

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

**14 JANUARY 2013**

**APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – GRANT APPLICATION**

**REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK**

**1. Cornwall Air Ambulance Trust**

1.1 The Town Council has received a request for grant funding from the Cornwall Air Ambulance Trust.

1.2 The service provides essential relief of sickness and pain predominantly in the county of Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly by the provision of an air ambulance helicopter serving the community.

1.3 The service provides 365 days cover and carries out around 1000 rescue missions per year. The geographic landscape in Cornwall, with its vast coastline particularly benefits from the service.

1.4 An ageing population means that 64% of emergencies are in response to medical conditions such as heart attacks and strokes.

1.5 The award of a grant would help support continuing running costs in connection with the service such a fuel and maintenance. The service supports local communities by saving lives and improving post incident prognosis. Other local councils and organisations have also been approached for funding.

1.6 The Town Council has previously made the following grant awards to the trust.

- £500.00 Jan 2012
- £500.00 Sept 2010
- £100.00 Sept 2009
- £500.00 Jan 2007

1.7 The Trust has provided a copy of its Annual Report 2011 which includes financial information in supports of its application. A copy of the report is available for inspection in the Town Clerk's Office

**2. Remaining Budget Provision in 2012 / 2013**

2.1 There is currently £3,500.00 remaining in the 2012 / 2013 budget for grant applications.

3. The Town Council's instructions are sought.

Elaine Baker

Town Clerk

Background papers: Application submitted 7 January 2013.