

**Committee: FULL COUNCIL**

**Date: 18 October 2022**

**Title: Grant Application from Ilminster Chamber of Commerce**

**Purpose of Report**

For members to consider a grant application to cover Street Trader's Licence Fees on Ilminster Christmas Festival.

**Recommendation:**

Members resolve to award a grant of £500 to Ilminster Chamber of Commerce and Trade for the Ilminster Christmas Festival on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2022.

**Report:**

1. Ilminster Chamber of Commerce have approached the Town Council to request a grant to help support the Christmas Festival event in November 2022.
2. The event has been held for 25 years and attracts 1500+ people to Ilminster.
3. This year SSDC have indicated that they will enforce the requirement for street vendors to purchase a Street Trader Consent at a cost of £61 each.
4. Documents (**Appendix 20A**) have been provided to officers that give more detail and indicate that the Chamber of Commerce have their own funds as well as applying for additional funding from Ilminster Town Council and are looking for a £500 grant.
5. The Town Council currently has allocated £1,000 of grant money leaving a balance of £9,400 of the £10,400 that has not been allocated in the 2022-23 budget for Grants this financial year. In addition to this there is also £5,000 available in the Open Spaces budget for awarding to organisations should the council so wish to do so in response to an application.
6. It is for members to resolve to award a grant of £500 to Ilminster Chamber of Commerce to support the Christmas Festival 2022.

**Julie Earp  
Deputy Town Clerk  
October 2022**