

Wiltshire Citizen's Advice (CAB) Request for Funding

1. Purpose of the Report

To provide further information on grant application discussed at last meeting

2. Background

- 2.1 The Policy & Resources Committee received a grant funding application for £500 and considered the application on the 2nd November
- 2.2 It was resolved that further information is required to make a decision and to consider other options.
- 2.3 Demand for the service is growing as well as the complexity of the issues that are being dealt with. Often a client contacting the CAB has a number of issues and the time spent with them has increased significantly.
- 2.4 Wiltshire CAB funding from Wiltshire Council has been cut by £100k this financial year and is anticipated to be cut further in future
- 2.5 Wiltshire CAB is seeking funding to help fund a full-time adviser which will cost £25,000 p/a
- 2.6 The original application requested £500, it has been requested if this amount could be awarded annually or more on a multi-year agreement it would help fund the gap.

3. Financial Implications & Risks

- 3.1 With the adoption of the General Power of Competence, no other power needs to be identified to make this funding if the Committee wishes to do so
- 3.2 MTC will need to factor into next years' budget if multi-year funding is agreed

4. Recommendation

Members determine whether to agree to the request and whether it will be ongoing for the Term of this Council.

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Town Clerk
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