6. GRANT APPROVALS	Grants Budget 2025/2026		£10,000	
Date Approved	Applicant	Project	Amount of Grant	Balance Remaining
02/05/25 029/25	Caradon Youth Theatre	The Caradon Youth Theatre will stage the production of "Annie" in the Public Hall in Liskeard 20th – 28th June 2025.	£600	£9,400
24/06/25 084/25	Cornwall Pride – Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)	To support some of the costs associated with holding a "Liskeard Pride Event 28th June 2025" in Barras Street which it is hoped will attract 2,500 attendees for Liskeard and a wider catchment area – To request a grant of £750 towards the £6,839 total cost of event. Helping in particular, with the costs of the Traffic Management (of the street closure) and the production of the live music, performers and street market.	£750	£8,650
29/07/25 146/25	St Martin's Church, Liskeard	To request a grant of £150 towards the £250 cost of running a free holiday club for primary age children on the 12th, 13th, 14th and 15th August including lunch each day. Fun packed itinerary including games, crafts, acting, singing, teamwork and building things. Inviting Parents, Carers, Grandparents to stay at pick up time.	£250	£8,400
29/07/25 177/25	True Butterflies Foundation – Cornish Registered Charity	To request a grant of £750 towards the £5,000 cost of supporting an additional 22 mentoring sessions with clients and their families in Liskeard who have been through trauma to rebuild their lives and help move forward. £300 travel costs £450 mentoring costs.	£750	£7,650
26/08/25 177/25	Citizens Advice Bureau, CAB. Liskeard	To request a grant of £762 towards the cost of one laptop (£612 including multiple purchase discount to enable Windows 11 for volunteer advisors working in the Liskeard office and one docking station (£150) for the Liskeard office to enable hybrid working. In 2024/2025, CAB helped 239 people from the Liskeard parish with a total of 1,653 different issues, including benefits and Tax Credits, debt, financial services and housing, community care, family and relationships, travel and transport, utilities and employment etc. Liskeard clients secured financial outcomes £436,373, This included £226,124 additional income and £191,669 in debts written and repayments.	£762	£6,888
26/08/25 177/25	The Wilding Tribe, Liskeard.	To request a grant of £1,000 towards the £1,000* (donations will be sought form private sponsors) cost of running a series of pop-up workshops and events in local parks (including Castle Park and Thorn Park) over the autumn until Halloween. These will be free to children to attend and will comprise setting up a bell tent in Castle Park, and Thorn Park,	£500	,

25/08/25 177/25	Stuart House Arts and Heritage Trust	and some parks in the newer estates on a weekly basis and running activities for a set period of time and providing a health snack and drink. Activities to include but not be limited to: arts and crafts, nature ID and appreciation, survival skills, mental health and self-awareness skills, group games and challenges, confidence building activities.  A major event running from 30 <sup>th</sup> September – 11 <sup>th</sup> October 2025 – "Shades of Autumn". To present a picture of autumn from several different perspective – in nature, in literature, in poetry, in images, in the kitchen etc. "Autumn Flower and Foliage" and some workshops and light-hearted activities. With an element of hands-on experience. It is hoped the event will attract more visitors. A grant of £500 is requested towards the £1,000 cost of materials and equipment for the event. Some of which will become part of the "Resource Bank" held by the trust for its own use and can be made available to other organisations.	£500	£6,388 £5,888
	New Request			20,000
30/09/25	Miles and Smiles Liskeard – Run Together Group	To request a grant of £400 towards the cost of providing discounted member t-shirts and training another coach	£400	
30/09/25	The Arc Theatre	To request a grant of £200 towards the cost of Gonamena '26, an event in July 2026 to restage the hit 2009 production of the Cornish mining play and celebrate 20 years since Cornish mining regions were inscribed as a Unesco World Heritage Site	£200	
30/09/25	Liskeard Lions Club	To request a grant of £1,500 towards the cost of the Wizard of Oz their annual pantomime in February 2026	£1,500	
30/09/25	1 <sup>st</sup> Liskeard Rainbows	To request a grant of £1,000 towards the costs of uniforms, membership fees, arts and craft materials, badges, trips and Christmas gifts.	£1,000	
		** amount to cover until 31st March 2026		**£2,788

RECOMMENDATION: THAT THE GRANT APPLICATIONS ARE CONSIDERED.

15. <u>COUNCIL STRATEGIC DIRECTION, CAPACITY AND STAFF REVIEW</u> – To approve the appointment of the contractor recommended by the Staff Committee at a cost of £6,000 plus expenses (approx. £400) to be funded from the general reserve, noting there will be additional costs if any new job descriptions are required.

<u>Background</u> – Following the resolution at Council Minute 183 / 25 that: A: consultant be sought to carry out a staffing review – taking account of the 5 year capital and work programme. B. To reconvene the Staff Committee to manage the process.

<u>Update</u> – the Council approached 4 suitable specialist contractors, in addition to carrying on its website the invitation and specification to tender. Of the 4 consultancies approached one declined and 2 submitted tenders which were considered at the 16<sup>th</sup> September 2025 Staff Committee.

Following, consideration of the tenders and the application of a scoring methodology, the Local Council Consultancy (LCC) submission (15a. b. c.) was approved for submission to Full Council at its 30<sup>th</sup> September 2025 that recommendation that it be appointed the contractor for the review.

<u>RECOMMENDATION:</u> That the Council approve the Local Council Consultancy recommended by the Staff Committee at a cost of £6,000 plus expenses (approx. £400) to be funded from the general reserve, noting there will be additional costs if any new job descriptions are required.