

**To:** Houston, Crosslee, Linwood, Riverside & Erskine Local Area Committee

**On:** 29 November 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 Houston, Crosslee, Linwood, Riverside & Erskine 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.

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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 Houston, Crosslee, Linwood, Riverside & Erskine LAC in 2016/17.

### **3.2 Bike Buddies**

3.2.1 The LAC awarded Active Communities £2,000 towards this cycling based project.

3.2.2 The group has advised that approximately 100 people benefitted from this project which raised awareness of local cycle routes; trained 10 local people as cycle leaders to provide community-led cycle sessions; offered bike maintenance and bike swap opportunities; and allowed for the rental of a lock-up to store bikes which gave access to bikes for local people who didn't own one.

### **3.3 Bridge of Weir Elderly Forum**

3.3.1 The Elderly Forum received a grant of £500 from this LAC. The award helped the Forum to continue operating throughout the year, keeping its 50 members informed of issues affecting their lives and providing various activities.

### **3.4 Bridge of Weir Senior Citizens Association**

3.4.1 The Senior Citizens Association received a grant of £1,500 from this LAC. The award helped to meet the cost of renting the Cargill Hall for fortnightly meetings and paying for entertainment and the transport to bring members to the meetings.

### **3.5 Johnstone Pipe Band**

3.5.1 The LAC contributed £2,000 towards a multi area award of £7,000 for the Piping in Schools project.

3.5.2 The applicant has reported that the grant award allowed piping tuition to be provided in 12 primary schools and 4 secondary schools. The feedback report submitted by the group intimates that the project gave over 200 P6/7 pupils an introduction to piping and has allowed for continuing tuition to those who continued learning piping as they moved to high school.

3.5.3 The feedback report suggests that the project has enabled pupils to sit SQA approved examinations and has resulted in the formation of a Renfrewshire schools pipe band which has competed at various levels. The band has also performed at the Council's traditional music concert and at a promotional event for the British pipe Band Championships held in Paisley.

### **3.6 Rainbow Turtle**

3.6.1 This LAC awarded a grant of £1,900 towards an overall multi-LAC award of £5,200. This helped to fund the cost of an Education Officer.

3.6.2 Rainbow Turtle has advised that the Education Officer has been in great demand for school visits and talks, particularly around Fairtrade Fortnight, when many of the requests had to be accommodated outwith the designated fortnight. The applicant has intimated that an audience of over 3,000 pupils was reached.

3.6.3 The Education Officer has helped to organise two major events in Renfrewshire including a visit of the children of cocoa farmers from a co-operative in Ghana and a large schools conference. Rainbow Turtle has reported that engagement with secondary schools has increased and has improved the potential to investigate issues relating to global citizenship and sustainability.

### **3.7 Shopmobility**

3.7.1 This LAC awarded a grant of £250 towards an overall multi-LAC award of £2,226 which helped to fund the group's insurance costs and gala day expenses.

3.7.2 Shopmobility has advised that the insurance will allow them to continue to provide the hire of equipment to members. This makes a difference to the daily lives of people by assisting with mobility and promoting independence and social

inclusion. The group has intimated that its attendance at gala days publicises its services to members of the public.

### **3.8 Wynd Centre – Adult and Youth Support and Counselling Services**

3.8.1 The Wynd Centre submitted two similar LAC applications to the May 2016 cycle of meetings: one relating to adult counselling services and one relating to youth counselling services. This LAC awarded £355 to each application.

3.8.2 The awards helped contribute towards the cost of maintaining the Wynd Centre, its staffing and its counselling service. The Centre has estimated that approximately 7,500 people have benefitted from the grant, through the use of the coffee shop as a point of contact and through the use of the counselling service.

### **3.9 Loud n Proud – I Was There**

3.9.1 The LAC contributed £2,200 towards an overall award of £7,000 for the production by Loud n Proud of the story of the Glasgow Apollo 'I Was There'.

3.9.2 The performances were held over three nights at the SECC, involved a cast of 45 musicians, 39 dancers and 22 actors and attracted an audience of 1,200. The group has also advised that the skills developed by young people in the lead up to the show included music performance, live PA, lighting, video, set building, stage management, dance, drama and front of house management. The average age of the participants was 16.

### **3.10 Future Feedback**

3.10.1 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.

3.10.2 This LAC made grant awards towards the cost of 54 different projects in 2016/17. To date award feedback has been reported in relation to 16 of these projects. Further efforts will be made to obtain outstanding feedback from successful applicants with a report being submitted to the February meeting containing details of the feedback received and the names of those groups that have failed to provide feedback.

## **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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