

Record of Officer's Decision

The Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014 and the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012

Date of Decision:	18 th February 2026
Decision Maker (Officer):	Rachel Rowsell, Economic Growth Officer
Authority for Delegated Decision (Cabinet/Committee Decision or Scheme of Delegation – provide reference):	Part 3, Schedule 3 – Responsibility for Executive Functions delegated to Officers paragraph 4.3 (1) – the Corporate Director has delegated authority to discharge executive functions within their respective service areas (Part 3.38). All delegations are subject to consultation where considered appropriate in the circumstances (paragraph 4.3 (4(ii) – Part 3.39).
Identify which Portfolio Holder(s)/Committee Chairman consulted?	Cllr Ivan Henderson, Deputy Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Economic Growth, Regeneration and Tourism
Ward Member(s) consulted?	No
Is it a Key Decision?	No
Is it subject to call-in?	No
Decision Made:	To pay a grant of £1,500 for 26/27 to Harwich Harbour Ferry. To sign the Partnership Agreement for 26/27. This grant is made as part of a contribution to a wider Partnership.
Reason for Decision (if a report was produced to support the Decision, refer to or attach it):	This was agreed by Cllr Henderson via an email concurrence which is included in the published Decision. The grant was recommended for continued support after consideration of:

	• Its value for money • Subsidy Control elements • Environmental Impact • Relationship with Devolution and LGR								
Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:	Finance None. This grant is paid annually (but reviewed each year before continued payment) and is paid from other Miscellaneous budgets. Risks None. The grant, once paid, is managed purely by the beneficiary and reported via regular meetings with each group to monitor performance. Equality The grant won't have a negative impact on any of the nine protected characteristics. Legal None. A Partnership Agreement is signed annually for the grant but this relates to specifying the grant amount per Partner organisation and does not commit TDC any further.								
Details of any Alternative Options Considered and rejected (together with reasons):	The grant was considered against the newly adopted External Grantmaking Policy to ensure it remains good value for money to be paid for the coming financial year, and was, on balance, decided to be recommended for payment.								
Details of any declarations of interest (by Portfolio Holder/Committee Chairman who was consulted by the officer, which related to the decision) If relevant, a note of the dispensation granted by the Monitoring Officer:	None								
Reason Decision, or supporting Report, is not published:	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>X</td><td>Not applicable – Decision [and concurrence] to be published</td></tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">If Report is not to be published – tick one of the following boxes:</td></tr> <tr> <td>☐</td><td>The report supporting the Decision contains confidential information</td></tr> <tr> <td>☐</td><td>The Report supporting the Decision falls within an exemption pursuant to Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 Information:</td></tr> </table>	X	Not applicable – Decision [and concurrence] to be published	If Report is not to be published – tick one of the following boxes:		☐	The report supporting the Decision contains confidential information	☐	The Report supporting the Decision falls within an exemption pursuant to Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 Information:
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<i>Tick one or more of the specific exemptions,</i> <u>and</u>									

<i>Give more information in the final box with regards to why the exemption applies and outweighs the public interest test (which is in favour of disclosure).</i>		• Relates to an individual
		• Likely to reveal the identity of an individual
		• Relating to financial or business affairs of a person or organisation
		• Relates to a claim for legal professional privilege in legal proceedings
		• Reveals that the Council proposes to give under any enactment a notice under or by virtue of which requirements are imposed on a person; or to make an order or direction under any enactment
		• Relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime
<u>And</u> is exempt if and so long, as in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information Reasons:		

Officers

Signed: Rachel Rowsell

Title: Economic Growth Officer

Signed: Lee Heley (approved via email dated 12.2.26) Title: Corporate Director, Place & Economy

In consultation with:

Signed: Cllr Ivan Henderson (Concurrence approved via email dated 16.2.26) Deputy Leader of the Council, Portfolio Holder for Economic Growth, Regeneration and Tourism

Dated: 18th February 2026