
To: Education and Children Policy Board

On: 14 May 2015

Report by: Director of Children's Services

Heading: Voluntary Sector Grants 2015/16

1. Summary

- 1.1. The Education (Scotland) Act 1980 empowers the council, through children's services, to provide a range of grants to voluntary and independent organisations which provide or promote social, cultural and recreational activities. This power is confirmed by the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1994.
 - 1.2. This report provides information on voluntary sector grant applications deferred from the previous education policy board in March 2015 and makes recommendation for grant support to voluntary and independent organisations for 2015/2016 as detailed in table 1.
 - 1.3. Acceptance of the recommendations contained within the report will result in £4,500 being disbursed from the total allocation.
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2. Recommendations

- 2.1. Members of the education and children policy board are asked to:
 - i) agree the recommendations for grant support to voluntary organisations as contained within the report; and
 - ii) note that all grant awards are made subject to organisations satisfying the council's conditions of grant scheme.
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3. Background

- 3.1. The Education (Scotland) Act 1980 empowers the council, through children's services, to provide a range of grants to voluntary and independent organisations, which provide or promote social, cultural and recreational activities. This power is confirmed by the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1994.

- 3.2. At its meeting of 5 March 2015 the education policy board agreed that three voluntary grant applications be deferred to the education and children policy board (14 May 2015), to allow the voluntary organisations to satisfy the conditions for grant application. All voluntary organisations have now provided the necessary details and therefore eligible for award consideration.

3.3. **Table 1**

Reference	Organisation	Purpose of Grant	2014/2015 Award	2015/2016 Award requested	2015/2016 Recommended
Category C 11	Lamont farm	To provide education in animal care and agriculture.	£4000	£6000	£3000
Category C 12	Girls Brigade	To provide divisional events and training.	£500	£2000	£500
Category C 13	Johnstone Phoenix Theatre group	To facilitate members to participate in dramatic arts.	£0 new applicant	£14,590.40	£1000

Implications of this report

1. Financial Implications

£4,500 will be disbursed during 2015/2016 from the children's services budget as detailed in table 1.

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 children and young people to develop skill to improve personal achievements.

Community Care, Health and Well-being

- The provision of grants to local groups recognises the key role individuals and groups can make to community involvement and participation.

Empowering our Communities

- Local people will be encouraged to participate and engage with public services.

Greener

- The provision of grants to local groups supports educational, cultural and recreational activities which contribute to local sustainability.

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| Jobs and the Economy | - The provision of grants to local groups supports individuals and groups to develop skills to improve personal achievements. |
| Safer and Stronger | - The provision of grants to local groups contributes to the development of local communities. |

4. Legal Implications

The Education (Scotland) Act 1980 empowers the council to provide a range 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 there is no change to the criteria for allocating funding.

8. Health and Safety Implications

None.

9. Procurement Implications

None.

10. Risk Implications

None.

11. Privacy Impact

None.

List of Background Papers

- (a) None

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