

**To:** Paisley South Local Area Committee

**On:** 29 August 2017

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**Report by:** Director of Finance & Resources

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**Heading:** Grant Award Feedback

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## **1. Summary**

1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide some detail on a number of projects that were funded by the Paisley South LAC in 2016/17.

1.2 Providing feedback to LACs increases accountability and helps LACs identify clear community outcomes from grants awarded to community groups.

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## **2. Recommendations**

2.1 The LAC is requested to note the report.

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## **3. Background**

3.1 This report provides an overview of feedback submitted by a number of the successful grant applicants who were funded by the Paisley South LAC in 2016/17.

### **3.2 Street Stuff**

3.2.1 During 2016/17 each of the five LACs awarded £5,000 to the Street Stuff project to assist in the provision of an enhanced and non-core service provision. This funding would contribute to the costs of delivery of up to two activity sessions per week within the LAC area, through the peak summer, autumn and spring months, as well as attendance at local gala days and fetes. The costs are predominantly associated with staff (coaches) and lets as the core Street Stuff budget pays for the day-to-day running including the Dance Coordinator who is involved in some of these sessions.

3.2.2 The 2016/17 annual report which set out the progress made by the Street Stuff project on a Renfrewshire-wide basis was submitted to the last meeting of this LAC held in June 2017. In terms of the £5,000 award made by this LAC towards the non-core service provision, this helped to fund 71 activity sessions at Bushes Primary and Lochfield Marshes with 1,790 attendances. The cost of providing these activities was £8,000.

### **3.3 Cotton Club – Castle Semple Activity Programme**

3.3.1 The LAC awarded £2,000 which helped 90 older people from sheltered housing gain a John Muir Discovery Award. Activities undertaken in the programme included making bird boxes, bird feeders and bird cake and participating in bird ringing demonstrations, photography, bushcraft, environmental art, poetry, mammal tracking, pond dipping and wildlife surveys.

### **3.4 Brediland Primary School**

3.4.1 The school's parent council was awarded £5,000 towards the cost of purchasing equipment to enhance the school playground. The parents raised a further £10,000 from other sources to meet the full cost of the project. The equipment was selected in consultation with the pupil council and can be used throughout the year.

### **3.5 Heriot Primary School Nursery Class Parent Group**

3.5.1 The LAC award of £1,115 helped to fund an attractive, comfortable and functional early years library which supports family learning and provide a regular bedtime story club. The library is also used at school lunchtimes when the senior pupils provide story telling for the younger children.

### **3.6 Paisley Chess Club**

3.4.1 The Paisley Chess Club received an award of £442.50 from this LAC. The club has advised that following the purchase of new chess equipment bought with the grant money the 'A' team won the Glasgow Chess league division 1 title and the 'B' team the Glasgow Chess league division 3 title winning every game and being promoted to division 2 next season.

### **3.7 P.A.G.G.S.**

3.7.1 This LAC awarded £2,453 from the Youth Challenge Fund towards the cost of an international Scout and Guide camp at Sutton. PAGGS is an international twin town cooperation involving Guides, Scouts and Boys and Girls Brigade from the following towns - P - Paisley; A - Apeldoorn (The Netherlands); G - Gagny (France); G - Gladsaxe (Denmark); S - Sutton (England); Minden (Germany); Wilmersdorf (Germany); and Pardubice (Czech Republic).

3.7.2 All those involved in the international camp learned to develop communication skills and work together as a team which, in turn, helped to build confidence and self-reliance. The young people brought back with them an enthusiasm for outdoor activities as well as an increased understanding of responsibility and respect for others. A total of 86 young people benefitted from the grant.

### **3.8 Cornerstone Drop-in Centre**

3.8.1 The £375 contribution towards running costs helped this group assist people using the centre, many of whom experience chaotic lifestyles. The hoped-for outcome for service users was a lifestyle change and a better contribution to their community.

### **3.9 Phoenix Flyers Dog Agility Club**

3.9.1 The LAC grant of £1,000 allowed this group to purchase a large storage container and various pieces of lightweight dog agility training equipment which have been utilised at various community events in Renfrewshire. With National Certificates in Dog Training, the instructors not only mentor dog owners in agility training but also obedience, animal welfare and etiquette. In terms of a wider community benefit, the club has been able to arrange an increased number of beginner classes which will improve owner responsibility for their dogs.

### **3.10 Renfrewshire Sports Network**

3.10.1 The LAC awarded £2,400 towards the multi-area application which helped fund the Funding Athletes Supporting Talent (FAST) Card Scheme, benefitting a number of elite athletes in Renfrewshire from athletics, hockey, basketball, badminton, cricket, squash, cycling, football, golf, karate, gymnastics, judo, swimming, rowing and windsurfing.

### **3.11 Fitting-in – Renfrewshire Troopers**

3.11.1 The LAC made a contribution of £1,156 towards this multi-area application which saw children and their carers undertake healthy eating and mindfulness courses and participate in trips to Hampden and Heads of Ayr. In addition, the wider benefit of the project was for kinship carers who were able to participate more fully within their communities. The group has been asked to take part in developing a piece of art : ‘Recovery in Renfrewshire’.

### **3.12 St James’ Friendly Hour**

3.12.1 The group utilised their grant, including £400 from this LAC, to hire a minibus to collect less fit and disabled members from their homes and take them to the weekly meetings. The members all have differing degrees of health issues and in many cases this is the only contact they will have with other people in the community.

### **3.13 St James’ Orchestra**

3.13.1 The orchestra used its multi-area grant contribution of £340 to help meet the cost of accommodation for rehearsals and concerts throughout Renfrewshire.

### **3.14 St James’ Orchestra**

3.14.1 The orchestra used its multi-area grant to help meet the cost of accommodation for rehearsals and for full concerts throughout Renfrewshire.

### **3.14 Renfrewshire Youth Voice – Positive About Youth Awards**

3.14.1 The Positive About Youth awards were organised and hosted by members of Renfrewshire Youth Voice who are all aged between 12 and 25. This was a major event for young people in Renfrewshire as 21 individuals or groups were publically recognised for their work in the community. Awards were given for 11 different categories ranging from Young Carer of the Year to Volunteer of the Year with one group winning the overall Positive About Youth Award for their dedication to youth voice activities.

3.14.2 The community in Renfrewshire was given the opportunity to celebrate these achievements. Elected members from the Council and national parliaments attended on the night along with 200 guests.

### **3.15 Kelburne Hockey Club**

3.15.1 The £3,000 total multi-area grant allowed Kelburne Hockey Club to host the European Championship Hockey Tournament. Competing teams were accommodated in the Glynhill Hotel and brought business to the town.

### **3.16 Rays of Hope**

3.16.1 Awarded £1,960 by this LAC, Rays of Hope brought together like-minded people who have or are going through the same cancer journey. Members have been able to share experiences, confide in one another and build friendships, confidence and self-esteem. The 18 members come together to exercise, socialise and help to lead healthier less isolated lives. Rays of Hope networks with similar organisations such as McMillan and Accord Hospice and operates on a year-round basis.

### **3.17 I Am Me - Cinebus**

3.17.1 The overall LAC award of £4,000 has helped I Am Me advertise the Cinebus and showcase this in Paisley. The bus has been used to tour all of Renfrewshire's primary schools to raise awareness of disability, bullying and hate crime. The funding also allowed I Am Me to take the Cinebus out to the wider community including a family fun day in Fergulsie, in partnership with RAMH, where around 50 children participated in events.

### **3.18 Paisley YMCA - iEnterprise Programme**

3.18.1 Paisley YMCA received a contribution of £2,996.50 from this LAC towards the cost of developing the iEnterprise programme. Young people who were involved in the programme have benefited from improved digital literacy skills that have further develop their problem solving and cognitive thinking abilities. They have learned to use analytical approaches and support other young people to communicate their ideas more effectively using a range of digital platforms when pitching a solution or process to their teammates, including the creation of information and awareness raising videos and DJ workshops.

### **3.19 Future Feedback**

3.19.1 All grant recipients are instructed to submit award feedback once their awards have been spent and further reports on the outcome of projects will be submitted to future meetings of this LAC.

## **Implications of this report**

### **1. Financial Implications**

Grant awards were contained within 2016/17 LAC budget allocations.

### **2. HR and Organisational Development Implications**

None.

### **3. Community Plan/Council Plan Implications**

Children and Young People	- The provision of grants to local groups supports individuals and groups to develop skills to improve personal achievements.
Community Care, Health and Well-being	- The provision of grants to local groups and individuals to support social, cultural and recreational activities contributes to improved health and well-being.
Empowering our Communities	- The provision of grants to local groups and individuals contributes to the development of local communities.
Greener	- The provision of grants to local groups and individuals support social, cultural and recreational activities contributes to local sustainability.

### **4. Legal Implications**

Compliance with the Council's Condition of Grants

### **5. Property/Assets Implications**

None.

### **6. Information Technology Implications**

None.

### **7. Equality and Human Rights Implications**

- (a) The Recommendations contained within this report have been assessed in relation to their impact on equalities and human rights. No negative impacts on equality groups or potential for infringement of individuals' human rights have been identified arising from the recommendations contained in the report because all grant applicants must submit valid constitutions containing equality statements. If required following implementation, the actual impact of the recommendations and the mitigating actions will be reviewed and monitored, and the results of the assessment will be published on the Council's website.

### **8. Health and Safety Implications**

None.

**9. Procurement Implications**

None.

**10. Risk Implications**

None.

**11. Privacy Impact**

None.

**12. COSLA Policy Position**

None.

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**List of Background Papers**

None

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