

COMMITTEE: CENTRAL AREA **REF NO:** CAC/22/14

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SUBJECT: FUNDING REQUEST - ST ELIZABETH
HOSPICE

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Short description of report content and the decision requested:

This report requests that the Central Area Committee consider allocating £1,400 to St Elizabeth Hospice to enable the installation of a 'Before I Die' wall in May. This will serve as an interactive art installation, posing the question 'Before I die, I want to....' to be answered on the walk in chalk. Further, it allows reflection on death, accompanying St Elizabeth Hospice's largest fundraising event in May, in addition to 'Dying Matters' Week.

List of Appendices included in this report:

- a) Appendix 1 - Application Form

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This report was prepared after consultation with:

Internal consultees

External consultees

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The following policies form a context to this report:

(all relevant policies must also be referred to in the body of the report)

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1. Item of business and issues for consideration

- 1.1 To consider the application of St Elizabeth Hospice and decide whether to agree:
- i) Option 1 - Fund the total amount requested
 - ii) Option 2 - Fund a lesser amount to the amount requested
 - iii) Option 3 - Not fund
- 1.2 The Committee will make its decision based on whether the application meets the funding criteria and the funds available to the Committee.
- 1.3 St Elizabeth Hospice provides care for those living with a progressive illness or life limiting condition, through a range of therapeutic techniques both for inpatient and outpatient patients. Work is highly centred on the needs of the individual, and over 3,500 are supported in this way across East Suffolk, Great Yarmouth, and Waveney per year, with over 100 patients completing their life's journey in the care of St Elizabeth Hospice. Core values are centred around ensuring every person facing death has the best quality of life possible, and experiences dignity, peace, and comfort in whichever decisions they make. The Hospice is rated 'Outstanding' by the Care Quality Commission.
- 1.4 St Elizabeth Hospice work to equip communities to support each other through life limiting illness. One such project is 'Compassionate Communities', which aims to break taboo about death by: Opening conversations about death, dying and loss; improving death literacy; sharing support opportunities, and engaging and collaborating with the community.
- 1.5 The 'Before I Die' wall is a global participatory art project and in Ipswich will contribute to the missions of the hospice and the 'Compassionate Communities' Campaign. It will be a feature along Ipswich Waterfront, opposite Dance East, for the month of May, and will not only enable emotional expression, but serve as an art feature and signposting tool to other support services, with a QR code alongside. This will result not only raising awareness, but also increase footfall to the Waterfront – as a global project, other locations around the world have seen the 'Before I Die' wall become a prominent talking point in the community.
- 1.6 The wall will be 10m in length and 2.5m high.
- 1.7 May is an important month for this installation to take place in. The midnight walk on Saturday 20th May is the biggest fundraiser for the hospice, and Dying Matters week runs from 1st-7th May, which will generate further engagement and awareness.
- 1.8 Direct beneficiaries will be members of the public; even if they do not write on the wall, in reading it and/or scanning a QR code, they may be impacted. To

increase the longevity of the project, campaigns will run on social media, and images of the wall will be uploaded to a global website. Further, volunteers will be directly recruited from the IP1 postcode to support a long legacy for those individuals who also work on the project (there are currently 111 volunteers). These volunteers will also serve to ensure the wall is well maintained and free from inappropriate rhetoric.

2. Links to Area Action Plan

2.1 Department of Communities and Local Government - Domains of Deprivation:

- **Health and Disability**, which is an Area Action Plan priority
- **Education, Skills, and Training**, which is an Area Action Plan priority

2.2 Building a Better Ipswich underlying principles:

- **A Healthy Community**, which is an Area Action Plan priority
- **An Enjoyable Place to Live, Work and Study**

3. Financial implications

3.1 There is £3,845.26 remaining unallocated in the Central Area Committee's budget, which is available to fund grant applications.

Description of expenditure		Cost (£)
Permissions, consultation, and support from Eat Art for the wall to be in place		1,000.00
Materials		250.00
Volunteer expenses		150.00
Total project costs		£1,400.00
Total requested from Area Committees	North East	N/A
	North West	N/A
	Central	£1,400
	South East	N/A
	South West	N/A
	TOTAL	£1,400.00

4. Legal Implications

- 4.1 The Council has the power to make grants to community projects through the Area Committees. The Area Committees have delegated Executive powers and devolved budgets.
- 4.2 Area Committees have the power to award grants in accordance with part 3, section 2 of the Council's Constitution i.e. the Area Committee terms of reference.
- 4.3 St Elizabeth Hospice (registered Charity no. 289154, registered company number 1794927) has provided its constitution, named officers, proof of bank account, year-end accounts, and safeguarding policy as required by the Area Committee Funding Guidelines.

5. Risks considered

Risk Description	Consequence of risk	Risk Controls	Probability of risk occurring taking account of controls (1: almost impossible - 6: very high)	Impact of risk, if it occurred taking account of actions (1: negligible - 4: catastrophic)
Safeguarding risk to children and vulnerable people	Emotional or physical harm to individual	Safeguarding system Records check on staff and volunteers	2	3
Actions to mitigate risk	St Elizabeth Hospice operates a safeguarding policy for vulnerable adults and for children. Their staff are trained, and DBS checked.			
Inappropriate text may be written on the wall	Personal offence to individuals and/or promotion of inappropriate rhetoric or misinformation	Volunteers to clean and monitor the wall	4	2
Actions to mitigate risk	St Elizabeth Hospice have 111 trained volunteers who will monitor the wall and remove inappropriate remarks/rhetoric			

6. Options

- 6.1 Option 1 – Approve allocation of funding of £1,400 to St Elizabeth’s Hospice
- 6.2 Option 2 – Approve allocation of less than £1,400 as contribution to the same.
- 6.3 Option 3 – Do not fund.

7. Record of Decision taken

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8. Exemption from call in (if applicable)

I certify that this decision is urgent and therefore exempt from call-in for the following reasons:

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Signed.....

[This must be signed by the Chair of the Area Committee]