

EXTERNAL GRANT FUNDING REVIEW WORKING PARTY TERMS OF REFERENCE

Question: How can we maximise small-scale grant funding coming into Thanet?

Aims:

- To maximise grant funding coming into Thanet through:
 - Identifying what we're doing/ we've done in the past that's worked well
 - Avoiding what we're doing/ we've done in the past that hasn't!
 - Learning from feedback from infrastructure bodies, funders and vol orgs
 - Considering how other comparable authorities work with their vol orgs
 - Producing case studies and recommendations to Council

Proposed Terms of Reference:

- Report to focus on smaller external grants (under £100k)
- Focus primarily on small & medium voluntary & community organisations and look at how we can best help them to access funding
- Ask them what information & skills they have and identify where the gaps are
- Ask how they've worked with TDC and canvass ideas for how else we might help
- Ask town & parish councils, infrastructure bodies & funders re their experience of working with Thanet organisations & what might help improve success rates
- Outline what's worked, what hasn't and how we might tailor our support in future for greater impact without overburdening officers/ creating significant extra costs

Proposed Methodology:

- 1) Meet with key TDC officers to discuss how we work with vol orgs & share info – Louise, Clive, Penny, Nicola, Natasha (Google Meet) - DONE
- 2) Meet infrastructure bodies, town & parish councils and funders (Google Meet)
- 3) Meet with voluntary organisations re their experience & needs (Longer session? Evening meeting, face to face?) Obtain lists of potential invitees from Louise/ Nicola, town/ parish councils and members' own contacts
- 4) Undertake desk research comparing different Councils' approaches (Working Group members)
- 5) Put together case studies for report (Working Group members)
- 6) Compile report & recommendations (Working Group members with Charles)