

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

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

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

3.2 Street Stuff

3.2.1 During 2016/17 each of the five LACs awarded £5,000 to the Street Stuff project to assist in the provision of an enhanced and non-core service provision. This funding would contribute to the costs of delivery of up to two activity sessions per week within the LAC area, through the peak summer, autumn and spring months, as well as attendance at local gala days and fetes. The costs are predominantly associated with staff (coaches) and lets as the core Street Stuff budget pays for the

day-to-day running including the Dance Coordinator who is involved in some of these sessions.

3.2.2 The 2016/17 annual report which set out the progress made by the Street Stuff project on a Renfrewshire-wide basis was submitted to the last meeting of this LAC held in June 2017. In terms of the £5,000 award made by this LAC towards the non-core service provision, this helped to fund 46 activity sessions with 757 attendances throughout the LAC area as well as at community events such as the Barsail Fun Day, Erskine Community Day and Park Mains Gala Day. The small underspend of £451 will be spent during 2017/18.

3.3 Bridge of Weir Community Council – Heritage Trail

3.3.1 The Community Council was awarded £540 towards the cost of a feasibility study for a proposed heritage trail in Bridge of Weir. The Community Council reports that the study confirmed the viability of the project and that construction costs and possible funding streams would be investigated. The Community Council anticipates that, once complete, the heritage trail would provide an educational resource on the history and development of the cotton trade in the area.

3.4 Bridge of Weir Community Council – Christmas Lights Enhancement

3.4.1 The £4,000 grant award helped to improve the festive light display in the village and ensure the continuation of the annual switch-on event which engages with the local primary school choir, local churches for the carol services and the Royal British Legion where entertainment is provided in the Legion's hall.

3.5 Brighter Bridge of Weir

3.5.1 The LAC's grant award of £1,500 was supplemented by the group's own fundraising and this has enabled the group to enhance the appearance of Bridge of Weir. As a result of their work the group has been nominated for a Scottish Rural Award. Further details of Brighter Bridge of Weir's work can be found at www.brighterbridgeofweir.org

3.6 Erskine Community Allotments

3.6.1 The LAC contributed £3,000 towards a total cost of £6,963 for the provision of a wheelchair-suitable access into the allotments. The applicant has advised that the new surface has also improved the appearance of the area.

3.7 Bishopton Scout Group

3.7.1 The Scout Group was awarded £1,000 to underwrite any potential cost to the group for their annual firework display. The Scout Group was successful in raising enough money at the event to allow the £1,000 award to be returned to the LAC for redistribution.

3.8 Renfrewshire Youth Voice – Positive About Youth Awards

3.8.1 Awarded £200 by this LAC, the Positive About Youth awards were organised and hosted by members of Renfrewshire Youth Voice who are all aged between 12 and 25. This was a major event for young people in Renfrewshire as 21 individuals or groups were publically recognised for their work in the community. Awards were given for 11 different categories ranging from Young carer of the Year to Volunteer of the Year with one group winning the overall Positive About Youth Award for their dedication to youth voice activities.

3.8.2 The community in Renfrewshire was given the opportunity to celebrate these achievements. Elected members from the Council and national parliaments attended on the night along with 200 guests.

3.9 Rays of Hope

3.9.1 Awarded £300 by this LAC, Rays of Hope brought together like-minded people who have or are going through the same cancer journey. Members have been able to share experiences, confide in one another and build friendships, confidence and self-esteem. The 18 members come together to exercise, socialise and to help them lead healthier less isolated lives. Rays of Hope networks with similar organisations such as McMillan and Accord Hospice and operates on a year-round basis.

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.

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.

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- 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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