

To: Johnstone and Linwood Local Partnership

On: 28 November 2023

Report by:
Chief Executive, Renfrewshire Council

TITLE:
Johnstone and Linwood Local Partnership Budget Monitoring Report

1. Summary

- 1.1 Johnstone and Linwood Local Partnership provides funding to community groups to undertake projects. This funding is allocated from the General Grant Fund and, through a Participating Budgeting exercise known as Celebrating Renfrewshire, the Youth Challenge Fund.
- 1.2 A table setting out the funds allocated by Johnstone and Linwood Local Partnership in 2023/24 and current budget position is attached as an appendix to this report. The awards made at the Johnstone & Linwood Local Partnership meeting held on 5 September 2023 to Johnstone Castle Learning Centre, Johnstone Band, Lamont Farm and Shopmobility are now included in the Budget Monitoring Report.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 It is recommended that the budget monitoring report for 2023/24 be noted.

Appendix 1

Johnstone and Linwood Local Partnership Budget Monitoring Report 2023/24

General Grant Fund	£46,344.00 (net of Members expenses)
Total Funding Awards	£31,912.00
Available	£14,432.00

Grant Ref	Organisation	Awarded	Paid	Still to be paid
FR1031	Linwood Community Council	£5,000.00	£5,000.00	£0.00
FR1038	Johnstone Castle Learning Centre	£6,000	£6,000	£0.00
FR1045	REEM (Renfrewshire Effort to Empower Minorities)	£600.00	£600.00	£0.00
FR1051	The Renfrewshire Toy Bank	£850.00	£850.00	£0.00
FR1055	Renfrewshire Walking Network	£285.00	£285.00	£0.00
FR1064	Fèis Phàislig	£1,743.00	£1,743.00	£0.00
FR1065	Kickin' On	£2,500.00	£2,500.00	£0.00
FR1067	Active Communities	£2,500.00	£2,500.00	£0.00
FR1068	Thorn Athletic Community Trust	£900.00	£900.00	£0.00
FR1100	Rainbow Turtle	£375.00	£375.00	£0.00
FR1102	Johnstone Band	£4,225	£4,225	£0.00
FR1110	School of African Cultures	£2,000.00	£2,000.00	£0.00
FR1114	Spateston Community Development Trust SCIO	£1,375.00	£1,375.00	£0.00
FR1117	Johnstone Sound Community Radio	£1,494.00	£1,494.00	£0.00
FR1121	Renfrewshire Stroke & Disability Art Therapy Group	£375.00	£375.00	£0.00
FR1128	Linwood Community Council	£2,500.00	£2,500.00	£0.00
FR1129	Linwood Community Council	£2,500.00	£2,500.00	£0.00
FR1135	Renfrewshire Rainbow Buddies	£1,665.00	£1,665.00	£0.00
FR1142	Lamont Farm	£3,882.75	£3,882.75	£0.00
FR1147	Johnstone Business Consortium	£4,000.00	£4,000.00	£0.00
FR1148	Shopmobility	£324.25	£324.25	£0.00
FR1151	Renfrewshire Access Panel	£1,250.00	£1,250.00	£0.00

Celebrating Renfrewshire Fund	
Total funding available in 2023/24	£21,697.00
Total funding awarded in 2023/24	£21,988.00
Available funding	£0.00

Grant Ref	Organisation	Awarded	Paid	Still to be paid
CE1010	Create Paisley	£997.00	£997.00	£0.00
CE1015	Fordbank Scout Group	£3,200.00	£3,200.00	£0.00
CE1022	Johnstone Castle Learning Centre	£3,500.00	£3,500.00	£0.00

CE1023	Johnstone High	£3,500.00	£3500.00	£0.00
CE1046	Solid Rock Cheer and Gym	£3,500.00	£3,500.00	£0.00
CE1050	St. Convals YFC 2008	£3,500.00	£3,500.00	£0.00
CE1054	Thorn Athletic Community Trust	£3,500.00	£3,500.00	£0.00

Feedback On Local Partnership Awards 2022/23

Community groups awarded funding from the Local Partnership in 2022/23 were asked to provide feedback regarding the progress of their project and benefit to the local community.

Feedback received is as follows:

Feedback previously reported.

FR No.	Organisation Name	Project Name	Award
FR1082	Active Communities	Feel Good Johnstone	£3,910.45
FR1091	Rainbow Buddies	Rainbow Buddies	£1,588.00
FR1101	Thorn Athletic	Club Growth Programme	£1,786.50
FR1107	Fordbank Scout Group	Keeping Scouting Affordable and Specialist Expedition Equipment	£2,458.80
FR1109	Spateston Community Development Trust	Bins & Benches	£1,965.15
FR1125	Brick Lane Music Academy	Music for Families	£3,812.39
FR1117	Johnstone Band	Band hall repairs & improvements	£3,966.03
FR1140	Johnstone Business Consortium	Christmas Market	£3,812.79
FR1153	Cochrane Castle Halls Management Assoc.	Cochrane Castle Halls Management Assoc.	£3,043.24
FR1160	Autastic Club	Jump Session Free play	£3,941.42
FR1164	Paisley & District Battalion - The Boys Brigade	BB Development Funding	£794.00
FR1173	Kickin' On	Unit 23	£2,779.00

Feedback received since May 23 meeting.

Section 1

1.1 Organisation Name Lamont Farm Project

Section 2

2.1 Project Name Lamont Farm Project

2.2 Total Amount Received £2900

2.3 What priorities did you tell us your project would meet?

2.4 What did you want to do with the money & what did you spend it on?

Core Running Costs – used on resources to keep the farm running to be able to deliver the educational projects that we run.

Section 3 – Impact

3.1 How many people benefitted from/accessed your project?

Thousands – we do not monitor who comes from specific areas.

3.2 How did your project benefit people in the community?

Throughout the past year we hosted many schools and nursery groups from the Renfrewshire area, ran workshops for children during the holidays, hosted work experience placements, integrated new children into our junior volunteering programme and entertained visitors from the area of all ages on a daily basis.

Organisation Name: CREATE Paisley

November & December 2022 - We delivered a creative Christmas craft four-week project in Fordbank Primary School. We were asked to provide these by sessions by Corseford Tara Housing association.

Feb - Ongoing. In partnership with Active Communities, we have been providing youth work support and creative arts activities for children in P6&P7 from St. Mary's Primary School. 'Games & Grub' provides children who have been identified as at risk and most affected by the cost-of-living crisis a three-course meal each week along with fun and creative activities.

June - Our staff attended the Corseford Tara family fun day at Fordbank primary. Our team provided lots of fun and creative activities for children and their families.

CREATE has gone through a huge period of transition this year, its founder & CEO left after 14 years.

We were understaffed until April 2023.

We now have a new senior leadership team and have appointed a new CEO. We have more than doubled our staff team which means we can now focus on the steady growth and development of CREATE.
