

Report from CAB Working Party to the Finance and Staffing Meeting 24.09.19

Motion to propose top-up funding for CAB, Cavendish Square

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**Summary:**

1.1 The Swindon Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) have approached South Swindon Parish Council for a grant for £10,000 in order to resolve a budget shortfall in funding that will allow the facility in Cavendish Square to remain open. SSPC recognise the importance of the work carried out by CAB for the parishioners in this facility and support the maintained presence of the CAB in Cavendish Square.

1.2 SSPC working party propose that funding should not be via grant application and that a sustainable funding formula be put in place that allows CAB to plan for the future.

1.3 SSPC understand that funding can only be used to support SSPC parishioners. CAB have informed SSPC that 80% of attendees are SSPC parishioners, (45% of whom are disabled).

1.4 The funding would be for advice centre supervision, volunteer training supervision and volunteer expenses.

**2. Recommendations:**

2.1 The parish council resolve to include a budget line for contribution to the facility located in Cavendish Square.

2.2 That the council resolve to maintain support for the CAB presence in Cavendish Square within the budget for 3 years.

2.3 That the council agree a sum of £8,000 per annum to be allocated for the purpose of subsidising the continued service from the Cavendish Square office.