

**To:** Houston, Crosslee, Linwood, Riverside & Erskine Local Area Committee  
**On:** 31 August 2016

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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 Houston, Crosslee, Linwood, Riverside & Erskine LAC in 2015/16.

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## **2. Recommendations**

2.1 The LAC is requested to note the report.

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## **3. Background**

3.1 The Houston, Crosslee, Linwood, Riverside & Erskine LAC committed a total of £111,840 in expenditure on projects and activities within Renfrewshire during both the 2015/16 and 2016/17 financial years. This report provides an overview of feedback submitted by a number of the successful grant applicants.

### **3.2 Linwood Healthy Living Group**

3.2.1 The Linwood Healthy Living Group was awarded £1,250 towards the cost of engaging an instructor and hiring a church hall for its activities. The grant award helped the group to keep the cost to members to £2 per session. The members come to exercise, keep fit and be mobile. The membership is made up of women two of whom are in their 50s, 7 in their 60s, 14 in their 70s and 9 in their 80s. The social interaction is also very important and the members use their own funds to run other activities such as a Christmas outing.

### **3.3 Food Train**

3.3.1 This LAC contributed £2,000 towards a total LAC award of £9,000 towards the cost of purchasing a new delivery van. The purchase of the van has allowed the organisation to expand its food shopping and delivery to more older people in Renfrewshire. Providing a shopping delivery service to older people who may be unable to do their own shopping helps keep these individuals more independent and able to remain in their own homes for longer. The service also provides quality volunteering opportunities for over 40 Renfrewshire residents.

### **3.4 Phoenix Flyers Dog Agility Club**

3.4.1 A LAC grant allowed this group to purchase various pieces of 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.

### **3.5 Parkrun UK**

3.5.1 At the May 2016 cycle of LACs a total of £1,800 was awarded to Parkrun UK, including £600 from this LAC, to help meet the cost of establishing a free weekly 5k run at ON-X, Linwood. The grant helped to fund the startup cost of the event to cover laptop, timers, finish tokens, barcode scanners, signage and cones.

3.5.2 The parkruns commenced on 9 July 2016 and a total of 362 runners have registered for the runs which take place at 9.30 a.m. on Saturday mornings. An average of 124 runners have participated each week with a single largest attendance of 175. The event organisers anticipate that the number of runners will increase to nearer 300 once the event becomes better established.

3.5.3 Parkrun UK has established a website providing details of the Linwood event including course safety, course description, facilities and how to reach the ON-X centre. Further details can be found at [www.parkrun.org.uk/linwood/](http://www.parkrun.org.uk/linwood/)

3.6 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**

None.

#### **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.

## List of Background Papers

None

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