

**To: Paisley North Local Area Committee**

**On: 23 August 2018**

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

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**Heading: Continued Grant Applications**

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## **1. Summary**

1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide some further details in relation to the continued applications by Anchor Bowling Club, Friends of Barshaw Park, Twist and Hit Cheerleaders and Storm Gymnastics.

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## **2. Recommendations**

2.1 The LAC is requested consider the additional information in relation to the four applications for grant funding that were continued at the meeting held on 24 May 2018.

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## **3. Background**

3.1 The Paisley North LAC continued three applications at its meeting held on 24 May 2018. Copies of the application summary sheets for each application are appended to this report.

### 3.2 Anchor Bowling Club

3.2.1 The Bowling Club had applied for £10,000 to repair banking which had collapsed on one of the greens. Consideration of the application was continued but no allocation of funding was ringfenced. Insufficient funds remain to make a meaningful award to the application and it is recommended that the LAC further continues consideration to such time as additional resources become available.

### 3.3 Friends of Barshaw Park

3.3.1 The Friends of Barshaw Park applied for £10,000 for a horticultural consultation; trees, plants, shrubs, bulbs and compost; container, security, fixtures and solar panels; garden tools; a gazebo and folding tables; transport and fuel costs; and a promotional event. The application was continued, with the £10,000 ringfenced, to clarify the requirement for the group to obtain planning permission for the storage container and to allow the group to look at other funding options to maximise grant funding opportunities.

3.3.2 Council officers continue to work with the group to identify alternative means to achieve the objectives of the application, including the provision of storage, horticultural advice and renovations to the walled garden area. It is recommended that the LAC notes these continuing efforts by officers and agree that the award of up to £10,000 be made and drawn down as required by the group and to the satisfaction of the supervising officer.

### 3.4 Twist and Hit Cheerleaders

3.4.1 The group had applied for £4,490 from the Paisley North and Paisley South LACs to help pay for repairs to the sprung dance floor. The application was continued by this LAC, with its share of £2,245 ringfenced. The LAC continued the current application to ascertain what warranties or guarantees had been put in place when the sprung floor was installed last year.

3.4.2 The group had applied for funding of £10,000 in 2017 for the installation of the sprung floor and were awarded a total of £6,535. The group has advised that it purchased the items required to build the floor with the assistance of a joiner as it did not get the full funding to purchase one pre-made. Therefore there was no warranty and any repairs were the responsibility of the group. Since building the floor last year the cheerleading group has intimated that it had many issues with split/cracked plywood and every time this happened the whole board and any broken springs have had to be replaced.

3.4.3 The group intimated that some areas of the floor were more heavily used than others - the centre of the floor is used a lot more than far back corners. This area of the floor has required a considerable amount more springs and connecting metal plates which support the board joints. It is recommended that the LAC notes the issues raised by the group and considers the release of the award ringfenced by the LAC.

### 3.5 Storm Gymnastics

3.5.1 The group had applied for an award of £5,239, split between all five LACs, to help pay for two large crash mats, two medium crash mats and an air track. The application was continued by this LAC, with its share of £1,047.80 ringfenced. The application summary did not contain the group's bank balance – this has been confirmed as being approximately £3,500 which will be set against the group's general running costs, including hall hire, repairs, courses and general administration. It is recommended that the LAC considers the release of the award ringfenced by the LAC.

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## Implications of the Report

1. **Financial** - Grant awards will be contained within 2018/19 LAC budget allocations.
2. **HR & 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 & Human Rights** - 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 & Safety** – None
9. **Procurement** – None
10. **Risk** – None
11. **Privacy Impact** - None
12. **Cosla Policy Position** – None

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## List of Background Papers

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## Grants Summary Sheet 2018-2019

Reference		FR1114		
Name of Organisation/Group	1.1	Anchor Bowling Club		
How many members?	1.11	Full Time	0	
		Part Time	5	
		Volunteer	20	
		Member	140	
Address/based	1.3			
What does your Organisation/Group do?	1.10	To promote the sport of bowling for all ages and all religions. Our member's ages range from the age of 7 up to 82. The club is also used as somewhere for the more elderly members to meet up and socialise.		
If your group covers more than one Local Area Committee (LAC) area, and you are applying to more than one LAC, please tell us which LACs you are applying to	1.13	Geographical Area: Renfrewshire Wide  LAC Applying to: Paisley North		
How much grant funding are you seeking?	2.10	<b>£10,000.00</b>		
What will this grant be used for? Please provide a breakdown of the costs to be incurred. (Please use a separate sheet if required)	2.3  2.9	We are a club who host various bowling games from within and out with Renfrewshire. We also host international friendlies from the Renfrewshire under 25s teams. The banking on the North Green has collapsed which has made this green unplayable under the Scottish Bowling Association rules. We are seeking partial funding to replace this banking. We believe that as a community/not for profit organisation this would not only benefit the area but also Renfrewshire as a whole. As when visiting teams attend games their supporters also visit within the Paisley Area. Due to the bankings collapsing. We have received quotes from three firms to replace the bankings. The greens will conform to SBA standards, hopefully allowing us to further promote the sport. This will permit us to host more International games, and more county games.		
What is your group's current bank balance?	1.14			
Are there any significant items of expenditure to be set against this bank balance?	1.14	No		
Have you applied for funding from any other sources? (This includes other Council grant sources as well as external grant providers such as Lottery funding)	2.12	Source of Funding	Secured/Not Secured	Timescale for Decision if not Secured

		Club Funds	Not Secured	Oct-18	
Please briefly explain the benefit for the Local Area Committee Area if you are awarded this grant	2.6	The greens will conform to SBA standards, hopefully allowing us to further promote the sport. This will permit us to host more International games, and more county games.			
Previous local grant award history – previous 24 months <i>(for office use only)</i>	2.13	N/A			
		N/A			
		N/A			
Any Additional Information/ Documents Provided with Grant Application	3.00				
Please provide a breakdown of the total costs of the project and the amount requested from this grant source.	2.11	Remove and rebuild the banking on the North Green with brick covered astro turf		15,000.00	10,000.00
Appendix 4 Submitted (Out of School Care Providers Only)					
Lead Officer Recommendation <i>(for office use only)</i>					

## Grants Summary Sheet 2018-2019

Reference		FR1156	
Name of Organisation/Group	1.1	Friends of Barshaw Park	
How many members?	1.11	Full Time	0
		Part Time	0
		Volunteer	30
		Member	325
Address/based	1.3		
What does your Organisation/Group do?	1.10	To support the provision of facilities for the recreation and other leisure time occupations in Barshaw Park available to the public at large with a view to improving their conditions of life. To support & further Barshaw Park as a centre for environmental education. To protect the environmental amenity of the park and it's precincts. To promote and interest and increase the appreciation and wider use of Barshaw Park. To promote interaction and encourage persons of all abilities. To operate without distinction of gender or political, religious or other opinions by promoting general projects.	
If your group covers more than one Local Area Committee (LAC) area, and you are applying to more than one LAC, please tell us which LACs you are applying to	1.13	Geographical Area: Paisley North  LAC Applying to: Paisley North	
How much grant funding are you seeking?	2.10	<b>£10,000.00</b>	
What will this grant be used for? Please provide a breakdown of the costs to be incurred. (Please use a separate sheet if required)	2.3  2.9	The purpose of the project is to redesign areas of the garden where planting schemes have failed, create a new design which will complement a volunteer schedule using professional horticultural advice. This will allow greater focus for the current volunteers and allow us to engage with a wider audience and inexperienced gardeners more readily. In addition to this we want to provide a secure, watertight and safe area for the storage of tools and sheltering of volunteers. Despite a fortnightly tidy as well as additional support throughout the week by volunteers, it has become clear that the planting scheme had failed and advice from unbiased professional and experienced amateur gardeners confirmed this. Analysis of the planting plan from 2011 showed that many of the plants had either been overcome by weeds or by more invasive neighbouring plants which had spread. Feedback from visitors is that the garden is poor compared to what it had been in the past. It was also difficult to develop the garden to make projects areas to bring appear to junior and less confident gardeners. The horticultural consultation will provide us with an informed decision around the planting schemes to regenerate the garden to a state that is a) appealing b) is within the current capabilities of the core volunteers c) in line with park guidance around planting to combat anti social behaviours d) can offer areas that are	

		<p>simple to focus on for younger groups and inexperienced gardeners d) is sustainable e) enhances biodiversity f) maintains the heritage of the garden. Out selected horticulturist understands the requirements for the design and "calendar of tasks" for the volunteers. We will have a project proposal, project plan and design brief that committee members and volunteers have been consulted on. Volunteer motivation will be raised. We will have a calendar of tasks that we can advertise and will support improving gardening skills for volunteers. The promotional event in the garden can be used as a platform for future educational and entertainment projects.. Community ties will be strengthened as new project areas allow us to reach a wider audience, the project will be recognised as having a benefit to health and wellbeing by building on the community friendly atmosphere.</p>		
What is your group's current bank balance?	1.14	5,378.29		
Are there any significant items of expenditure to be set against this bank balance?	1.14	Yes £5000 for establishment of Park Runs		
Have you applied for funding from any other sources? (This includes other Council grant sources as well as external grant providers such as Lottery funding)	2.12	Source of Funding	Secured/Not Secured	Timescale for Decision if not Secured
Please briefly explain the benefit for the Local Area Committee Area if you are awarded this grant	2.6	<p>We will have a project proposal, project plan an design brief that committee members and volunteers have been consulted on. Volunteer motivation will be raised. We will have a calendar of tasks that we can advertise and will support improving gardening skills for volunteers. The promotional event in the garden can be used as a platform for future educational and entertainment projects.. Community ties will be strengthened as new project areas allow us to reach a wider audience, the project will be recognised as having a benefit to health and wellbeing by building on the community friendly atmosphere.</p>		
Previous local grant award history – previous 24 months (for office use only)	2.13			
Any Additional Information/ Documents Provided with Grant Application	3.00			
Please provide a breakdown of the total costs of the project and the amount requested from this grant source.	2.11	<b>Horticultural Consultation</b> <b>Trees, plants, shrubs &amp; bulbs</b> <b>Compost</b> <b>Container, security, fixtures &amp; solar panel kit</b> <b>Garden Tools</b>	<b>£2500</b> <b>£1300</b> <b>£300</b> <b>£4300</b> <b>£500</b> <b>£300</b>	<b>£2500</b> <b>£1300</b> <b>£300</b> <b>£4300</b> <b>£500</b> <b>£300</b>



		<b>Gazebo &amp; folding tables x2</b>	<b>£300</b>	<b>£300</b>
		<b>Transport &amp; fuel costs</b>	<b>£500</b>	<b>£500</b>
		<b>Promotional event (including printing, A-Boards)</b>		
Appendix 4 Submitted (Out of School Care Providers Only)				
Lead Officer Recommendation <i>(for office use only)</i>				



## Grants Summary Sheet 2018-2019

Reference		FR1102	
Name of Organisation/Group	1.1	Twist and Hit Cheerleaders	
How many members?	1.11	Full Time	0
		Part Time	0
		Volunteer	5
		Member	50
Address/based	1.3		
What does your Organisation/Group do?	1.10	To provide a safe training environment to progress tumbling skills; to provide opportunities to train young adults to prepare for work, such as, project management, coaching and leadership skills; to create a safe welcoming environment where children can socially interact and take part in physical activity, competitive and non-competitive, which increases fitness levels, encourages team building skills and increases confidence and health and wellbeing; to engage with families in areas of high deprivation and Renfrewshire wide to take part in community events. We also have an open membership policy.	
If your group covers more than one Local Area Committee (LAC) area, and you are applying to more than one LAC, please tell us which LACs you are applying to	1.13	Geographical Area: Renfrewshire Wide  LAC Applying to: Paisley North and South	
How much grant funding are you seeking?	2.10	<b>£4,490.00</b>	
What will this grant be used for? Please provide a breakdown of the costs to be incurred. (Please use a separate sheet if required)	2.3		
	2.9	We look to extend activities within our organisation with those with physical, emotional and sensory impairments. We recognise a need to allow those with additional needs to access a range of physical activities that increase there social inclusion, physical fitness and team building skills. By purchasing vital pieces of equipment it would allow us to provide a service to those who would otherwise be unable to attend. This encourages a positive mentality and an opportunity to engage in a sport which allows minority groups to come together and have fun in an equipped environment. We contacted local organisations to identify an interest in our proposed project with the following projected numbers: Riverbrae, Linwood (220 students), Mary Russell School (200 students). In addition we engage with other recognised additional support groups: Disability Resource Centre (150 members), ParaCheer (300+ athletes), Castle Sempill (100+ participants), SportScotland (200 + participants), Renfrewshire Leisure , Dirty Feet Dance Company (50 students), Right 2 Dance (70 students). They also supported the project plan that the items	

		requested are vital in order for them to attend sessions at our facility. Provide a safe floor for children to participate on - provide additional apparatus that children would train with for inclusion in a sport that they enjoy (certain apparatus provide additional support for those with physical disabilities) - vital training for volunteers to deliver sessions to our target audience. Multiple groups engaging with our programme based on vital equipment, - social inclusion for all regardless of physical, emotional or sensory impairment, - additional training for volunteers leading to increased chance of employability.			
What is your group's current bank balance?	1.14	23.96			
Are there any significant items of expenditure to be set against this bank balance?	1.14	No			
Have you applied for funding from any other sources? (This includes other Council grant sources as well as external grant providers such as Lottery funding)	2.12	Source of Funding	Secured/Not Secured	Timescale for Decision if not Secured	
		LAC	not secured	n/a	
		LAC	not secured	n/a	
		LAC	not secured	n/a	
		LAC	not secured	n/a	
Please briefly explain the benefit for the Local Area Committee Area if you are awarded this grant	2.6	multiple groups engaging with our programme based on vital equipment - social inclusion for all regardless of physical, emotional or sensory impairment - additional training for volunteers leading to increased chance of employability			
Previous local grant award history – previous 24 months (for office use only)	2.13	LAC Fund North & South	9,700.00	Staff Training, Hall rent, Transport, Laptop, small safety mats and promotional materials	
		LAC Fund North & South	3,701.28	Training Clothes, Tumbling Camps, volunteer qualifications, first aid trainings	
		LAC Fund North & South	6,350.00	Installation of sprung floor, training qualifications and first aid training	
Any Additional Information/ Documents Provided with Grant Application	3.00				
Please provide a breakdown of the total costs of the project and the amount requested from this grant source.	2.11	Sprung Floor Repairs (Replacement springs, boards, connecting plates and joints) Spotting Vaults		£1000 £00 £600 £395	£1000 £00 £600 £395

		<b>Mini Trampoline</b> <b>Super Soft Landing Mat</b> <b>Disability Coaching Course</b>	<b>£1895</b> <b>£600</b>	<b>£1895</b> <b>£600</b>
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Lead Officer Recommendation <i>(for office use only)</i>				



## Grants Summary Sheet 2018-2019

Reference		FR1151		
Name of Organisation/Group	1.1	Storm Gymnastics		
How many members?	1.11	Full Time		
		Part Time		
		Volunteer		
		Member	500	
Address/based	1.3	Robertson Sports Centre, Caplethill Road, Paisley		
What does your Organisation/Group do?	1.10	To provide a safe & nurturing environment for children of all ages & levels of ability to attend gymnastics classes to develop skills & confidence.		
If your group covers more than one Local Area Committee (LAC) area, and you are applying to more than one LAC, please tell us which LACs you are applying to	1.13	Geographical Area: Renfrewshire Wide  LAC Applying to:		
How much grant funding are you seeking?	2.10	<b>£4365.90 + VAT (5239.08) Total</b>		
What will this grant be used for? Please provide a breakdown of the costs to be incurred. (Please use a separate sheet if required)	2.3  2.9	The purpose is to give the gymnasts an opportunity to further develop their skills, also working to prepare routines. They will showcase these skills at our club competition for friends & family. All gymnasts will receive a medal for participating. Gymnasts enjoy perfecting current skills & learning new ones. In Nov 17 we hosted a 'parents come see me' event during class times gymnasts enjoyed putting together routines & showing to parents. To give focus for the last term the idea of a club comp was developed. Gymnasts can display new skills on a higher scale with some friendly competition with their peers. It will give gymnasts a focus to develop skills within their own ability & build confidence showing these to friends & family. We will hire a venue for display & encourage all gymnasts to participate. Gymnasts will have higher confidence levels. Carers can see skill develop. We hope this will encourage more gymnasts to participate at competition levels.		
What is your group's current bank balance?	1.14			
Are there any significant items of expenditure to be set against this bank balance?	1.14	No		
Have you applied for funding from any other sources? (This includes other Council grant sources as well as external grant providers such as Lottery funding)	2.12	Source of Funding	Secured/Not Secured	Timescale for Decision if not Secured

		<b>Club fundraising club funds</b>			
Please briefly explain the benefit for the Local Area Committee Area if you are awarded this grant	2.6	Gymnasts will have higher confidence levels. Carers can see skill develop. We hope this will encourage more gymnasts to participate at competition levels.			
Previous local grant award history – previous 24 months <i>(for office use only)</i>	2.13				
Any Additional Information/ Documents Provided with Grant Application	3.00				
Please provide a breakdown of the total costs of the project and the amount requested from this grant source.	2.11	<b>Large crash mat x2</b> <b>medium crash mat x2</b> <b>air track</b>	<b>1285.20</b> <b>945.00</b> <b>2135.70</b>	<b>£4365.90 +</b> <b>VAT</b> <b>(5239.08)</b> <b>Total</b>	
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