

COMMUNITY & SOCIAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

22 JUNE 2011

HEAD OF COMMUNITIES & NEIGHBOURHOODS

SHOPMOBILITY- APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To seek members approval to award a grant of £1,500 (subject to annual review) to Shopmobility Melton Mowbray.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 **Members approve a grant of £1,500 to shopmobility Melton Mowbray, subject to an annual review.**

3. KEY ISSUES

- 3.1 Shopmobility Melton Mowbray provides the loan of wheelchairs and motorised scooters to people with mobility difficulties who wish to access the town centre, shops and facilities. The scheme also provides the long term loan of equipment for those within the Melton Borough.
- 3.2 The Organisation has approached Melton Borough Council with a completed 'grants to Voluntary Bodies' application form for consideration. This is attached for members as Appendix A
- 3.3 Shopmobility Melton Mowbray seeks to support vulnerable people and as part of their application they have supplied a short paper outlining some case studies, which are attached for members as Appendix B

4.0 POLICY AND CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 A recent review of grants to community and voluntary organisations focused on the benefits for the community and requested organisations to demonstrate how they felt their services were closely aligned to the Council Corporate Plan and the priorities contained within it. Shopmobility Melton Mowbray has presented Appendix C as services they provide that support the Council's priorities.
- 4.2 In regards to usage of the service members are asked to note the contents of Appendix D, which outlines the numbers of members and loans since 2007.

5.0 FINANCIAL AND OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 To understand the financial position of the organisation, they have provided their latest budget forecast for 2011/12, which is included as Appendix E
- 5.2 There is currently an unallocated amount of £1,350 within the grants to voluntary and community budgets, this could be allocated to shopmobility Melton Mowbray, the remaining £150 would be met from existing budgets, within the budget holder's control.

6.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS/POWERS

6.1 There are no other legal implications directly arising from this report. However, in line with other organisations supported by the Council a Service level agreement will be developed and signed by both parties.

7.0 COMMUNITY SAFETY

7.1 There are no direct links to community safety arising from this report.

8.0 EQUALITIES

8.1 The service is already in operation and recommendations in this report are not suggesting a cease of the service..

9.0 RISKS

9.1 The risks are considered in the table below:

Probability



Very High A				
High B				
Significant C				
Low D				
Very Low E			1	
Almost Impossible F				
	IV Neg- ligible	III Marg- inal	II Critical	I Catast- rophic

Impact →

Risk No.	Description
1	Funding is not approved- risk to sustainability of scheme
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10.0 CLIMATE CHANGE

10.1 There are no climate change issues directly arising from this report.

11.0 CONSULTATIONS

11.1 The application and this report has been considered by the Council’s management Team.

12.0 WARDS AFFECTED

12.1 All wards are affected.

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Date: 1 June 2011

Appendices: Appendix A – Grant Application form
Appendix B – Shopmobility Melton Mowbray Case Studies 2010
Appendix C – Shopmobility services supporting Council priorities
Appendix D – Membership and Loan statistics
Appendix E – Budget Forecast 2011/12

Background Papers:

Reference: X: C'tees, Council & Sub-C'tees/CSA/220611/HR - Shopmobility