

FOR DECISION

PC Meeting 2 September 2025

10. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE FUTURE OF THE LEVINGTON WARM WELCOME 2025/2026

The criteria for applications for Grants from the District Council to support Warm Welcome facilities have been issued. They are looking for a commitment of at least 8 hours a week, but if a shorter time frame is proposed they suggest that they would consider applications for 6 hours a week. This would translate to at least 4 (or 3) mornings at 2 hours a week requiring 1 volunteer per session or if for longer than 2 hours would require 2 volunteers.

Currently the Warm Welcome is available for 4 days a week and requires 2 volunteers for each session. We have discussed this with Sally Long and following her engagement with the volunteers, she believes that they can realistically only support one morning for 2 hours, once a fortnight.

On this basis we do not believe this would meet the criteria for applying for a grant.

It would be a shame if some provision for warm welcome was not available and **I would like to propose that the Parish Council funds this limited provision for the current period of 20 weeks. This would be at a cost of £30 per session and would therefore require funding to £300. This should be revisited in January in the event that additional days may be provided.**

This would limit the time commitment on our Clerk, both in terms of the application process, which would not meet the criteria in any event, and on going attendance reporting.

The volunteer commitment would be on a fixed day each fortnight for 2 hours.

Sally has also requested a lead Councilor be appointed as a contact for her in case of any issues.