

# 2023/24 DRF METROPOLITAN DECISION MATRIX

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00066803	Organisation Name	Name and Description	Funding History	Request Budget	Staff Recommendation	Priority
	Kairos Trust	<p><b>Sarah Ennor</b></p> <p>Kairos Food Rescue (Kairos) is a Food Hub in St Asaph St with a commitment to preventing food waste, ensuring its redistribution to people who need it and supporting the wider community with a kaupapa of giving a hand up not a handout.</p> <p>Kairos has two areas of focus. Their key priority is as a food hub supporting over 30 local food banks, facilitating local community supply. Their onsite Free Store provides individuals and families with free meals, grocery supplies with no questions asked and, in partnership with other organisations, additional services including shower and laundry facilities, budgeting advice and counselling.</p> <p>Funding is sought for the salaries and wages of two new staff members. This support means that Kairos will be able to increase their capacity to manage the growing demand for their free services.</p>	<p>2023/24 - \$30,000 (Rent, Salaries, Training) SCF Metro</p> <p>2021/22 - \$11,232 (Salaries and Wages) DRF Metro</p> <p>2021/22 - \$350 (Event) LBM LCH</p> <p>2021/22 - \$7,000 (Salaries and Wages) SCF Metro</p> <p>2020/21 - \$500 (Event) LBM LCH</p> <p>2020/21 - \$10,000 (Salaries, Admin) DRF Metro</p> <p><b>Other Sources of Funding</b></p> <p>MSD Food Hub Fund - \$75,000p/a</p> <p>Rata Foundation - \$30,000</p> <p>Lotteries - \$40,000</p>	<p><b>Total Cost of Programme</b></p> <p>~\$430,000 (growing with recent spike in community need)</p> <p><b>Requested Amount</b></p> <p>\$90,000</p> <p><b>Contribution Sought Towards:</b></p> <p>\$90,000 - Salaries and Wages</p>	<p><b>\$90,000</b></p> <p>That the Council makes a grant of \$90,000 from its 2023/24 Metropolitan Discretionary Response Fund to Kairos Trust for salaries and wages.</p>	<b>1</b>

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	<p>Service Base: 303 St Asaph Street</p> <p>Christchurch Central</p> <p>Christchurch New Zealand</p> <p>Legal Status: Charitable Trust</p> <p>Established: 5/10/2018</p> <p>Staff – Paid:</p> <p>Volunteers:</p> <p>Annual Volunteer Hours: 100</p> <p>Participants: 80,000</p> <p>Target Groups: Social Services</p> <p>Networks: Aotearoa Food Rescue Alliance</p> <p>New Zealand Food Network</p> <p>Christchurch Foodbank Network</p> <p><b>Organisation Description/Objectives:</b></p> <p>We are a food rescue organisation that is focused on stopping good, edible food going to waste and distributing it to those who need &amp; want it. As well as rescuing food, we meet community needs through hosting community gatherings and practising social inclusion in our volunteer opportunities. We rescue food, feed people and build community.</p>	<p><b>Alignment with Council Strategies and Policies</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strengthening Communities Together - 1.7 Work with others to reduce loneliness &amp; social isolation 2.2 Work with communities to build a sense of belonging 3.4 Increase volunteering opportunities across Council &amp; the wider community &amp; support the organisations providing such opportunities, 4.2 Support capacity of the community &amp; voluntary sector to plan, adapt &amp; respond to risk, disruption &amp; change Support neighbourhood &amp; city-wide initiatives aimed at increasing a sense of neighbourliness.</li> </ul> <p><b>Alignment with Council Funding Outcomes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support, develop and promote capacity.</li> <li>Provide community based programmes.</li> <li>Reduce or overcome barriers.</li> </ul> <p><b>Outcomes that will be achieved through this project</b></p> <p>Expand food supply - increase the volume of rescued food, ensuring that more individuals and families have access to food.</p> <p>Expand capacity to meet the increased demand for food by local food banks and individuals.</p> <p>From August - October:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>107 tonnes of food processed in the food hub</li> <li>18 tonnes of food processed at the Free Store</li> <li>Equates to 280,954 meals provided to those in need.</li> <li>On open nights, numbers have grown from 80 people to 130 people on average.</li> <li>They estimate 5,800 people have been fed, a notable surge. This number is based on how many people come through and how many they are feeding at home (as not the entire household will be present).</li> </ul> <p>Support from 120 volunteers who put in an average of 100 hours a week to ensure the smooth operation of the organisation, with around 20 volunteers required at any given time.</p> <p>Average of 95 showers and 80 loads of washing through their facilities and Orange Sky</p> <p><b>How Will Participants Be Better Off?</b></p> <p>More people are fed through increased capacity of Kairos and food banks.</p> <p>Strain on food banks alleviated - enables community food banks to access bulk food donations and supplies, ensuring a smoother and more efficient food distribution process within their localities. This not only addresses immediate food scarcity but also strengthens the ability of food banks to consistently meet the demands of their communities.</p> <p>People have the opportunity to connect with people at Kairos in a safe space while they are there to collect food, have a meal or access social services</p> <p>A relational approach allows people to overcome social isolation through the consistent support and care of the Kairos team and their partners.</p> <p>Volunteering opportunities and manageable responsibilities encourage growth of skills and self-esteem.</p>	<p><b>Staff Assessment</b></p> <p>Kairos Food Rescue (Kairos) supports over 30 food banks. The demand for food in Christchurch has significantly increased – Kairos' current capacity means that they have been able to accommodate some new groups but have a growing waiting list with new inquiries are coming in regularly.</p> <p>They are associated with two national organisations: the New Zealand Food Network and the Aotearoa Food Rescue Alliance. Local partners include Christchurch City Mission, Delta, Satisfy Food Rescue (North Canterbury), Orange Sky and Compassion Trust. The commitment and collaboration of these organisations and volunteers play a crucial role in addressing the increasing demand for food assistance.</p> <p>Kairos' commitment to community values underscores a belief in building relationships, providing face-to-face interaction with the community through their food bank and their Free Store. The Free Store is open to the public Monday and Friday and puts donated food and grocery items directly into the hands of people. They represent a diverse cross-section of the community, including working families, individuals, migrants, the homeless and students. They come from various ethnic backgrounds and span a wide range of ages.</p> <p>Kairos fosters a sense of community, reducing social isolation, fostering connection with individuals who are struggling and promotes social inclusivity through volunteer opportunities. Food often masks the real problems that people face so through providing food, Kairos connects with people to help them to address the underlying needs and to tap into the resources available to help - Kairos partners with Orange Sky complementing the on-site showers and laundry facilities. Budget advice and counselling support is also available onsite through Compassion Trust. They also pass on other donated items like blankets, clothing and bikes.</p> <p>The organisation is run by 7 staff and a pool of 120 volunteers. The addition of two new employees will enable Kairos to meet the growing demand for services, expand their food supply and further strengthen their commitment to preventing food waste and supporting the Christchurch community. The volume of rescued food will be increased ensuring that even more individuals and families in our community have access to the nourishment they require.</p> <p>The rationale for the staff recommendation is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The application strongly aligns with the Strengthening Communities Together Strategy and Climate Change strategies.</li> <li>Kairos is providing much-needed food to vulnerable communities and are the only Food Hub in Christchurch offering to feed people at their warehouse and offer wrap-around services in collaboration with other agencies.</li> <li>This request has come about as an emergency request following the recent Foodbank Canterbury fee changes and subsequent increase of pressure on the food provision sector. Importantly, it will allow the continued provision of free food distribution to the Christchurch Food Suppliers Network.</li> </ul>

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	Pacific Peoples Trust	<p><b>Financial literacy programme &amp; youth employment programme</b></p> <p>As part of the new priorities, PPT is currently in search of funding to launch "the very first Pacific-centric Financial Capability vodcast" (Video-On-Demand-cast). This vodcast will feature interviews with "kainga" (family members/Pacific whanau) who have embarked on financial journeys, sharing their successes and challenges. The primary goal is to dispel the stigma surrounding financial matters and money within Pacific communities, normalizing these discussions, and empowering those who are interviewed. Each episode will include a short Ed Seg (Educational Segment). Each vodcast will have a duration of 60 minutes and will occur on a biweekly basis.</p>	<p>2022/23 - \$25,000 (Salaries and Wages) DRF M 2021/22 - \$25,000 (Salaries and Wages) DRF M</p> <p><b>Other Sources of Funding</b> Rata Foundation and Lotteries Fund (still pending)</p>	<p><b>Total Cost</b> \$136,380</p> <p><b>Requested Amount</b> \$46,000 <b>34% percentage requested</b></p> <p><b>Contribution Sought Towards:</b> \$36,000 - Salaries and Wages \$6,000 - Rent \$4,000 - Vodcast</p>	<p><b>\$13,300</b></p> <p>That the Council makes a grant of \$13,300 from its 2023/24 Metropolitan Discretionary Response Fund to the Pacific Peoples Trust for the Vodcast project.</p>	<b>1</b>

<p><b>Organisation Details:</b></p> <p>Service Base: 9 McLeod Street Richmond Christchurch New Zealand</p> <p>Legal Status: Charitable Trust</p> <p>Established: 30/03/2021</p> <p>Staff – Paid:</p> <p>Volunteers:</p> <p>Annual Volunteer Hours: 260</p> <p>Participants: 140</p> <p>Target Groups: Community Development</p> <p>Networks:</p> <p><b>Organisation Description/Objectives:</b></p> <p>"To create abundant wellbeing for Pacific Peoples across generational and cultural understand."</p> <p>We have been set up to focus on Pacific People but also helping Maori and those in need.</p>	<p><b>Alignment with Council Strategies and Policies</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strengthening Communities Together: Obj. 1.2: Build, nurture and strengthen relationships with Pacific communities; Obj. 1.4: Harness the strengths of diverse communities and address issues of social exclusion; Obj. 1.6: Facilitate and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all; Obj. 4.2: Support the capacity of the community and voluntary sector to plan, adapt and respond to risk, disruption and change.</li> <li>Multicultural Strategy, Goal 4</li> </ul> <p><b>Alignment with Council Funding Outcomes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support, develop and promote capacity.</li> <li>Community participation and awareness.</li> <li>Provide community-based programmes.</li> <li>Reduce or overcome barriers.</li> </ul> <p><b>Outcomes that will be achieved through this project</b></p> <p>The Vodcast project aims at dispelling financial stigma while contributing to the general well-being and financial capability of Pacific communities through the Educational Segments that will be included in each episode.</p> <p>The vodcast aims at contributing to:</p> <p>Empowerment: The vodcast has succeeded in empowering community members by allowing them to openly share their financial journeys, successes, and challenges. By doing so, it has contributed to building confidence and resilience within Pacific communities.</p> <p>Normalization of Financial Discussions: The vodcast has played a crucial role in breaking down the stigma surrounding financial matters and money within Pacific communities. By normalizing these discussions, it has created a more open and supportive environment for addressing financial issues.</p> <p>Knowledge Dissemination: The vodcast has become a valuable platform for sharing financial knowledge and insights. The interviews provide practical advice and guidance, helping viewers to make informed financial decisions.</p> <p>Community Building: Through the vodcast, a sense of community and shared experience has been fostered among Pacific individuals and families. It has encouraged dialogue and connections between viewers, building a stronger network of support.</p> <p><b>How Will Participants Be Better Off?</b></p> <p>The Pacific Communities will enhance their financial literacy, enabling them to discuss financial matters with confidence and seek support without hesitation. Additionally, the Vodcast will boost the self-esteem and confidence of individuals participating in the interviews, empowering them to serve as role models and celebrate their success as inspiring examples for the broader community.</p>	<p><b>Staff Assessment</b></p> <p>Born in March 2021 the Pacific Peoples Trust was formed from years of recognising that there were no services providing financial capability/literacy for Pacific People by our Pacific People. There were also very little offerings for employment &amp; training for Pacific youth and none for Pacific adults.</p> <p>Its purpose is to create abundant wellbeing for Pacific Peoples across generational and cultural understanding. Programmes provided: Financial Literacy/Capability workshops, Employment &amp; Training Programmes and Financial Capability drop-in clinics.</p> <p>Recently the PPT has reassessed its priorities and refocused its efforts, developing a new draft of its Strategy.</p> <p>PPT has been funded by CCC through the 2021/2022 and 2022/2023 DRF for Operational Costs. Despite been advised in 2022 that the Strengthening Communities Fund would be a more suitable fund to apply to, PPT have applied to the 2023/2024 DRF again for Operational Costs. Notably, this application incorporates also a new project, the Vodcast, which PPT intends to launch by the end of 2023.</p> <p>The rationale for the staff recommendation is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alignment with Strategies: This application is in strong alignment with both the Strengthening Communities Together Strategy and the Multicultural Strategy. It contributes significantly to the objective of building strong and resilient Pacific Communities that can thrive in the face of change and disruption. Furthermore, it aims to empower these communities, ensuring they are resourceful and not economically excluded. This project also supports the empowerment of Pacific leadership.</li> <li>Relationship Building: By providing support to PPT, the Council actively fosters and maintains valuable relationships with Pacific groups and networks.</li> </ul>
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	Christchurch Resettlement Services Inc.	<b>Bilingual Community Worker</b> Christchurch Resettlement Services (CRS) are seeking funding for 1 year to cover the Salary of Bi-Lingual Support Worker-an essential, integral part of their service response to vulnerable CALD communities. The team are Community Bi-Lingual Workers who themselves are members of the largest refugee background communities resettled in Christchurch. The team works alongside and provides cultural and linguistic support to clients and staff in all service delivery areas at (CRS).	2022/23 -\$40,000 (Salaries/Admin) SCF Metro Yr 3 of 3 2021/22 -\$40,000 (Salaries/Admin) SCF Metro Yr 2 of 3 2020/21 -\$40,000 (Salaries/Admin) SCF Metro Yr 1 of 3 2020 - \$575 (Event costs) CAF 2019/20 - \$40,000 (Salaries/Admin) SCF Metro 2018/19 -\$25,000 (Salaries/Admin) SCF Metro  <b>Other Sources of Funding</b>	<b>Total Cost</b> \$80,000  <b>Requested Amount</b> \$45,000 <b>56% percentage requested</b>  <b>Contribution Sought Towards:</b> \$45,000 – Salaries and Wages	<b>\$25,000</b>  That the Council makes a grant of \$25,000 from its 2023/24 Metropolitan Discretionary response fund towards Canterbury Resettlement Services for the salary of a Bilingual Support Worker.	<b>2</b>

<p><b>Organisation Details:</b></p> <p>Service Base: Level 1 / 283 Lincoln Road Addington Christchurch New Zealand</p> <p>Legal Status: Incorporated Society</p> <p>Established: 1/06/1992</p> <p>Staff – Paid: 22</p> <p>Volunteers: 18</p> <p>Annual Volunteer Hours: 15</p> <p>Participants: 600</p> <p>Target Groups: Social Services</p> <p>Networks: Refugee Resettlement Service Alliance</p> <p>INFoRM</p> <p>Social Service Providers Association</p> <p>Right Service Right Time Governance Group</p> <p>Canterbury Children's Team Governance Group</p> <p>Integrated Safety Response - BWT Collaboration, Ops Manager Group</p> <p><b>Organisation Description/Objectives:</b></p> <p>Mission Statement</p> <p>CRS exists to support people from refugee and migrant backgrounds living in Christchurch to settle successfully in New Zealand by providing a range of professional services that build on strengths to promote wellbeing and resilience.</p>	<p><b>Alignment with Council Strategies and Policies</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This application falls under the Council's 'Strengthening Communities Together Strategy' with the most relevant Pou (pillar) being 'People'. Under this Pou objective 1.3 states: "Continue to build on the relationships and achievements developed with multi-ethnic and multi-cultural communities through the Multicultural strategy - Our future together."</li> </ul> <p><b>Alignment with Council Funding Outcomes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support, develop and promote capacity.</li> <li>Community participation and awareness.</li> <li>Increase community engagement.</li> <li>Enhance community and neighbourhood safety.</li> <li>Provide community-based programmes.</li> <li>Reduce or overcome barriers.</li> </ul> <p><b>Outcomes that will be achieved through this project</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CRS will be open for 5days a week, from 9am to 3pm.</li> <li>50 people will attend first aid training.</li> <li>They will increase the number of junior teams from 2 to 4.</li> <li>They will hold monthly information sessions at community libraries.</li> </ul> <p><b>How Will Participants Be Better Off?</b></p> <p>CRS envisage that clients will be satisfied with the service received and achieve positive outcomes with regard to changes in circumstances, knowledge/skills, acquisition, attitude behaviour, and health/wellbeing. The support process and cultural understanding between clients and staff will be enhanced.</p>	<p><b>Staff Assessment</b></p> <p>Canterbury Resettlement Services (CRS) are located at L1, 283 Lincoln Rd, Christchurch 8024.</p> <p>CRS was formed in 1992 to support resettling refugee-background families with three services: Bilingual community work, social work and English language classes with childcare support.</p> <p>Their mission statement reads: "CRS exists to support people from refugee and migrant backgrounds living in Ōtautahi/Christchurch, to settle successfully in Aotearoa/New Zealand by providing a range of professional services that build on strengths to promote wellbeing and resilience."</p> <p>CRS describe that they are the only organisation in Christchurch who provide professional resettlement services in the areas outlined above. This funding will cover the funding of the salary of a support worker and thereby take pressure off existing staff to perform roles and remain current. The funding is on a one-off basis for a year.</p> <p>CRS collaborate with many organisations including: schools, health organisations, NGO's, Government departments and from the general community/families who approach them.</p> <p>The application relates to a significant sum of money which seems to sit better with the main funding round, not the discretionary process. Bearing this in mind, Shirley Wright (CE of CRS) was contacted to discuss. She advised that due to an oversight in their main funding application, this portion was missed and so they are now trying to catch up. She understands that such a large amount for this process may not be approved but she stated that if they were to receive any extra funding (even a portion of this sum) it would assist them. The intent is to fold the full amount into their main funding application next year.</p> <p>The rationale for the staff recommendation is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The application meets funding criteria and is approved for consideration, with the caveat that the full amount requested is substantial and if unsuitable, that a smaller portion of this would assist.</li> <li>Canterbury Resettlement Services is a key Christchurch organisation with multiple years of support from Council in previous years. Due to organisational oversight, they missed applying to the main Strengthening Communities Fund, but their services are no less valuable to the Christchurch Community. This funding will support their organization to continue offering their core resettlement services until next year.</li> </ul>
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<b>00066792</b>	<b>Organisation Name</b> The Loft/Ki Te Tihi Charitable Trust	<b>Name and Description</b> <b>Social Emergency Response Service (SERS) &amp; Shared Workspace</b> One of the core services of Ki Te Tihi/The Loft is their Social Emergency Response Service (SERS), which is a practice that ensures tamariki and their whanau are connected to services, resources and supports they need, to attain long term wellbeing. Additionally, staff employed by the Loft operate a shared workspace for a range of health and social service providers. This enables immediate and integrated responses to a range of complex needs and reduces barriers that may restrict people from accessing services and support. This application is to support the salaries of the Social Emergency Response Service (SERS) and Front-of-House Staff at Ki Te Tihi/The Loft.	<b>Funding History</b> 2023/24 - \$10,000 SCF Metro 2022/23 - \$10,000 SCF Metro 2021/22 - \$15,000 SCF Metro 2020/21 - \$15,000 SCF Metro  <b>Other Sources of Funding</b> This application is being made for the salaries of Social Emergency Response Service (SERS) practitioners because MSD have cut the entirety of their funding for this service. A general overheads application has also been made to the Rata Foundation. outside of MSD Contracts for service, the organisation makes a majority of its annual revenue (~\$500,000) through tenancy agreements and facility hire with the co-located social service organisations.	<b>Request Budget</b>  <b>Total Cost</b> \$1,135,248  <b>Requested Amount</b> \$360,000 <b>32% percentage requested</b>  <b>Contribution Sought Towards:</b> \$360,000 Salaries and Wages	<b>Staff Recommendation</b>  <b>\$ 0</b> That the Council declines the application to its 2023/24 Metropolitan Discretionary Response Fund from The Loft/Ki Te Tihi Charitable Trust towards Social Emergency Response Service (SERS) & shared workspace for salaries and wages.	<b>4</b>
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<b>Organisation Details:</b> Service Base: The Loft, Eastgate Shopping Centre Linwood, Christchurch Legal Status: Charitable Trust Established: 13/09/2018 Staff – Paid: 4 Volunteers: 8 Annual Volunteer Hours: 300 Participants: 1,000 Target Groups: Social Services Networks: Canterbury Family Violence Collaboration All Right Champions Hui Greater Linwood Forum.  <b>Organisation Description/Objectives:</b> To enhance outcomes for children, young people, families and communities through co-located community wellbeing services.	<b>Alignment with Council Strategies and Policies</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Te Hononga, Te Whitingia, Strengthening Communities Together Strategy (Objectives 1.1, 1.4, 1.6 and 4.1)</li> </ul> <b>Alignment with Council Funding Outcomes</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community participation and awareness</li> <li>Enhance community and neighbourhood safety</li> <li>Reduce or overcome barriers</li> </ul> <b>Outcomes that will be achieved through this project</b> The Loft will be open five days a week, from 9am to 5pm. The Loft Staff will receive over 600 general visitors to the facility per week. Most of these visits will be people connecting with partner agencies on site. Approximately 50 visitors per week will be 'walk-ins' - people accessing support or information, help and signposting. This results in approximately 800-1,000 families and individuals receiving full Social Emergency Response Assessments this year. The staff will run 4 Cultural Development sessions and 6 group training sessions for Loft Partners.  <b>How Will Participants Be Better Off?</b> Ki Te Tihi/The Loft is a safe, free, accessible and non-stigmatising space for people to seek help and emergency safety. The walk-in service supports people at immediate and urgent risks of violence. Staff at Linwood Medical Centre can walk patients over when they disclose a safety concern. People benefit at a personal level, from welcoming, relationship-centred and mana-enhancing support.	<b>Staff Assessment</b> The Loft/Ki Te Tihi is a well-known and highly regarded service provider on the east of Christchurch. Located on the mezzanine of Eastgate Shopping mall, and just down from the library, it offers a discrete way for individuals who feel at risk of violence, or who may be struggling with a myriad of challenges to access support services without arousing suspicion or stigma from family or friends. Core to the provision of this service are the trained Social Emergency Response Service (SERS) staff, who are able to triage individuals, and collaborate with the many partner organisations on-site to organise the support an individual or family may need. Additionally, to the SERS Service, the Loft also acts as host for a number of co-locating partner agencies, who both use the Loft as an office and meeting space, as well as to run clinics and core services from the location. The shared service providers operating from The Loft include Aviva, PGF Counselling, Enliven Presbyterian Support, Asian Family Services, Enabling Good Lives, Christchurch Resettlement Services, Plunket, Community Law, Citizens Advice Bureau, Link People, Kidz Need Dadz, Good Loans, Kingdom Resources, Mapu Maia, Pacific Peoples Trust, Comcare Trust, Ministry of Justice, and Anglican Advocacy. Not all of these providers are permanent tenants, with many choosing to hot desk from the Loft's office area when clients access other services in the same location. Importantly, this decision will not directly impact the Loft's ability to host this network of partner organisations in the shared office space. Staff at the Loft have confirmed that they will be able to keep the space open for tenants. however, the indirect risk is that with the loss of the Social Emergency Response Service staff is that the front-of house/reception services will not be present at The Loft, which will reduce the ability for walk-ins, and increase barriers for individuals accessing services. This in turn would erode the value provided by the co-located services on-site. The rationale for the staff recommendation is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The investment required to maintain these positions at the Loft is significant, and to maintain them, Council would need to commit to an equivalent grant each year.</li> <li>To support these positions at the level requested would empty the Discretionary Response Fund for 2023/24.</li> <li>Criteria for community funding states that Council will not fund projects that are considered to be the primary responsibility of Central government.</li> <li>Awarding this grant would set a challenging precedent for other central government-funded services who may see their budgets cut or reduced as a result of austerity measures.</li> </ul>
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