

**To:** Paisley North Local Area Committee

**On:** 22 February 2018

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

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**Heading:** Grant Award Feedback 2016/17

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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 North LAC in 2016/17.

1.2 Providing regular feedback to LACs increases accountability and helps LACs identify clear community outcomes from grants awarded to community groups. It is also a condition of grant that groups account for their income and expenditure and set out the community benefits and other outcomes of their LAC grant awards.

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## **2. Recommendations**

2.1 The LAC is requested to note the report.

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## **3. Background**

3.1 A list of the groups that were awarded funding in 2016/17 is appended to this report. The list highlights the status of each group relative to the provision of feedback to this LAC.

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

3.3 Association of African Communities in Renfrewshire (AACR)

3.3.1 The Association was awarded £1,153 by this LAC for its Africans@Renfrewshire hub Project. The award was allocated towards accommodation rental cost, utilities and telephone/broadband.

3.3.2 AACR advises that 127 people benefitted from the grant through the provision of a service for African/ BME persons to engage with the wider community. AACR has held a number of events including talks, film nights, museum visits and cultural celebrations. The Hub also provides basic IT training, third party reporting, CV writing, access to computers and photocopying.

### 3.4 Braehead Junior Ice Hockey Club

3.4.1 This LAC awarded £350 to Braehead Junior Ice Hockey Club, primarily for the cost of ice hire. Up to 75 young people benefitted from the club's ability to keep costs as low as possible to participants while promoting physical activity, discipline and training.

### 3.5 Greensyde Carers – Gardening Project

3.5.1 The LAC awarded £100 towards the cost of floor beanbags, plants and shrubs and pots and decorative stones at the Milldale Centre. The project completed a rough hard landscaped area to allow all clients at Milldale to get out into the fresh air for relaxation. The garden also encourages people to tend the garden and encourage a sensory interaction with their surroundings. The group estimates that as many as 200 people benefitted from the project.

### 3.6 Renfrewshire Sports Network (RSN)

3.6.1 The LAC awarded £2,400 towards the cost of supporting the FAST card award scheme. RSN has advised that 45 athletes from a range of sports benefitted under the scheme which has encouraged them to seek further success and achieve higher goals in the future.

### 3.7 Paisley Pirates

3.7.1 The entirety of the LAC's award of £1,600 was utilised by the Paisley Pirates to cover ice hire costs.

3.7.2 During the 2016/17 season the Pirates, a team consisting of and run by local volunteers, won the Scottish National League and were runners up in both the play-offs and the Scottish Cup. As a result of their success, Paisley was ranked 41 as one of the top ice hockey towns in Europe. The team estimates that 77 people have directly benefitted from the grant as well as several hundred spectators.

### 3.8 Harmony Pensioners Group

3.8.1 The Group was awarded £1,600 towards the provision of activities for up to 50 older people. The funding met rental and administration costs. The club disbanded during the 2016/17 financial year and a cheque to the sum of £682.22 was returned to the LAC's budget.

### 3.9 Active Communities – Feel Good About Youth

3.9.1 The LAC awarded £4,275 towards the cost of this project which provided young people in P6/P7 with a safe place to meet on a weekly basis. Sports activities, arts and crafts, cooking sessions and healthy snacks were provided. Active Communities advise that the club provided a health input to address young people's poor eating habits, sugar consumption and low activity levels.

3.9.2 The youth club provided volunteer opportunities for older local young people – two teenage girls volunteered as trainee youth workers and one teenage boy was employed as a sessional youth worker.

### 3.10 Active Communities – Jingle Bell Run

3.10.1 The LAC provided £2,780 towards the cost of this annual fun run in Barshaw Park. Over 500 people took part in the 3 kilometre and 1 kilometre runs which encouraged participants to improve their health and wellbeing.

3.11.1 The funding was utilised to fund the hire of a gantry, entertainment, race essentials, promotional activities, first aid provision and volunteer expenses.

### 3.12 Alba Thistle

3.12.1 The LACs award of £600 was set against the club's hire of training facilities at Seedhill and Ralston, the hire of grass playing fields and the purchase of training gear and equipment.

### 3.13 Cotton Club

3.13.1 The £2,000 award was used to allow older people to achieve the John Muir Discovery Award . As part of this project the participants made bird boxes, birdfeeders and bird cake, photography, bushcraft, environmental art, poetry, and nature days. 90 sheltered housing residents participated.

### 3.14 Paisley West and Central Seniors Forum

3.14.1 The £600 grant helped the Forum to meet on a fortnightly basis by assisting with running costs such as rent, speakers and a keep fit instructor. The Forum has advised that its members have benefitted by meeting regularly to socialise, discuss issues, learn relevant information and keep fit both physically and mentally.

### 3.15 Double H Lunch Club

3.15.1 The multi area grant award has helped to provide two course lunch meals to elderly members of the club. The group has advised that by meeting hall rental costs the grant award helps to bring people together in a safe and friendly environment.

### 3.16 Lamont Farm

3.16.1 A regular recipient of LAC funding, Lamont Farm was awarded £2,000 by this LAC at its May 2016 meeting. The farm requires funding to help meet the cost of animal feed, bedding, hay and straw, farrier services, dentistry and insurance.

3.16.2 The Farm advises that over 1,000 people visit each year and that as many as 35 children volunteer at weekends. Lamont Farm also accepts work experience placements from local schools, colleges and universities.

### 3.17 The Boys' Brigade – Paisley & District Battalion

3.17.1 The Battalion received a total award of £5,000 towards the costs of refurbishing the headquarters building. The building now has a DDA compliant toilet facility and the upgraded kitchen allows the Brigade to provide catering for training courses being hosted at the headquarters. The upgraded heating system makes the building more suitable for daily working, meetings and training courses.

### 3.18 Oakshaw Residents' Association

3.18.1 The Association was awarded £1,400 to install a public notice board in the Oakshaw area. The notice board helps with communication, especially for those without access to modern technology. It has assisted with the promotion of a neighbourhood watch scheme in the area and information on the history of local buildings has also been displayed.

### 3.19 RAMH – No Substitute for Life

3.19.1 The LAC awarded £376 towards the cost of this multi area application. The funding helped to meet the cost of a memorial football tournament for local people, especially young men, who were most at risk of suicide. The event acted as a platform for local and national organisations who were trying to tackle the stigmas and taboos that prevented people, and particularly young men, from talking about mental health and suicide.

3.19.2 The main outcomes of the event were that it was led by the local community, ensuring local ownership and developing the resources of the community; that suicide prevention messages were clear throughout the event in order to reduce the stigma associated with the subject; and direct access to information about suicide prevention.

### 3.20 Renfrewshire Access Panel

3.20.1 This LAC awarded £2,000 to help meet the running costs for the offices of Renfrewshire Access Panel and help to enable the group to continue assisting Renfrewshire Council on various projects such as Living Streets; Joint Employability Project; and Changing Places Toilets.

3.20.2 The Panel has advised that throughout 2016/17 it continued its work to advance access provision and maintenance to buildings, environments and access to approaches for disabled people; to advance knowledge and perception with the aid of training and development; to advance knowledge and understanding of hate crime within Renfrewshire and assist with reporting to the appropriate authority; to advance the scope and procedures of the Panel by networking and building alliances; to provide advice on financial hardship and sickness for people with physical, mental and sensory impairments; and to develop the capacity and skills of the members of the socially and economically disadvantaged community of Renfrewshire, in such a way they are better able to identify, and help meet their needs and enable them to participate more fully in society.

### 3.21 Phoenix Activities Group

3.21.1 The group were awarded £1,325 by this LAC towards the cost of weekly meetings, to bring in tutors to assist the group's members with new activities and to purchase new sewing machines.

### 3.22 Renfrewshire Bowling Association Under 25s

3.22.1 The LAC grant of £600 helped to meet the cost of transport for 52 young people from all over Renfrewshire who represented the Renfrewshire Bowling Association at matches all over the country. The Under 25s team play in the Scottish Inter-County League & cups and include two under 25 internationalists and two under 17 internationalists.

### 3.23 The Breastfeeding Network

3.23.1 This LAC awarded £1,417.40 towards the cost of the ongoing Breast Buddies project aimed at promoting breastfeeding in Renfrewshire.

3.23.2 The group has advised that they have continued to provide breastfeeding support to families in Renfrewshire at their three weekly drop-in support groups at Ferguslie, Johnstone and Linwood. The group has also attended local community events including Lilies Day, Sma Shot Day and Barshaw Gala Day which has enabled them to engage with the local community, talking to parents and their wider families, normalising breastfeeding and providing evidence based information to local health professionals and new parents.

3.23.3 The group has continued to support their existing volunteers by providing ongoing learning, and two volunteers have now commenced nurse training. The group estimates that 82 local families directly benefitted from attendance at group sessions and 65 families attended the Teddy Bears' Picnic and Linwood's Birthday party events arranged by the Breastfeeding Network.

### 3.24 Forever Young

3.24.1 This LAC awarded £1,600 towards the cost of a health and wellbeing project for sheltered housing residents.

3.24.2 The grant helped to fund exercise sessions and a creative art project. The applicant estimated that 300 sheltered housing residents benefitted from the project.

### 3.25 Scottish Afro-Caribbean Festival

3.25.1 The LAC awarded a total of £10,000 towards the cost of the 2016 Carnival. The applicants have advised that the carnival has become more popular and they estimate that attendance grew from 500 in 2013 to over 3,000 in 2016. The grant was allocated towards the cost of the hire of staging, P.A systems, generators, barriers, toilets, stalls and marquees and the payment of performers.

### 3.26 Renfrewshire Effort to Empower Minorities

3.26.1 The LAC awarded a total of £4,382.50 towards REEM's running costs for 2016/17. REEM estimate that between 6-700 people made use of the centre which provided a number of information and educational services for people new to the UK.

### 3.27 Paisley Sea Cadets

3.27.1 The £889 award from this LAC helped Paisley Sea Cadets to attend an annual camp in Benbecula. The applicants advise that 55 people attended the camp and the grant helped meet the food and accommodations costs, ferry fares and uniform polo shirts.

### 3.28 Future Feedback

3.28.1 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

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

### 2. HR and Organisational Development

None.

### 3. Community/Council Planning

The wide range of projects awarded LAC funding reflect the diverse nature of the community in Renfrewshire and meets many of the key ambitions set out in the Community and Council Plans.

### 4. Legal

Compliance with the Council's Condition of Grants

### 5. Property/Assets

None.

### 6. Information Technology

None.

### 7. Equality and Human Rights

- (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**  
None.
  - 9. Procurement**  
None.
  - 10. Risk**  
None.
  - 11. Privacy**  
None.
  - 12. CoSLA Policy Position**  
None.
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### **List of Background Papers**

None

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## Appendix

Name of Group	Award from this LAC	Update status
<b>GENERAL GRANT FUND</b>		
Active Communities Jingle Bell Run	£2,780	Reported to meeting held on 22 February 2018
Active Communities Active About Youth	£4,275	Reported to meeting held on 22 February 2018
Alba Thistle	£600	Reported to meeting held on 22 February 2018
Cameron Dance Group	£2,200	Reported to meeting held on 17 August 2017
Harmony Pensioners Group	£1,600	Reported to meeting held on 22 February 2018
Oakshaw Residents Association	£1,400	Reported to meeting held on 22 February 2018
Paisley West & Central Seniors Forum	£600	Reported to meeting held on 22 February 2018
Ralston Community Council	£7,100	Event DVD submitted
Basketball Paisley	£50.25	No report submitted
Association of African Communities In Renfrewshire	£1,153	Reported to meeting held on 22 February 2018
Breastfeeding Network	£1,417.40	Reported to meeting held on 22 February 2018
C-change Scotland	£2,000	Reported to meeting held on 16 November 2017
Cornerstone Drop-in Centre	£375	Reported to meeting held on 17 August 2017
Cotton Club	£2,000	Reported to meeting held on 22 February 2018
Double H Lunch Club	£233.33	Reported to meeting held on 22 February 2018
Feis Feislig	£1,294.20	Presentation to LAC on 22 February 2018
Fitting-in	£1,156	Reported to meeting held on 17 August 2017
Forever Young	£1,600	Reported to meeting held on 22 February 2018
Greensyde Carers	£100	Reported to meeting held on 22 February 2018
I Am Me Scotland	£2,000	Reported to meeting held on 17 August 2017
Kelburne Hockey Club	£1,000	Reported to meeting held on 17 August 2017
Paisley Chess Club	£442.50	Reported to meeting held on 17 August 2017
Paisley Pens	£759.26	Receipts returned – group no longer exists

Paisley Pirates	£1,600	Reported to meeting held on 22 February 2018
Paisley West TARA		No report submitted
Phoenix Activities Group	£1,325	Reported to meeting held on 22 February 2018
Phoenix Flyers Dog Agility Training Club	£1,000	Reported to meeting held on 17 August 2017
Rainbow Turtle	£1,900	Reported to meeting held on 16 November 2017
RAMH – No Substitute for Life	£400	Reported to meeting held on 22 February 2018
Rays of Hope	£1,960	Reported to meeting held on 17 August 2017
Renfrewshire Access Panel	£1,226.20	Reported to meeting held on 22 February 2018
Renfrewshire Deaf Group	£600	Meeting to be arranged with group
REEM	£4,382.50	Reported to meeting held on 22 February 2018
Renfrewshire Visually Impaired Forum	£300	Meeting to be arranged with group
Scottish Afro Caribbean Festival	£10,480.44	Reported to meeting held on 22 February 2018
Shopmobility	£494	Reported to meeting held on 16 November 2017
St James' Church Friendly Hour	£400	Reported to meeting held on 17 August 2017
St James Orchestra	£340	Reported to meeting held on 17 August 2017
Stanley Athletic AFC	£1,236	No report submitted
Sweeney's Gym	£4,975	No report submitted
The Boys Brigade Paisley & District		Reported to meeting held on 22 February 2018
Wynd Centre (Adult)	£1,000	Reported to meeting held on 16 November 2017
Twist & Hit Cheerleaders	£2,750	Reported to meeting held on 16 November 2017
YMCA	£2,996.50	Reported to meeting held on 17 August 2017
<b>PAISLEY COMMON GOOD FUND</b>		
Coats Memorial Church	£13,000	No further update – project still to proceed
<b>YOUTH CHALLENGE FUND</b>		
Basketball Paisley	£826.55	No report submitted
Braehead Junior Ice Hockey Club	£350	Reported to meeting held on 22 February 2018
Create Paisley	£8,981.15	No report submitted
Loud 'n'Proud	£2,200	Reported to meeting held on 16 November 2017

Meikleriggs Cricket Foundation	£2,500	Reported to meeting held on 16 November 2017
PAGGS	£2,453	Reported to meeting held on 17 August 2017
Paisley & District Scouts	£1,250	Reported to meeting held on 16 November 2017
Paisley Sea Cadets	£889	Reported to meeting held on 22 February 2018
Renfrewshire Bowling Association Under 25s	£600	Reported to meeting held on 22 February 2018
Renfrewshire Sports Network	£2,400	Reported to meeting held on 17 August 2017
Renfrewshire Youth Voice	£820	Reported to meeting held on 17 August 2017
Wynd Centre – Youth Counselling	£1,000	Reported to meeting held on 16 November 2017
Street Stuff	£5,000	Reported to meeting held on 17 August 2017 and on an ongoing basis