

Title of Report:	LiveSmart Community Environmental Grant – Funding Support
Committee Report Submitted To:	Environmental Services Committee
Date of Meeting:	8th September 2026
For Decision or For Information	For Decision
To be discussed In Committee YES/NO	No

Linkage to Council Strategy (2021-25)	
Strategic Theme	Climate Change and our Environment
Outcome	Increasing proportion of domestic and commercial waste recycled
Lead Officer	Head of Operations

Estimated Timescale for Completion	
Date to be Completed	N/A

Budgetary Considerations	
Cost of Proposal	£15,000
Included in Current Year Estimates	£10,500
Capital/Revenue	Revenue
Code	
Staffing Costs	

Legal Considerations	
Input of Legal Services Required	NO
Legal Opinion Obtained	NO

Screening Requirements	Required for new or revised Policies, Plans, Strategies or Service Delivery Proposals.		
Section 75 Screening	Screening Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
	EQIA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
Rural Needs Assessment (RNA)	Screening Completed	Yes/No	Date:
	RNA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA)	Screening Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
	DPIA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:

1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek approval from Members to increase annual funding support for the LiveSmart Community Environmental Grant Programme from £10,500 to £15,000 and maximum individual grants from £750 to £1,000.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 The LiveSmart Community Environmental Grant Programme has provided funding opportunities for community and voluntary organisations since 2021-22.
- 2.2 The grant programme complements the LiveSmart initiative which aims to engage local communities and raise environmental standards.
- 2.3 Through the programme, community groups and organisations have received grant funding to support and promote recycling / reuse / waste reduction, reduce their carbon footprint and keep their local area litter free.
- 2.4 Between 2021-22 and 2025-26, council has awarded £38,489 to local community groups and organisations. During this period, 69 grants have been awarded to 51 different groups.

3.0 Increased Funding Support

- 3.1 Since the grant programme commenced, the total funding available annually has been £10,500. In 2024-25 and 2025-26, the allocated budget was spent in full. The funding has been sourced from Operations street cleansing expenditure budget.
- 3.2 It is proposed to increase the annual grant programme fund from £10,500 to £15,000, with funding to be deducted from the pEPR payment allocated to council.
- 3.3 Additionally, and to take into account the rising cost of goods and raw materials, it is proposed to increase the maximum available grant from £750 to £1,000. Applicants can only receive one grant per year.

4.0 Recommendation(s)

- 4.1 It is recommended that the Environmental Services Committee approves the increase in annual funding support for the LiveSmart Community Environmental Grant Programme from £10,500 to £15,000 and the maximum individual grant from £750 to £1,000.