Appendix A

Subject to approval by Council, this page will replace the current priorities listed in the <u>Discretionary Community Grants Policy</u>. All other aspects of the council's Discretionary Community Grant Policy approved in March 2021 remain unchanged.

Community Grants Priorities 2022 -2023 – Discretionary Community Grants Policy

The priorities for discretionary grant funding in 2022/23 help take forward the council's corporate priority of enabling our communities in the East Herts Corporate Plan 2020-2024.

Grant giving will help improve the wellbeing and quality of life of East Herts residents as well as help address the equalities challenges and barriers to participation that some of our communities face. The results of the Hertfordshire-Covid 19 Community Impact Assessment will further inform our grant giving over the course of 2022/23.

Successful applicants will demonstrate how the changes they want to achieve will address at least one of the following priorities for community grants:

- Recovery from Covid
- Diversity and inclusiveness
- Mental and physical wellbeing
- Environmental sustainability
- Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Applications that address the following will score more highly:

- deliver in a geographic area of deprivation. A list of wards identified as disadvantaged can be found in Appendix 4 of the Grants Policy. These applications will be considered first
- support and involve vulnerable or isolated people
- are from organisations that have not applied before or who applied more than five years ago.