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To: Members of the Area Forum: Councillors Ruth Brown (Chair), Chris Hinchliff (Vice-Chair),  
Matt Barnes, Cathy Brownjohn, Adam Compton, Bryony May and Gerald Morris

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN OF A**

**MEETING OF THE ROYSTON AND DISTRICT AREA FORUM**

to be held in the

**HARDWICKE HALL, ROYSTON TOWN HALL, MELBOURN  
STREET, ROYSTON, SG8 7BZ**

On

**WEDNESDAY, 6TH MARCH, 2024 AT 7.30 PM**

Yours sincerely,

Jeanette Thompson  
Service Director – Legal and Community

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## **Agenda Part I**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Page</b>
<b>1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b>	
<b>2. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS</b> Members are reminded that any declarations of interest in respect of any business set out in the agenda, should be declared as either a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest or Declarable Interest and are required to notify the Chair of the nature of any interest declared at the commencement of the relevant item on the agenda. Members declaring a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest must withdraw from the meeting for the duration of the item. Members declaring a Declarable Interest, wishing to exercise a 'Councillor Speaking Right', must declare this at the same time as the interest, move to the public area before speaking to the item and then must leave the room before the debate and vote.	
<b>3. GRANTS &amp; COMMUNITY UPDATE</b> To provide the Forum with an update to ensure Members are kept informed of the work of the Community and Partnerships Team.	(Pages 3 - 10)
<b>4. PRESENTATION - COMMUNITY SAFETY</b> Presentation by Police Sergeant Ryan Champion and Neighbourhood Inspector James Lantt.	
<b>5. PRESENTATION - GREEN SPACE MANAGEMENT</b> Presentation by North Herts District and Herts County Councillor Steve Jarvis.	
<b>6. WARD MATTERS &amp; OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS</b> To receive any verbal reports from Members and members of the public regarding Ward matters and Outside Organisations.	
<b>7. FUTURE AREA FORUMS</b> To discuss topics for future meetings.	

## REPORT (FOR NOTING BY AREA FORUM)

ROYSTON AREA FORUM  
6 MARCH 2024

**\*PART 1 – PUBLIC DOCUMENT**

### **SERVICE DIRECTORATE: LEGAL & COMMUNITY**

#### **1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- 1.1 To advise the Area Forum on the current expenditure and balances of the Community Grant budget.
- 1.2 To advise the Forum of the activities and schemes with which Community & Partnerships officers have been involved in and some important community-based activities that will take place during the next few months.

#### **2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

None

#### **3. BACKGROUND/ RELEVANT CONSIDERATIONS**

- 3.1 The community grant base budget for Royston Area Forum 2023/24 is £6,000.
- 3.2 The budget available for community grants for the Royston area stands at **£1**.

#### **4. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 Any issues raised in this report are for information and noting and therefore no direct legal implications arise.

#### **5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 As outlined in Appendix 1, and under item 3.2, the remaining Community Grant budget available is **£1**. This is to be carried forward into the 2024/25 budget, subject to approval from Cabinet.

#### **6. RISK IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 There are no risk implications relating to this report.

#### **7. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1 There are no equalities implications in relation to this report.

#### **8. SOCIAL VALUE IMPLICATIONS**

- 8.1 The Social Value Act and “go local” policy do not apply to the matters contained within this report, as there are no recommendations on procurement.

**9. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

9.1 There are no environmental implications in relation to this report.

**10. HUMAN RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

10. The activities of the Community & Partnerships team are covered by existing budgets.

**11. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

11.1 Terms of Reference for Area Forums, Section 9 of Council Constitution updated May 2023.

**12. APPENDICES**

12.1 Appendix 1. Royston Community Grant Budget 23-24

12.2 Appendix 2. Community Updates

12.3 Appendix 3. Previous Grants

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## ROYSTON & DISTRICT AREA FORUM

### SUMMARY FINANCIAL POSITION 2023/24

<u>Original Budget</u> <u>2023/24</u>	<u>Carry Forward</u> <u>Budget 2022/23</u>	<u>Total Funding</u> <u>2023/24</u>	<u>Grants Allocated</u>	<u>Unallocated</u> <u>Budget</u>
£6,000	£816	£6,816	£6,815	£1

### FUNDED PROJECTS

<u>Project</u>	<u>Forum Date</u>	<u>Grant Allocated</u>
<b>Creative Royston</b> - performances at Royston Arts Festival	28-Mar-23	£1,000
<b>Therfield, Royston and Kelshall Sports Association (TRAKSA)</b> - car park resurfacing and rainwater harvesting equipment	06-Sep-23	£1,500
<b>Home-Start Royston, Buntingford and South Cambridgeshire</b> - family support group spring term sessions	10-Jan-24	£1,485
<b>Resolve</b> - key workers and core service costs	10-Jan-24	£915
<b>Reed Cricket Club</b> - club kitchen refurbishment.	10-Jan-24	£1,915
<b>TOTAL ROYSTON &amp; DISTRICT AREA</b>		<b>£6,815</b>

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<b>Districtwide Community Updates</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Community Investment Fund has now closed. Successful grant applicants have been informed.</li><li>• Coordinating voluntary support response to Asylum Seekers based in North Herts.</li><li>• The winners of the North Herts Heroes Awards ceremony will take place at the Chair's Civic event on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March.</li><li>• Co-ordinating various local and district wide Network Groups including Westmill, Youth Action, Food Provision, Arts and Culture, and Green and Growing Group.</li><li>• Continuing to facilitate NHC Councillors' Community Surgeries.</li><li>• Sharing and disseminating information on social media and to mailing lists, keeping in touch with the community, voluntary, statutory, and non-statutory agencies.</li><li>• The Community Partnership Team met with the Royal British Legion and Letchworth BID to discuss this year's Letchworth Remembrance Day Parade and how they can recruit more members from across North Herts.</li><li>• Holocaust Memorial Day hybrid event took place in the North Herts Council Chamber and can be viewed on the Council's YouTube channel.</li></ul>
<b>Area Community Updates</b>
<p>Community Partnerships Officer is continuing to build up connections with local groups/organisations in Royston, including The Royston Museum.</p> <p>Over the coming months the Community Partnerships Officer will be reaching out to local parish council's / groups to better connect with them. If anyone has any useful contacts / links please contact Becca.</p> <p>As part of the Sustainable Travel Towns Programme, North Herts, Hertfordshire and Royston Town Councils are working together to improve bus services in and around Royston to create a more practical and attractive public transport offering for residents. As a first step, we are seeking creative input from the community by inviting representatives of a broad range of community interests to a participatory workshop on <b>Tuesday March 12<sup>th</sup> at Royston Town Hall from 6pm-9pm</b>. Transport experts will be sharing their knowledge and answering questions.</p> <p>Learning from the workshop will help the local authorities develop a plan for future changes and additions to local bus services (destinations, bus stop locations, frequency, and hours of operation). <b>We invite recommendations for representatives of community organisations</b> that you think should attend this workshop. If you have any questions, please contact Anna Bradley (Senior Project Officer) at <a href="mailto:anna.bradley@north-herts.gov.uk">anna.bradley@north-herts.gov.uk</a>.</p>

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<b>Royston Area Forum</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• In March 2023, Roman Way Supporters received £2,086 towards overhauling their nature garden. Satisfactory monitoring information has been received. The opening ceremony can be viewed <a href="#">here</a>.</li><li>• In July 2023, Creative Royston received £1,000 towards a performance of The Weather Machine at the Royston Arts Festival. Satisfactory monitoring information has been received.</li></ul>

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