

## **Report of the Strategic Director of Place to the meeting of Regulatory and Appeals Committee to be held on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

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### **Subject:**

Report to request the agreement of Regulatory and Appeals Committee, as Trustees of the Royd House Trust in Wilsden, to grant three awards recommended and pre-approved by the Evaluation Group.

Also, to request that the Trustees delegate all future agreement and approvals for grant awards solely to the Evaluation Group with final sign off by the Strategic Director of Place.

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**Overview & Scrutiny Area:**  
**Regulatory & Appeals Committee**

## 1. SUMMARY

Report to request the agreement of Regulatory and Appeals Committee, as Trustees of the Royd House Trust in Wilsden, to grant three awards recommended and pre-approved by the Evaluation Group.

The Royd House Trust Grant Evaluation Group, having advertised the available funds from the interest received on the capital sum, have considered applications to the trust and approved 3 applications for grant awards.

The report request that the Trustees delegate all future agreement and approvals for grant awards by the Evaluation Group with final sign off by the Strategic Director or their successor.

## 2. BACKGROUND

In 1990's a property known as Royd House, that formed part of Wilsden Recreation Ground, was sold. The proceeds of the sale were invested into a new charity known as the Royd House Trust. The interest from the original investment can be used for *the for improvements (other than maintenance) of the property belonging to the charity as the trustees consider to be appropriate to meet the objectives of the charity and thereafter for the charitable purposes of the general benefit of the inhabitants of Wilsden.*

The Trustees, at the meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2014, agreed that an Evaluation Group be established, to look at the distribution of the revenue, made up of the following membership, 3 Ward Councillors and a Parish Councillor, in consultation with Council Officers (in an administrative capacity) to consider further applications and to make recommendations to the Trustees.

The Evaluation Group have received 3 applications for funding in the most recent round of applications for consideration by the trustees;

- Wilsden Hall £1,500 - to make accessibility improvements
- Wilsden Parish Council £1045.71 – planting improvements
- It's Worth Talking About £1,200 – new voluntary peer support training to young people to support mental health

Attached as appendix A, B & C are copies of the applications under consideration.

Furthermore, the Evaluation Group are requesting that the Trustees delegate the decision of the funding from the trust to the Strategic Director of Place or their successor.

## 3. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

Not applicable

#### 4. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL

The funds available for distribution through the Evaluation Group are £42,915.49 as provided by Finance Dept. The 3 applications received amount to a total of £3,745.71. Therefore, leaving funds remaining for future applications and the agreed minimum threshold of £10,000 being always remaining in the account.

The Trustees, Officer time and resources will be saved in terms of preparation and presentation of reports, if the Trustees agree to delegate final agreement of awards to the Strategic Director or their successor.

#### 5. RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES

As the grant and funds available are low in monetary value, it is felt that the risk in requesting the Trustees to relinquish the need to provide final agreement of all future applications to the Trust and allow the Evaluation Group and Strategic Director to make the approvals on behalf of the Trust is minimal as the Evaluation Group will ensure all the funds are allocated in the best interest of the trust and are value for money.

#### 6. LEGAL APPRAISAL

As indicated above, the Trustees will need to be satisfied that the applications to the trust are being awarded in the best interest of the trust and offer value for money.

In addition, the Trustees must consider the proposal in terms of what is in the best interests of the charity. The Charity Commission Guidance advises that this means **“Acting in the charity’s best interest means always doing what the trustees decide will best enable the charity to carry out its purposes, both now and for the future”**

The purposes of the Trust is: **“shall apply the income of the Charity for improvements (other than maintenance) of the property belonging to the Charity as the trustees consider appropriate to meet the objectives of the Charity and thereafter for the charitable purposes for the benefit of the inhabitants of Wilsden”**

#### 7. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

##### 7.1 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable

##### 7.2 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IMPACTS

Not applicable

##### 7.3 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable

#### **7.4 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT**

Not applicable

#### **7.5 TRADE UNION**

Not applicable

#### **7.6 WARD IMPLICATIONS**

Not applicable

#### **7.7 AREA COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN IMPLICATIONS (for reports to Area Committees only)**

Not applicable

#### **7.8 IMPLICATIONS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE**

Not applicable

#### **7.9 ISSUES ARISING FROM PRIVACY IMPACT ASSESMENT**

None

#### **8. NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS**

The appendices contain exempt information within Paragraph 3 (Finance or Business Affairs) of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended),

#### **9. OPTIONS**

- 9.1 To agree the 3 applications as recommended by the Evaluation Group.
- 9.2 To agree to delegate all future agreement of awards solely to the Strategic Director of Place or their successor
- 9.3 To refuse the 3 applications and re-advertise the funds to other applicants.
- 9.4 To refuse to defer all future agreement of awards to the Strategic Director or their successor, that the Trustees, retain the final agreement of future awards.

#### **10. RECOMMENDATIONS**

Recommend the Trustees, agree the 3 applications and agree that all future agreements and approvals for grant awards is delegated solely to the Strategic Director of Place or their successor.

**11. APPENDICES**

- A. Wilsden Hall application for award of £1,500 to make accessibility improvements
- B. Wilsden Parish Council application for award of £1045.71 for planting improvements
- C. It's Worth Talking About application for £1,200 to provide local voluntary peer support training to young people to support mental health

**12. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

- D. Report and Decision sheet of the Committee meeting held 13<sup>th</sup> November 2014.