

**To:** Renfrew & Gallowhill Local Area Committee

**On:** 20 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 Renfrew & Gallowhill 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 This report provides an overview of feedback submitted by a number of the successful grant applicants who were funded by the Renfrew & Gallowhill LAC in 2016/17.

3.2 A list of all groups that were awarded funding by this LAC 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.

3.3 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 Erskine Community Allotments

3.5.1 This LAC contributed £2,000 towards the cost of replacing the existing rubble access road to the allotments with a 'carpave' tarmac surface which assists wheelchair users and those less mobile.

### 3.6 Greensyde Carers – Gardening Project

3.6.1 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.

### 3.7 Renfrewshire Sports Network (RSN)

3.7.1 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.

### 3.8 Paisley Pirates

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

3.8.2 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.

### 3.9 Alba Thistle

3.9.1 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.

### 3.10 Double H Lunch Club

3.10.1 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.

### 3.11 Parkrun

3.11.1 Parkrun UK was awarded a total of £1,800 towards the cost of establishing weekly parkrun events at ON-X Linwood, including the cost of purchasing a laptop, timers, scanners, course markers and high visibility vests. The running events are open to all and are free to participants.

3.11.2 In the 18 months since Parkrun Linwood was established a total of 1,300 different runners have registered as having run at the Linwood event, the weekly average is 133 runners and on two occasions over 200 runners have participated.

3.11.3 The sport of running has health benefits and the runners have participated in wider community activities such as collecting for the Renfrewshire Food Bank.

### 3.12 Lamont Farm

3.12.1 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.

3.12.2 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.

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

3.13.1 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.

### 3.14 Robertson Park Bowling Club

3.14.1 The Bowling Club received a grant of £30,000 towards overall costs of £39,460 to replace the grass banking. The works were carried out in five phases and the club advises that this has improved safety for bowlers and spectators. 340 slabs were laid, the greens' edges have been levelled thereby rectifying 50 years of wear and pipe-work and electric cables were laid to facilitate the possible future instalment of a sprinkler system.

3.14.2 The feedback received from the club suggests that membership has increased from 77 to 87 following the improvement works and 5,000 leaflets were distributed to households in the area inviting local people to join the club. Introductory days have been held with three local primary schools and a more general 'Try Bowls' day was hosted by the club.

### 3.15 St James RC Church Hall

3.15.1 The LAC awarded £5,000 towards the cost of replacing the ceiling and lighting at the St James Church Hall, a facility used by a number of community groups. This work has now been completed.

### 3.16 RAMH – No Substitute for Life

3.16.1 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.

3.16.2 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.

### 3.17 Renfrewshire Access Panel

3.17.1 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.

3.17.2 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.

### 3.18 Cairn Heights

3.18.1 The LAC awarded £2,144 to Cairn Heights to help to provide an opportunity to older adults living in Glencairn Court, Gallowhill to gain access to digital technology.

3.18.2 The group has intimated that the immediate outcomes for the residents will be access, skills, confidence and motivation. In the longer term the group hope that some may get employment, improve their education, save money by online shopping and research and become more creative. The group also hope to produce a monthly newsletter.

### 3.19 Renfrewshire Bowling Association Under 25s

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.

### 3.20 Renfrew Xmas Lights 2016

3.20 The £10,000 Renfrew Common Good Fund award contributed toward the enhancement of the Renfrew Xmas lights switch-on event. Specifically, the award helped to meet the cost of the firework display; staging, lighting and public address system; the provision of free children's activities and crafts including a Santa grotto; and the hire of reindeer. An estimated 5,000 people attended events throughout the day.

### 3.21 Renfrewshire Women's Aid

3.21.1 The £4,765.76 awarded by this LAC helped meet the cost of funding 19 refuge flats which supported women, children and other young people.

### 3.22 The Breastfeeding Network

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

3.22.2 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 Lillas 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.

3.22.3 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.

### 3.23 Renfrewshire Bowling Association Under 25s

3.23.1 The LAC awarded £600 towards the cost of coach travel to help the 52 young people who represent Renfrewshire at bowling compete all over the country. The Under 25s participated in the Scottish Inter-County League & cups and helped to develop two under 25 Internationalists and two under 17 internationalists.

### 3.24 Paisley Sea Cadets

3.24.1 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.

### 3.25 Reaching Older Adults in Renfrewshire (ROAR)

3.25.1 The LAC awarded £8,480 towards the cost delivering a partnership project between Roar and Renfrewshire Leisure to bring a falls prevention and wellbeing initiative to Renfrew.

3.25.2 The project has been attended by 22 older people who participated in exercises designed for older adults to improve strength and balance which will help to keep them mobile. ROAR hopes to expand opportunities for older people in terms of them staying mobile and connected and has helped to shape national strategy development on tackling loneliness, reducing unintentional harm and the national falls strategy.

### 3.26 Future Feedback

3.26.1 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 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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Name of Group	Award from this LAC	Update status
<b>GENERAL GRANT FUND</b>		
Association of African Communities In Renfrewshire	£1,153	Reported to meeting held on 20 February 2018
Breastfeeding Network	£1,417.40	Reported to meeting held on 20 February 2018
Cat Rescue Service	£90	Reported to meeting held on 21 November 2017
C-change Scotland	£2,000	Reported to meeting held on 21 November 2017
Cornerstone Drop-in Centre	£375	Reported to meeting held on 22 August 2017
Double H Lunch Club	£233.33	Reported to meeting held on 20 February 2018
Erskine Community Allotments	£2,000	Reported to meeting held on 20 February 2018
Feis Feislig	£1,294.20	Presentation made to LAC on 21 November 2017
Fitting-in	£1,156	Reported to meeting held on 22 August 2017
Greensyde Carers	£100	Reported to meeting held on 20 February 2018
Kelburne Hockey Club	£1,000	Reported to meeting held on 22 August 2017
Lamont Farm	£2,000	Reported to meeting held on 20 February 2018
Paisley Pens	£759.26	Receipts etc returned – group no longer exists
Paisley Pirates	£1,600	Reported to meeting held on 20 February 2018
Parkrun UK	£600	Reported to meeting held on 20 February 2018
Phoenix Flyers Dog Agility Training Club	£1,000	Reported to meeting held on 22 August 2017
Rainbow Turtle	£1,900	Reported to meeting held on 21 November 2017
RAMH – No Substitute for Life	£400	Reported to meeting held on 20 February 2018
Rays of Hope	£1,960	Reported to meeting held on 22 August 2017
Renfrewshire Access Panel	£1,226.20	Reported to meeting held on 20 February 2018
Renfrewshire Deaf Group	£600	Meeting to be arranged with group
Renfrewshire Visually Impaired Forum	£300	Meeting to be arranged with group
Shopmobility	£494	Reported to meeting held on 21 November 2017

St James' Church Friendly Hour	£400	Reported to meeting held on 22 August 2017
St James Orchestra	£340	Reported to meeting held on 22 August 2017
Stanley Athletic AFC	£1,236	No report received.
Wynd Centre (Adult)	£1,000	Reported to meeting held on 21 November 2017
Renfrew Senior Citizens Social Club Centre	£2,200	Reported to meeting held on 22 August 2017
St James' RC Church Hall	£5,000	Reported to meeting held on 20 February 2018
Sanctuary Housing	£1,700	Reported to meeting held on 21 November 2017
Renfrewshire Women's Aid	£4,765.76	Reported to meeting held on 20 February 2018
Robertson Park Bowling Club	£8,908.11	Reported to meeting held on 20 February 2018
Jazzle Dazzle Fundraising Group (Cycle 3)	£1,799.10	No report received
St Catherine's PTA Fundraising	£1,850	Reported to meeting held on 22 August 2017
Jazzle Dazzle Fundraising Group (Cycle 3)	£664.57	No report received
<b>RENFREW COMMON GOOD FUND</b>		
Forever Young	£5,700	Reported to meeting held on 22 August 2017
Arkleston & Newmains Over 60s	£495	Reported to meeting held on 21 November 2017
Cairn Heights	£2,144	Reported to meeting held on 20 February 2018
Our Place, Our Families	£8,247	Report awaited
Renfrew Accordion and Fiddle Club	£560	Reported to meeting held on 22 August 2017
Renfrew Community Council – Air Ambulance Memorial Refurbishment	£600	Reported to meeting held on 22 August 2017
Renfrew Community Council – Media Project	£545	Reported to meeting held on 22 August 2017
ROAR	£8,480	Reported to meeting held on 20 February 2018
St Catherine's PTA	£8,080	Reported to meeting held on 22 August 2017
Renfrew Xmas Lights	£10,000	Reported to meeting held on 20 February 2018
Renfrew Football Club (Youth Section)	£3,900	Reported to meeting held on 22 August 2017

Robertson Park Bowling Club	£21,091.89	Reported to meeting held on 20 February 2018
<b>PAISLEY COMMON GOOD FUND</b>		
Coats Memorial Church	£2,000	No further update – project still to proceed
<b>YOUTH CHALLENGE FUND</b>		
Basketball Paisley	£876	Report awaited
Braehead Junior Ice Hockey Club	£350	Reported to meeting held on 20 February 2018
Loud 'n'Proud	£2,200	Reported to meeting held on 21 November 2017
PAGGS	£2,453	Reported to meeting held on 22 August 2017
Paisley Sea Cadets	£889	Reported to meeting held on 20 February 2018
Renfrewshire Bowling Association Under 25s	£600	Reported to meeting held on 20 February 2018
Renfrewshire Sports Network	£2,400	Reported to meeting held on 22 August 2017
Renfrewshire Youth Voice	£820	Reported to meeting held on 22 August 2017
Boys Brigade Paisley & District Battalion	£2,000	Reported to meeting held on 20 February 2018
Wynd Centre – Youth Counselling	£1,000	Reported to meeting held on 21 November 2017
Street Stuff	£5,000	Reported to meeting held on 22 August 2017 and on an ongoing basis
Alba Thistle	£500	Reported to meeting held on 20 February 2018
Renfrew Football Club (Youth Section)	£3,100	Reported to meeting held on 22 August 2017
Jazzle Dazzle Fundraising Group (cycle 4)	£200.90	No report received