <li>Promote healthier communities</li> <li>Address the needs of the elderly and those who are vulnerable.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Promote healthier communities</li> <li>Address the needs of the elderly and those who are vulnerable.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Promote local communities</li> <li>Support the voluntary sector and promote volunteering</li> <li>Promote sustainability         <ul> <li>Promote a healthy, sustainable and safe build environment</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Information for consideration	Total cost of project is £15,000 Funding will help to pay for Day Care attendance for those in the community who cannot afford it.	Funding will be used for to provide 71 hours of respite care. They give vital medical, emotional and well-being support for the whole family who have children with life-limiting and life-threatening conditions in families' homes in South Bucks.	Funding will be used to cover costs of administering competition in South Bucks Last year 4 villages in South Bucks entered the competition; Dorney, Fulmer, Hedgerley & Gerrards Cross. Competition launches in March and all villages are eligible to enter.
Outline of Work	Abbeyfield Society provides a highly professional care service for the Elderly with an emphasis on reducing loneliness and isolation while encouraging and enabling residents and day care attendees to retain dignity and independence.	Hospice is the only Children's Hospice in the area, families travel from Guilford and Oxford to attend. The children will often have very complex illnesses that can affect fine and gross motor skills, key functions or learning abilities. They	Judging the Bucks Best Kept Village in South Bucks. The money will be used to meet the running costs of the competition such as administration, judges' expenses, signs and cup engraving.

Other Information			
Charge for Services Need for financial assistance	There is no charge for services No: amount requested is a small proportion of income.	There is no charge for services Yes: cash rich. £3.5m of reserves, represents nearly 6 years of expenditure. Cash reserves are being built up to build a new children's hospice in Bucks.	£16 per entry Yes: Ongoing reliance on our contribution
Authorities and trusts	Beaconsfield old Church School Soc. £3000 from Shanley Foundation Remaining £6,000 will be raised through fundraising.	Syder Foundation, application pending. £2,000 has been sought from Hildar Farr Charitable Trust - application pending	£4,035 Applications submitted to: BCC £800 AVDC £350 CDC £350 WDC £350 Milton Keynes £350 All applications pending.
No. of residents or groups served in S.Bucks Funding from other	6 £3,000 from The	Based in Maidenhead but group are currently supporting 10 families in the district. They have also supported a further 4 children to end of life since 2014 from South Bucks £2,000 has been sought from	24,325 (based on population of participating villages in 2015) Total cost of project is
		require constant medical attention so parents become carers 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. This can be physically and emotionally exhausting for parents so respite care allows parents to have a necessary break, which helps with the wellbeing of the whole family.	

Organisation	Bucks Mind	Bucks Play Association	Bucks Vision
Amount Requested	£3,379.48	£2,000	£1,200
SBDC Grant last year	Did not apply	Applied but funding refused	Awarded £500
Recommendation	Partial award £1,200	<b>Refuse:</b> 380 members county wide, application states over 50% from South Bucks. This seems too high for one district, only one of the advertised 6 centres is in South Bucks.	Partial award. £800
		Website only advertises library in Beaconsfield, not the drop in centres in Iver & Denham	
Councillor Feedback	Encouraged to support this as worthwhile cause for adult residents of the southern wards of South Bucks. See my comments on similar service for young people (11-25) on application from Time to Talk. Cllr. Luisa Sullivan		
Links to SBDC Aims & Objectives	<ul> <li>Promote healthier communities</li> <li>Address the needs of the elderly and those who are vulnerable.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Promote healthier communities</li> <li>Work with communities affected by the closure of services to deliver them in an alternative way.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Promote healthier communities</li> <li>Address the needs of the elderly and those who are vulnerable.</li> </ul>
Information for consideration	Funding will be used for member of staff for 4 hours a week, travelling costs and room hire at a new support group in Iver	Total cost of project is £60,000 county wide, the South Bucks element is £7,700 Funding will be used for staff costs, insurance, IT support, venue hire, van hire and fuel costs.	Funding will be used for costs of running a social club in Stoke Poges; hall hire, providing teas, lunches, entertainment and a raffle.
Outline of Work	Bucks Mind works to support and represent people with mental health needs throughout the whole of Buckinghamshire. They do this through providing a	The Bucks Play Association is a registered childrens charity providing a wide range of play services and opportunities to families and member groups via a variety	Bucks Vision organises outings and entertainment for blind and partially sighted people. They also provide general support to members through home

	wide variety of high quality services to meet our communities mental health needs. They run a support group at Burnham Library, with up to 10 people regularly attending the group which supports them with their mental health needs and provides them with social opportunities within a safe and nurturing environment. Bucks Mind would also like to start a support group in Iver so that the people in both the South East and South West of the county have the same opportunities to access services that are routinely available to people with mental health needs in less rural areas.	of projects. The Boomerang Toy Library. A toy loan facility run Beaconsfield library that supports anyone involved in childcare including parents/grandparents, child- minders, nurseries, preschools and Children Centres. Has 380 members who have access to over 2,500 toys that are available to hire. (380 members county wide). The group also attends drop in centres at childrens centres in Beaconsfield, Denham and Iver	visits and arranging shopping and transport for hospital and dental appointments.
No. of residents or groups served in S.Bucks	50+	<ul><li>220 current users at the drop in, it is estimated 180 of these are from South Bucks.</li><li>80 families use the service at Beaconsfield library</li></ul>	50-60
Funding from other Authorities and trusts	None, total costs are £3,379.48	The remaining £5,700 will be funded by: Paradigm - £500 awarded Bucks Community Foundation £1000 awarded Big lottery - £5,000 not awarded Big Lottery Sustainability £3,000 - pending £90,000 funding from Bucks County Council was cut 18 months ago	No others have been submitted, short fall will be made up from members monthly fees and reserves
Charge for Services	There is no charge to users	There is a membership fee ranging from £18 - £40. Hire fees for toys range from 50p to £7.50 for a month's hire.	£4 per month
Need for financial assistance	Marginal. Does not benefit large number but no other services are provided in the area. Specific project may not go ahead if we do not fund.	Yes: With the level of profit the project will probably not go forward without grant income.	Marginal: High reserves compared to expenditure, low reliance on grants but possibility of ongoing donation from parents.

	Reserves would cover 25% of expenditure.	Reserves of £21k, this is not to target as large donation is now paid to parent organisation.
Other Information		

Organisation	Burnham Youth Centre	Carers Bucks	Chiltern MS Centre
Amount Requested	£5,675	£2,000	£1,000
SBDC Grant last year	£1,000 awarded	£1,300 awarded.	£1,000
Recommendation	<b>Partial award:</b> £750 to be used towards youth worker salary.	<b>Partial award:</b> £1,300	<b>Award</b> £1,000 Only facility available for SB residents.
Councillor Feedback			
Links to SBDC Aims & Objectives	<ul> <li>Improve community safety         <ul> <li>Work with our key partners to help safeguard children and vulnerable adults and prevent them becoming victims of crime</li> <li>Work with partners to reduce crime, fear of crime and antisocial behaviour</li> </ul> </li> <li>Promote local communities         <ul> <li>Support the voluntary sector and promote volunteering</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Promote healthier communities         <ul> <li>Address the needs of the elderly and those who are vulnerable.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Promote local communities         <ul> <li>Support the voluntary sector and promote volunteering</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Promote healthier communities         <ul> <li>Address the needs of the elderly and those who are vulnerable.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Promote local communities         <ul> <li>Support the voluntary sector and promote volunteering</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Information for consideration	Funding will be used for: Electricity - £1,500 Telephone - £175 Youth worker salary - £4,000 Total cost of these items is £22,700 for the year	Funding is required to run carers support groups based in Denham & Iver Heath. The funding would be for the running costs of both these groups for the financial year April 2016-March 2017.	Funding is required to contribute to the salary of a physiotherapist; the total cost of a physiotherapist is £17,800. In 2015-16 280 people received physiotherapy at the centre.
Outline of Work	Burnham Youth Club helps to educate young people through their leisure time activities to develop their physical, mental and spiritual capacities so that they may grow to full maturity as individuals and member of society.	Carers Bucks support unpaid carers in Buckinghamshire and promote the interest of carers as well as advance public education regarding carers in that area.	The Chilterns MS Centre provides services to 300 people with multiple sclerosis (MS) every week, plus their families and carers (an additional 284 people). Services include specialist neuro- physiotherapy, oxygen therapy, hydrotherapy, occupational therapy and complementary therapies such as reflexology and acupuncture. Since the NHS provides no long-term treatment for people with MS, the services are considered by many to be a

			lifeline. Requesting funding for physiotherapists salary.
No. of residents or groups served in S.Bucks	150-200 children from South Bucks attending each week, 450 children on database.	55	50
Funding from other Authorities and trusts	No other funding has been sourced.	No other funding has been sourced	Bouttell Bequest £5,000 awarded Shanley Foundation £5,000 awarded AVDC Community Chest £5,000 awarded Lionel Abel-Smith Foundation £1,500 awarded Rothschild Foundation £5,000 awarded
Charge for Services	Children pay £2.50 per session.	There is no charge for services	No charge for service, users are asked to become members of service £25 for the year.
Need for financial assistance	Yes: Has £33k in reserves, covers 74% of expenditure. Has financial need to fund increasing wage bill.	No: Unrestricted reserves cover 29% of expenditure. Made a profit of £808k, reduced to £58 if a large one off endowment is ignored.	Marginal: Has £175.5k in unrestricted reserves, covering 75% of gross. Made £42.75k profit in 2013/14
Other Information	Has support from Community Safety Manager: 'Any youth club that provides activities for young people to divert them away from crime and ASB can only be a good thing and worthy of investment'.		

Organisation	Dorney Youth Club	Garvin Avenue Over 65 Club	Groundwork Thames Valley
Amount Requested	£620	£367.50	£5,000
SBDC Grant last year	Awarded £541	Awarded £100	Did not apply
Recommendation	Partial award £500	Partial award £100	<b>Refuse</b> Falls under education remit. Parents usually pay for school trips.
Councillor Feedback			
Links to SBDC Aims & Objectives	<ul> <li>Improve community safety         <ul> <li>Work with our key             partners to help             safeguard children and             vulnerable adults and             prevent them becoming             victims of crime             Work with partners to             reduce crime, fear of             crime and antisocial             behaviour</li> </ul> </li> <li>Promote local         communities         <ul> <li>Support the voluntary             sector and promote             volunteering</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Promote healthier communities         <ul> <li>Address the needs of the elderly and those who are vulnerable</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Conserve the environment         <ul> <li>Safeguard our heritage for future generations</li> </ul> </li> <li>Promote sustainability         <ul> <li>Promote a healthy, sustainable and safe built environment</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Information for consideration	Funding will be used for annual insurance, trip to Longridge for 24 children, first aid and safeguarding training.	Funding will be used to cover cost of hiring the Curzon Centre for meetings until March 2017. 21 meetings at £17.50 per meeting	<ul> <li>Funding will be used to Support the running of a variety of Environmental Education visits to Iver Environment Centre for schools across South Bucks.</li> <li>The focus will be on science and maths activities which contribute and enhance what the pupils are learning in school and to show teachers how they can teach these topics outdoors back in their school.</li> <li>Usual cost of a visit is £210. Schools will be charged £60 for a visit. Shortfall of £150 £150 x 20 = £3,000</li> <li>Schools will be given £100 towards transport costs (£100 x 20 = £2,000)</li> </ul>

Outline of Work	Dorney Youth Club provides an opportunity for the youth of the Parish to meet weekly in a safe environment where they can socially interact and learn to become active members of their local community. The club promotes self-awareness, team building, citizenship, support for others as well as providing educational activities and life skills training.	Garvin Avenue over 65 Club provides an opportunity for elderly people in Beaconsfield and the surrounding area to meet, socialise, be entertained and informed and be taken on outings.	<ul> <li>Groundwork Thames Valley based in Iver focusses on the following themes.</li> <li>Youth &amp; Learning - delivering a range of training and employment programmes.</li> <li>Greener Living and Working - developing and delivering environment-based education in schools and at our own centres.</li> <li>Parks and Open Spaces - creating and managing green spaces for community benefit.</li> </ul>
No. of residents or groups served in S.Bucks	30 regular members (52 members in total)	23	Application states 20 schools in South Bucks will benefit from the visits Schools who will be offered the opportunity: Iver Heath Junior, Iver Heath Infant, Iver Village Infant, Iver Village Junior, The Stoke Poges School, St Mary's Farnham Royal CE Primary, St Peter's CE Primary, Dorney School, Dropmore Infant, Fulmer Infant, Denham Village Infant, Farnham Common Junior, Farnham Common Infant, Dropmore Infant, St Mary & All Saints Church of England Primary, Butlers Court. This is only 16 schools, remaining 4 are out of district.
Funding from other Authorities and trusts	No other funding has been sourced	No other funding has been sourced	No other funding has been sourced
Charge for Services	£1 per week per child	Membership is £2 per year.	Schools will be charged £60 per visit, this is usually £120
Need for financial assistance	Yes: Has £3k in reserves, covered just 1 year expenditure. High reliance on grants	Yes: Made a loss of £54 in year ending 31/12/2014. Unable to operate without support to cover cost of hall hire	No: Accounts submitted are for 2013/14. Has reserves of £807k - 10% of expenditure. Is profit making.

Other Information	Has support from Community Safety Manager: 'Any youth club that provides activities for young people to divert them away from crime and ASB can only be a good thing and worthy of investment'.		
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Organisation	Mona Lisa Arts & Media	Padstones	Relate MTB
Amount Requested	£1,500	£10,000	£1,000
SBDC Grant last year	Did not apply	£6,200	Awarded £500
Recommendation	Partial award £500	Partial award £6,000	Partial award £500
Councillor Feedback			
Links to SBDC Aims & Objectives	<ul> <li>Improve community safety         <ul> <li>Work with our key partners to help safeguard children and vulnerable adults and prevent them becoming victims of crime</li> <li>Work with partners to reduce crime, fear of crime and antisocial behaviour</li> </ul> </li> <li>Promote local communities         <ul> <li>Support the voluntary sector and promote volunteering</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Improve community safety         <ul> <li>Work with our key             partners to help             safeguard children and             vulnerable adults and             prevent them becoming             victims of crime             Work with partners to             reduce crime, fear of             crime and antisocial             behaviour</li> </ul> </li> <li>Promote healthier         communities         <ul> <li>Address the needs of the             elderly and those who             are vulnerable</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Promote healthier communities         <ul> <li>Address the needs of the elderly and those who are vulnerable</li> </ul> </li> <li>Promote local communities         <ul> <li>Support the voluntary sector and promote volunteering</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Information for consideration	The running costs include the following:- Artists costs, room hire, telephone, stationery and postage	The grant will be used for salaries for the 10 members of staff, total cost is £270,000	Funding will be used to provide discretionary funding for residents of South Bucks who seek counselling support but are unable to pay the full cost of the service. Funding will cover 25 hours of counselling. Counselling involves an initial assessment and up to six one hour sessions to help people find ways of making their relationships work better
Outline of Work	The Transformers Youth Arts Group was set up to offer children and young people aged between 8 - 15yrs the opportunity of working with artists in a safe environment and giving them alternatives to hanging around on street corners. The grant will enable the group to continue its work with the children and young people.	To relieve hardship, need and distress, particularly among those who are young, single and homeless. Through the provision of accommodation and support for young people in the 16- 25 age range.	Relate helps couples, families and individuals to make relationships work better through counselling services.

	Group operates from St Peters - Burnham weekly.		
No. of residents or groups served in S.Bucks	Application states 500 children will attend over the year. 10 children attend each week, over 50 weeks = 500 visits, not children	50	In 2014/15 relate served 175 South Bucks residents
Funding from other Authorities and trusts	No other applications have been submitted	None has been sought	None for services within South Bucks. AVDC & RBWM have funded services within their districts.
Charge for Services	There is no charge to users	Residents pay £16.20 per week	Each session costs £70, shortfall will be met by customer £30. (£40 x 25 hours = £1,000)
Need for financial assistance	Yes: Bank balance only, no separate reserves. Balance at end of year is 20% of annual expenditure. Reliant of funding rather than donation income.	No: Unrestricted reserves cover 41% of gross expenditure. Made £15k unrestricted profit last year. Rental income covers 81% of expenditure.	Yes: Client income covers a reducing percentage of expenditure. £86k of unrestricted reserves cover 23% of expenditure. Made a £3k loss last year.
Other Information		Has support from Housing Manager: 'Padstones is a well-established service in the South Bucks district providing supported accommodation to young people who may otherwise face homelessness and hardship. Although the number of clients directly accommodated by Padstones from SBDC referrals have been small, the service does have a wider impact by securing housing and support for young people who might otherwise become homeless and seek statutory homelessness assistance from the Council at a later date'	

Organisation	Slough Furniture Project	Time to Talk (Adviza)	Wycombe Women's Association
Amount Requested	£3,250	£15,000	£7,000
SBDC Grant last year	Not applied. Applied in 2013, declined as majority of clients lived in Slough	Did not apply	£7,000 Local Authorities have a duty to accommodate adults and children, on a temporary basis, who declare themselves homeless due to domestic abuse.
Recommendation	<b>Refuse</b> Although there are links, what they have applied for doesn't directly fit the criteria for a subscriptions and donations grant. What they have applied for is focused on set up costs rather than running costs.	Partial award £2,000 Funding to be used to support volunteers in South Bucks Schools. Feedback will be sought from schools to establish how worthwhile the services are to its pupils.	Award £7,000
Councillor Feedback		Cllr Sullivan 'This is a very worthwhile organisation. Access to services outside the district and in the London boroughs have been refused to South Bucks young people due to the strict criteria of organisations limiting services to residents within their own borough. I'm encouraged to support new branches that will provide services to young people located in the southern wards of South Bucks'	
Links to SBDC Aims & Objectives	<ul> <li>Promote healthier communities         <ul> <li>Address the needs of the elderly and those who are vulnerable</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Cllr. Luisa Sullivan</li> <li>Promote healthier communities <ul> <li>Address the needs of the elderly and those who are vulnerable</li> </ul> </li> <li>Promote local communities <ul> <li>Support the voluntary sector and promote volunteering</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Promote healthier communities         <ul> <li>Address the needs of the elderly and those who are vulnerable</li> </ul> </li> <li>Improve community safety         <ul> <li>Work with our key partners to help safeguard children and vulnerable adults and prevent them becoming victims of crime</li> <li>Work with partners to reduce crime, fear of</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

			crime and antisocial behaviour
Information for consideration	The grant will be used for start-up costs for a furniture reuse unit in the Burnham Area (rent & volunteer expenses) The unit will be in in Lent Rise, The Priory or the High Street. Premises are not yet secured.	Funding will be used to finance a service in South Bucks. They will find suitable venues to offer confidential counselling in across the wards of South Bucks. In the past they have used Burnham Health Centre as a venue and are in 22 schools across Bucks. Funding will be specifically used to fund: Salary to pay for 0.5 FTE Co- ordinator for South Bucks to support the volunteers £10,000 Training for Volunteers - £2,000 Premises costs in South Bucks - contributions towards partner premises - £1,000 Marketing materials - £2,000 Group is currently operating in the following schools: Stony Dean School; Chalfont Community College; Dr Challoners Grammar School. Although outside the district children from South Bucks attend Chalfont CC & Dr Challoners. They have also agreed to offer a service in the following schools: Amersham & Wycombe College - Amersham campus; Beaconsfield School; Misbourne School - Great Missenden; Khalsa Secondary Academy - Stoke Poges Bourne End Academy - Bourne End SB residents will be in attendance at Amersham & Wycombe College, Beaconsfield School and Khalsa Academy.	<ul> <li>With this funding residents in South Bucks will continue to have access to WWA Outreach Services and helpline. These services include: Counselling, advocacy and safety planning, legal, financial and housing information, practical and emotional support, Freedom Programme, dedicated Asian Women's Service, awareness raising for agencies about domestic violence, signposting, referrals to refuges through the country</li> <li>It is the only group in South Bucks providing dedicated domestic violence services.</li> </ul>
Outline of Work	The group was formed to assist people who are living in financial deprivation with	Adviza, Youth Enquiry Service and Chiltern Youth Matters run a successful counselling	WWA helps prevent murder, serious harm and homelessness. The purpose

	household items. They collect unwanted household items, clean them and carry out minor repairs. Items are sold to beneficiaries at low cost.	service, Time to Talk Bucks, across Buckinghamshire including South Bucks. The service offers over 8000 counselling sessions to young people aged 11-25 in a financial year. The service offers emotional support to young people by allowing them to talk through their problems and feelings in a confidential and safe environment.	of WWA is to reduce the potential for women being murdered by their partners and ex-partners and to relieve the distress and suffering experienced by women and their children who have suffered domestic violence. These services include: Counselling, advocacy and safety planning, legal, financial and housing information, practical and emotional support, Freedom Programme, dedicated Asian Women's Service, awareness raising for agencies about domestic violence, signposting, referrals to refuges through the country, attend Core Group meetings and provide support when there are child contact issues.
No. of residents or groups served in S.Bucks	Aiming to reach 1500-2000. This figures is based on population of Burnham, unemployment rates and household numbers.	60 people used the services last year.	Estimated 200
Funding from other Authorities and trusts	£9,000 is being sought from Awards for All - application is still pending	£135,000 from Buckinghamshire County Council to deliver this service until 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2016 county wide. Funding will stop after September. No other funding has been sought	BCC £251,083 awarded. £50,000 pending Wycombe DC - £92,000 pending Chiltern DC - £11,000 - pending
Charge for Services	Cost of goods are greatly reduced, customer have to prove they are on low income	Young people aged 11-25 are currently not charged for this service. Schools are charged if providing more than 3 hours for free a week. Schools are charged £500 a term for every 2-3 extra hours a week.	There is no charge for outreach clients.
Need for financial assistance	Yes: Has £12k of reserves - 15% of expenditure. Made a £11k loss last year. Has a high reliance on grants.	Yes: Has £2.7m in reserves, 30% of expenditure. Did not make a profit last year, made slight profit previous year. High reliance on grants	No: Has £32k unrestricted reserves, covering 75% of direct costs. Made £8k surplus last year but only 1.4% of income. Request is not a significant percentage of their income and only benefits around 200 people in South Bucks.

Other Information	Has support from Community Safety Manager: 'Wycombe Women's Aid is a fantastic charity supporting women and their children and the services they provide are essential in helping them. They are most definitely a suitable investment'.
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