

**Okehampton Town Council
Policy & Resources Meeting 12th July 2021
Meeting Report**

Date:	30 th June 2021
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Subject:	Meeting Report

6. **Grant Applications** – To consider the following application for a grant:

6.1 **Okey Music Day** – For a grant of £500 towards promotion of the events and the running costs.

Consideration of the application was deferred at the May committee meeting (Min Ref 17.1) for further information in relation to payment of the grant. Wren Music have confirmed that they are willing to hold the funds for this event and will provide a statement of income and expenditure for the committee.

8. **Online Security** – To consider a recommendation from the Council's IT Contractor in relation to online security at a cost of £279

A suggestion has been made that the Council increases the security level of its Office 365, including emails, package by enabling 2 factor authentication. This would require the user to enter two forms of identification when logging into the system/emails, the second being a code sent to a mobile or suggestion phone.

This recommendation has been made because of an increase that has been seen in online malicious activity generally and within Office 365 and will help to protect the Council's systems. Members who attended the recent Cyber Crime presentation by Devon & Cornwall Police's Cyber Protect Team will recognise the recommendation that this system is adopted where possible.

The quotation is for implementation of the system for staff and councillors and the set up would include a call by the contractor to each person.

It is recommended that the Council approves this suggestion.