

**Full Council**

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<b>Report Title:</b>	<b>Thame Pride – Seed Funding Request</b>
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	<b>15 October 2024</b>
<b>Contact:</b>	<b>Cllr David Dawson Cassie Pinnells, Community Services Manager Amy Slater, Business Administration Apprentice</b>

**Purpose of the Report**

To request seed funding for a Thame Pride event in 2025.

**Action Required**

1. To note significant continuing community support for a Thame Pride event.
2. To note potential sponsors already committed to funding Thame Pride 2025 event to be held in June 2025.
3. To approve that Thame Town Council provide initial seed funding limited to £500 to establish a Community Interest Company (CIC) that will operate and deliver Thame Pride 2025.

**Background**

4. Community Services Committee voted on 16 July 2024 to support in principle a Thame Pride event in 2025.
5. A packed public meeting on 11th September 2025 demonstrated strong support from the Thame community for a Pride event on Saturday 21st June 2025 the meeting resulted in the recruitment of a core group of skilled volunteers to deliver the event.
6. Sponsors have already come forward and negotiations have begun to fund Thame Pride 2025 including:
  - Travelodge
  - Lightfoots Solicitors
  - Specsavers
  - NAS/UWT SE Region.
7. The core Pride team will establish a CIC funded by grants and sponsors to deliver Thame Pride 2025.
8. Certain fixed fees are needed to set up the CIC and a bank account to enable the Pride team to receive grants and sponsorship money.

**Resource Appraisal**

9. The council is asked to make funds available to the Thame Pride committee up to

and limited to £500. This could be funded from the Economic Development budget.

10. Initial support from TTC officers is expected to reduce once the CIC has been set up.

### **Risk Assessment**

11. There may be reputational risks associated with any decision for or against the event.

### **Legal Powers:**

- Local Government Act 1972 Sections 137 and 145
- Localism Act 2011
- Equality Act 2010, Section 149(1)

### **Recommendation:**

- i) To approve that Thame Town Council provide initial seed funding limited to £500 to establish a Community Interest Company (CIC) that will operate and deliver Thame Pride 2025.***