

To: Johnstone & the Villages Local Area Committee

On: 23 November 2017

Report by: Director of Finance & Resources

Heading: Grant Award Feedback

1. Summary

1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide some detail on a number of projects that were funded by the Johnstone & the Villages 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.

2. Recommendations

2.1 The LAC is requested to note the report.

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 Johnstone & the Villages LAC in 2016/17.

3.2 Lochwinnoch Art Group

3.2.1 The LAC awarded this local group £399 towards hall hire and tutor costs during 2016/17.

3.2.2 The Art Group has intimated that the project improved community spirit through the holding of two art exhibitions during the year; enriched the lives and wellbeing of the members; and provided educational and learning opportunities for members.

3.3 Johnstone Pipe Band

3.3.1 The LAC contributed £5,000 towards a multi area award of £7,000 for the Piping in Schools project.

3.3.2 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.

3.3.3 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.

3.4 Lochwinnoch New Year's Day Dance

3.4.1 The group received a grant of £480 which allowed the organising committee to continue to run the annual event which was attended by 150 people.

3.5 Shopmobility

3.5.1 This LAC awarded a grant of £494 towards an overall multi-LAC award of £2,226 which helped to fund the group's insurance costs and gala day expenses.

3.5.2 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.

3.6 Wynd Centre – Adult and Youth Support and Counselling Services

3.6.1 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 £500 to each application.

3.6.2 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.

3.7 Future Feedback

3.7.1 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 Implications

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

2. HR and Organisational Development Implications

None.

3. Community Plan/Council Plan Implications

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| 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.

List of Background Papers

None

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