

## Appendix 2.

### Alternative Option to Charitable Trust

- 1.1. It is proposed that any funds raised through this scheme is allocated to voluntary and community organisations through the Merton Giving Scheme.
- 1.2. Merton Giving is a community giving scheme and is a partnership between the council, MVSC and the Chamber of Commerce. Through its contacts with business the Chamber has raised so far this year £12,000 in cash and £60,000 in-kind donations. The council has allocated £13,000 and MVSC £10,000. In addition the CCG and Public Health are investing £26,000.
- 1.3. MVSC hold these funds in a separate account and they are allocated via a grants round to voluntary and community sector groups. MVSC provide the administration for the grants round and the scheme is overseen by a steering group that includes Cllr Macauley, Love Wimbledon, the Wimbledon Foundation and AFC Wimbledon.
- 1.4. Grants are allocated based on themes agreed with the council which are currently:
  - Developing Our Future Generation – Grassroots community initiatives to positively engage with diverse groups of young people to promote active citizenship and a reduction in negative lifestyles and behaviors.
  - Building Healthier Communities – A focus on preventative services and/or activities that address key issues of health inequalities in the borough, including those between East and West Merton.
  - Connecting our Communities – projects that deliver services and/or activities that bring neighborhoods and communities together and strengthen and promote community cohesion and social capital.
- 1.5. It is proposed that funds raised through a Council Tax Voluntary Scheme would be allocated to voluntary and community groups via Merton Giving. The council could if it so wished apply conditions to how this funding was allocated.

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