

CABINET – 13TH DECEMBER 2018

Report of the Head of Neighbourhood Services Lead Member: Councillor Deborah Taylor

Part A

ITEM 6 CHARNWOOD GRANTS – ROUND THREE – 2018/19 COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENGAGEMENT GRANT APPLICATIONS

Purpose of Report

To enable the Cabinet to consider applications received for funding in round three of the Community Facilities and Community Development and Engagement Grants schemes for 2018/19.

Recommendations

1. That the following Community Development and Engagement Grants be awarded:
 - £5,066 to Without Walls Christian Fellowship towards a singing café;
 - £6,400 to The Loughborough Leggo Group towards volunteer, website and social media development;
 - £3,200 to Coping with Cancer in Leicestershire and Rutland towards a Time-out group in Wanlip;
 - £10,000 to Go-Getta CIC towards their overall youth diversion provision across Charnwood;
 - £10,000 to The Exaireo Trust towards a Community Addiction Support project (£7,500 to be funded through the Community Development and Engagement Grant scheme, and £2,500 to be funded through the Loughborough Community Grants scheme);
 - £5,000 to Transition Loughborough towards a 'Fantastic Home' project (to be funded through the Community Development and Engagement Environmental Grants scheme);
 - £300 to Carillon Arts towards the 'Feel Hear Be' project (to be funded through the Loughborough Community Grants scheme);
 - £6,600 to Passion Youth Centre towards running costs, new weekly cooking sessions and a small kitchen upgrade.

2. That the following Community Development and Engagement Grant application be declined:
 - Miller and Peverill Residents' Association Sileby - £2,000 requested – applied for funding towards general running costs.

3. That the Head of Neighbourhood Services be given delegated authority to finalise the terms and conditions of the awarded Community Development and Engagement Grants.
4. That approval is given to run a Round 4 in 2018/19 with a focus on Environmental projects only.

Reasons

1. To provide financial support to organisations which meet the criteria of the Community Development and Engagement Grants and Environmental schemes in terms of community and organisational need and to use funding provided through the Loughborough Grants scheme to support projects in Loughborough.
2. To decline to provide financial support to organisations which do not meet the criteria for the award of a grant under the Community Development and Engagement Grants scheme.
3. To enable the grants awarded to be finalised and appropriate information to be supplied to the Council about the outcomes of the project.
4. To enable the monies received for grants for projects that deliver environmental outcomes to be disbursed.

Policy Justification and Previous Decisions

The Council's Corporate Plan 2016-20 makes a commitment to make sure that Charnwood is a great place to live for families by creating a safe, secure and caring environment and to provide opportunities for participation in social, leisure and cultural activities and in community life. It aims to make Charnwood an attractive place for all by funding community groups and providing a range of diverse opportunities and events.

The Council's Corporate Plan 2016-2020 was approved by Council on the 29th February 2016. A review of the existing grants criteria was undertaken at this time and it was concluded that the existing criteria were still appropriate and aligned with the priorities of the Corporate Plan 2016-2020.

Implementation Timetable including Future Decisions and Scrutiny

The Community Development and Engagement Grants considered in this report will be released, providing they are approved, once the applicants have met any required payment conditions. Grant payment terms will be on a grant by grant basis, depending on the nature of the organisation/project and level of grant awarded. Payment may be made in stages, and copy invoices, or proof of project expenditure, requested.

Report Implications

The following implications have been identified for this report.

Financial Implications

Community Facilities Grant Funding

The remaining budget for Community Facilities Grants after Round 2 in 2018-19 was £70,142 (or £63,742 if additional works were needed for the previous East Goscote Village Hall scheme application). There were no applications received for Round 3, and following the completion of works at East Goscote Village Hall, the balance is now £68,961 for future rounds of Community Facilities Grants.

Community Development & Engagement Grant Funding

The 2018/19 budget for Community Development and Engagement Grants is £64,100. The balance after Round 2 was £38,770.

This Round 3 report recommends that eight applications are supported totalling £46,566, with £38,766 of this amount being funded through the Community Development and Engagement grants scheme, £2,800 being funded through the Loughborough Community grants scheme, and £5,000 being funded through the Community Development and Engagement Environmental grants scheme. This will leave a balance of £4 for Community Development and Engagement Grants.

Loughborough Community Grant Funding

Cabinet at its meeting on the 21st January 2016 (min 93) approved the recommendation that the Head of Neighbourhood Services be given delegated authority to allocate any grant budget for schemes in Loughborough that are funded through the Loughborough Special Expenses between the Loughborough Community Grants fund (maximum £2,000) and a budget within the Community Development and Engagement Grants fund (maximum £10,000) ring-fenced for schemes based in Loughborough. This was to enable the budget for funding schemes in Loughborough to be more flexibly allocated between large and small applications.

The intention as outlined above is to allocate £2,800 from the Loughborough Community Grants budget towards the Loughborough based projects, The Exaireo Trust (£2,500) and Carillon Arts (£300).

Community Development and Engagement - Environmental Grant Funding (External funding provided by Serco)

Serco have agreed to provide £20,000 per year to Charnwood Borough Council (CBC) for grants to projects that deliver environmental outcomes. They have made a commitment to provide this funding for three financial years (2017/18, 2018/19 and 2019/20).

The ring-fenced budget for environmental projects in 2018/19 is £24,000 as the underspend of £4,000 from 2017/18 is available, as the external funding is ring fenced for this purpose. An application for an environmental project has been received in Round 3 for 2018/19, Transition Loughborough (£5,000), therefore the balance remaining for this year is £19,000. The Grants Panel recommend that an

additional round of Grant applications be invited specifically for environmental projects.

Risk Management

The risks associated with the decision Cabinet is asked to make and proposed actions to mitigate those risks are set out in the table below.

Risk Identified	Likelihood	Impact	Risk Management Actions Planned
Grants do not deliver the objectives of the Grants scheme	Unlikely	Moderate	The grants have been assessed against the criteria and will be supported with appropriate monitoring information.

Equality and Diversity

There is a requirement in the grants criteria for each organisation that applies to either have their own Equal Opportunities Policy or provide a statement that the organisation will abide by the Council's Equal Opportunities Policy.

In addition an Equality Impact Assessment has been completed and attached at Appendix 2.

Crime and Disorder

The grants criteria specifically cover crime and disorder with projects needing to outline how the proposed project reduces the impact of crime and anti-social behaviour and promotes stronger, cohesive and balanced communities.

Sustainability

Many of the grants criteria are concerned with sustainability.

Key Decision: Yes

Background Papers: None

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Part B

Charnwood Community Grants Criteria

1. At its meeting on 12th April 2012, Cabinet agreed the revised Community Grants Criteria to reflect the changes in the Council's Corporate Plan.

The Council's new Corporate Plan 2016-2020 was approved by Council on the 29th February 2016. A review of the existing grants criteria has been undertaken and it was concluded that the existing criteria was still appropriate and aligned with the priorities of the new Corporate Plan 2016-2020.

Community Facilities Grants

2. The criteria include the following:
 - That the maximum amount awarded would be £20,000 (was previously £30,000) for projects that link well into the Council's Corporate Plan and can achieve wider community benefits.
 - That the scheme would support up to 50% of the cost of feasibility studies, with an upper limit of £5,000.
3. Schemes are scored using an assessment matrix which looks for:
 - Well prepared schemes, with a realistic costing of the work, and projects that are well targeted, have good local support and a strong input from volunteers.
 - Projects that link well into the Council's Corporate Plan and can achieve wider community benefits.
 - Applications from organisations with a strong local base and full accessibility to the community.
 - The need of the community for the facility and the need of the organisation for the funding.
4. The assessment matrix produces a maximum score of 100. A scheme scoring below 30 on the matrix is recommended for refusal and the Grants Panel will provide feedback to the community organisation on the reasons why it was not successful. Where a scheme scores between 30 and 40 on the first assessment the Grants Panel will work with the community organisation to see whether the bid can be improved and strengthened. Schemes scoring 40 and above are normally recommended for approval. However applicants seeking a large grant which scores only just over 40 are advised that they may only receive part of the money they have applied for.

Community Development and Engagement Grants

5. The criteria include the following:
 - Maximum amount to be awarded is £10,000.
 - Provides funding for projects delivered by the voluntary and community sector

- Must be available for the wider community
6. All applications are assessed against two measures of need: how the project meets the Council's aims and objectives in meeting identified community needs and the organisational need of grant funding from the Council to enable the project to succeed. Both measures seek to demonstrate the value for money to be obtained in providing grant funding. Twelve criteria are used to assess community need based on the aims and objectives set out in the Corporate Plan.
- How does your project promote stronger, cohesive and balanced communities (in particular encouraging people from different backgrounds to get along together)?
 - How does your project involve volunteers and how will volunteers be supported and developed?
 - How does your project promote and support physical health and well-being (in particular healthy eating, physical activity, sexual health and reduced substance misuse)?
 - How does your project promote and support improved mental health and emotional well-being?
 - How does your project reduce the impact of crime and/or anti-social behaviour?
 - How does your project improve the quality of life of people living in priority neighbourhoods?
 - How does your project improve the well-being of residents through acknowledging their diverse needs?
 - How does your project enable children, young people and older people to make a positive contribution to the communities in which they live?
 - How does your project enable older people to live independent lives?
 - How does your project promote access of local people to green spaces and the countryside?
 - How does your project add value to Charnwood's commitment to reduce the impact of climate change?
 - How does your project help promote local businesses to prosper and develop vibrant towns and villages, and support rural enterprise?
7. Five criteria are used to assess the need for the Council to provide grant funding. Organisations must demonstrate that their projects are prepared and managed well and will be encouraged to explore other funding sources where appropriate.
- Has a realistic total cost and timetable for the project been identified after being researched, for example through obtaining quotes or using reliable information from previous years?
 - Have efforts been made to obtain other funding to enable the project to begin and is the amount sought from the Council necessary to secure match funding or because other sources of funding are not available?
 - What balances and reserves are available and has using these to fund the activity been considered?
 - Is the proportion of the cost of the project the Council is being asked to fund justified?

- No specific geographically based conditions or targets are applied to grant awards but the geographical distribution of grants across the Borough is taken into account.

8. Applications are assessed qualitatively against these criteria and rated high, medium or low. These ratings are converted to a score on the following basis which rewards those applications which rate highly in meeting community need and provide a maximum possible score of 97.

Table 1 – Conversion of rankings into scores

Ranking	Community Need Score	Organisation Need Score
HIGH	6	5
MEDIUM	2	3
LOW	1	1
Maximum Score	72	25

Levels for funding

Score	Level of funding
Less than 30	Nil
30 – 40	Some of grant funding applied for
More than 40	Most or all of funding applied for

Community Facilities Grant Applications

9. No applications for Community Facilities Grant funding have been received for this round.

Community Development & Engagement Grant Applications

10. Nine applications were received for funding in Round 3 for 2018/19. Nine applications have been assessed against the criteria; eight have been recommended for approval, and one has been recommended for refusal.

Without Walls Christian Fellowship - Score 43 - Recommendation to award up to £5,066

11. Without Walls Christian Fellowship is a charity which was formed in 2006, working in Leicestershire and serving the local community. Their 'Singing Café' project began five years ago and they have been successful in reaching and helping people with mental health challenges such as dementia, memory loss and other issues. Their focus is to care for and look after people, relieving any suffering and providing a safe place. They run four cafés across Leicestershire. The aim in providing the cafés is to enhance the quality of life of those that attend. The organisation is aware of the increasing need for the provision of help for those facing issues in the area of mental health, and knows that their service is helping alleviate the problem.

12. Singing Café sessions enable participants to have a singalong using a large TV screen and computer to follow words if they are able, while providing visual stimulation. They are encouraged to shake tambourines, which requires concentration to keep to the rhythm and light exercise, to upbeat and positive songs. Guests can participate entirely at whatever level they are able, and they do find that even those in the most advanced stages of dementia who have difficulty talking are still able to sing.
13. The organisation is applying for funding towards two of the Singing Cafés, which are held in Loughborough and Shepshed libraries. Funding would cover 12 months general running costs, and allow for growth and development of the cafés.
14. The benefits of the project include:
 - Reduces loneliness and isolation, by providing a setting where people can come with their carers, and connect with others in a similar situation;
 - Music and singing is therapeutic and studies have shown that it can help the structural connectivity of the brain;
 - Improves confidence and self-esteem.
15. The application identifies strong links with the following aims and objectives set out in the Council's Corporate Plan:
 - Promotes stronger, cohesive and balanced communities;
 - Promotes and supports improved mental health and emotional wellbeing;
 - Improves the well-being of residents through acknowledging their diverse needs.
16. The application of £5,066 is for 45.2% of the total scheme costs of £11,209.
17. The Panel scored this scheme at 43 and recommends that a grant of up to £5,066 be awarded.
18. The Panel feel that this is a great project, which addresses a need that we have in the Borough to support people with dementia. The Panel would be happy to work with the organisation to promote the sessions through the Health and Wellbeing Partnership.

The Loughborough Leggo Group - Score 62 - Recommendation to award up to £6,400

19. The Loughborough Leggo Group is an established group based at Fearon Hall in Loughborough for young people with special needs, aged 10-19 years who have physical, mild learning and social interaction difficulties. Several of the members have anxiety and mental health issues, and nearly all of the members have Autism and other conditions that impact young people, including ADHD, ADD, Aspergers Syndrome, Cerebral Palsy, Downs Syndrome, Dyspraxia and Dyslexia. The organisation delivers a Friday night

youth club at Fearon Hall, providing a programme of structured physical and social activities in which gross and fine motor skills, co-ordination and strength can be developed.

20. The organisation aims to enable the young people to achieve their potential through:
 - The provision of recreational and leisure activities to aid their co-ordination, strength and general well-being;
 - The provision of support and activities which develop their skills, capacities and capabilities to enable them to participate in society as mature and responsible individuals;
 - The provision of support to meet their emotional and mental wellbeing needs.
21. Networking and partnership working has led to the increased demand for places at Loughborough Leggo Group. Membership has increased much faster than expected and the group is operating a waiting list, with eight young people waiting for a place. In autumn 2017, a new model for the youth club was established and the group doubled its capacity by delivering two youth groups on one evening.
22. The organisation is applying for funding towards a volunteer development programme, which will support volunteers to help run the sessions and in the upkeep of the organisation's website and social media development.
23. The benefits of the project include:
 - Increase in physical activity for the young people with disabilities;
 - Participants' increase in confidence and self-esteem;
 - Improvement of social skills and independence;
 - A support network for parents/guardians.
24. The application identifies strong links with the following aims and objectives set out in the Council's Corporate Plan:
 - Promotes stronger, cohesive and balanced communities;
 - Involves, supports and develops volunteers effectively;
 - Promotes and supports physical health and wellbeing;
 - Promotes and supports improved mental health and emotional wellbeing;
 - Improves the quality of life of people living in priority neighbourhoods;
 - Improves the well-being of residents, through acknowledging their diverse needs.
25. The application of £6,400 is for 33.5% of the total scheme costs of £19,106.
26. The Panel scored this scheme at 62 and recommends that a grant of up to £6,400 be awarded.

27. The application scored highly against the criteria of the scheme and the Panel feel that this is a very positive application, showing growth in an organisation which is well-managed and supported by volunteers and parents.

Coping with Cancer in Leicestershire and Rutland – Score 45.3 - Recommendation to award up to £3,200

28. Coping with Cancer in Leicestershire and Rutland is an independent charity which was formed in 1981. Their aim is to empower people to help themselves by actively promoting self-help, mutual support and equal access to all cancer and care services in the locality of Leicestershire and Rutland. They offer impartial and confidential guidance and practical and emotional support to anyone affected by cancer. They also provide an opportunity to have views and concerns heard about cancer services in the area and will consider how else they can better their services to cater for those service users who require them.
29. This application is for funding towards 12 months' general running costs of the Wanlip Time-out Group, which meets twice a month and has approximately 20 attendances per month. The sessions offer cancer patients, their families and carers the chance to access advice and support, plus enjoy complementary therapy treatment in a calm, relaxing atmosphere and chat to other patients over a cup of tea. The sessions run by the group work with the person as a whole, giving them a sense of control over what is happening to them, reducing stress, tension, sleeplessness, anxiety and depression.
30. The benefits of the project include:
- An opportunity for people from all backgrounds to meet and socialise, supporting each other in similar circumstances;
 - Improved mental health, reduced anxiety/depression;
 - Support for family members, and carers.
31. The application identifies strong links with the following aims and objectives set out in the Council's Corporate Plan:
- Promotes stronger, cohesive and balanced communities;
 - Promotes and supports physical health and well-being;
 - Promotes and supports improved mental health and emotional well-being;
 - Improves the well-being of residents through acknowledging their diverse needs.
32. Local Ward Councillors were consulted on the application. One Councillor was unable to comment due to a personal interest in the organisation, and another Councillor provided the following response:
- “I have read the application and it seems the group are offering a great service to those in need. I do have a couple of reservations which I'm hoping could be cleared up by requesting some further information from the applicant. A great project but I think the applicant should be given the opportunity to clarify a couple of points and the option to amend the application if they so wish, before it goes forward for a final decision.” The issues raised were in relation to :

- The costs of the leaflets – which seemed very high
 - That they don't seem to be doing any of their own fundraising. All funds for the project seem to be coming from grant applications.
33. The application of £3,434 is for 47.1% of the total scheme costs of £7,290.
34. The Panel scored this scheme at 45.3 and recommends that a grant of up to £3,200 be awarded, subject to the organisation working with officers to look at the cost of the the production of the leaflets and the distribution. If these costs are reduced the grant awarded will also reduce.
35. The application scored well against the criteria of the scheme, and the Panel liked the self help approach to the project. The Panel will work with the applicant to find ways of reducing the marketing costs. The VCS Development Officer will work with the group to develop their Business plan and move the organisation towards a more sustaianable funding position.The Panel also clarified that the group are generating donations and additional income from the Charnwood Lottery.

Go-Getta CIC – Score 53.5 - Recommendation to award up to £10,000

36. Go-Getta CIC was launched in 2012 to deliver high quality provision for young people. Existing statutory services would often report difficulties in engaging particular groups of 'hard to reach' young people. Existing policies would often mean vulnerable young people or those with challenging behaviours were being excluded due to risk issues. Go-Getta CIC are passionate that their approach, ethos and diverse experience in supporting the most vulnerable and disadvantaged young people in society, attributes to success in engaging those 'hard to reach' groups and modifying behaviours.
37. Go-Getta CIC have extensive experience in supporting particularly vulnerable groups including;
- Young offenders – including those with high risk sexual and violent offences;
 - Children in care / care leavers;
 - Young people and adults with mental health diagnoses or difficulties;
 - Young people with learning needs;
 - Young people and adults with substance misuse issues;
 - Young people and adults with complex or multiple additional needs;
 - Homeless young people and adults;
 - Refugee and asylum seeking children;
 - Victims of child sexual exploitation.
38. Their direct experience and expertise in project management and Community Engagement has enabled them to successfully deliver projects working with young people across Leicestershire since their launch 4 years ago. Their aims are to improve the life chances of disadvantaged young people at high risk of social exclusion, to reduce youth related anti-social behaviour in

deprived neighbourhoods, and to increase awareness and support around mental health and substance misuse within targeted communities.

39. The benefits of the project include:
 - Enhancement of young people's understanding of the impact of their behaviour on their communities, neighbours, families, and schools;
 - Open to young people of all backgrounds, ethnicities, religion, and engages with young people with a wide range of diverse needs, including young people with gender identity issues, those identifying with LGBT, learning or mental health/cognitive needs such as dyslexia, dyspraxia, ADHD and autism;
 - Increase in young peoples' self confidence and self-esteem;
 - Reduction of anti-social behaviour.

40. The organisation delivers a comprehensive youth diversion programme in Charnwood and is applying for funding towards their youth motivators element of the programme which forms part of their overall co-ordinated provision across Charnwood, which includes the following:
 - Words over Weapons (a project tackling knife crime amongst 11-19 year olds);
 - Youth Engagement (supporting young people identified as being particularly vulnerable);
 - Desire (youth group project managed by Ashby Road Estates Community Association for young people in the Ashby Road estate area);
 - Mountsorrel Youth Café (delivered in partnership with Fusion, with the aim of diverting young people in the area away from ASB);
 - Anstey Youth Sessions (delivered in partnership with Fusion, with the aim of diverting young people in the area away from ASB);
 - Syston Youth Café (weekly youth café for young people from Syston and the surrounding area);
 - Youth Motivators (delivery of detached youth work across Warwick Way, Ashby Road, Thorpe Acre and Shelthorpe Estates, engaging with young people aged 8yrs to 19yrs).

41. The application identifies strong links with the following aims and objectives set out in the Council's Corporate Plan:
 - Promotes stronger, cohesive and balanced communities;
 - Involves, supports and develops volunteers effectively;
 - Promotes and supports physical health and well-being;
 - Promotes and supports improved mental health and emotional well-being;
 - Reduces the impact of crime and/or anti-social behaviour;
 - Improves the quality of life of people living in priority neighbourhoods.

42. The application of £10,000, towards the Youth Motivators element of the project, is for 17.44% of the total youth diversion programme costs of £57,345.

43. The Panel scored this scheme at 53.5 and recommends that a grant of up to £10,000 be awarded.

44. The application scored highly against the criteria of the scheme, and the Panel recognise that the organisation fulfils a vital function, filling a gap in provision for youth diversion from crime and anti-social behaviour with young people. The Panel believe the organisation provides excellent value for money, not only working with young people, but also providing support to other organisations working with young people. They also recognise that the organisation levers in other external funding towards their overall package of provision which contributes towards reducing asb, crime and disorder by young people.

The Exaireo Trust – Score 51.8 - Recommendation to award up to £10,000 (£7,500 through the Community Development and Engagement Grants scheme, and £2,500 through the Loughborough Community Grants scheme)

45. The Exaireo Trust provides temporary supported housing for people who have been, or are at risk of becoming homeless. The accommodation is in shared houses in Leicestershire (ten in Loughborough and one in Coalville), with each resident having their own bedroom and mainly shared communal spaces. Residents are assigned a key-worker with whom they meet weekly. The organisation also provides guaranteed work experience. Many residents have a history of substance misuse, and the organisation provides a rehabilitation house, support to attend community groups and a dedicated addiction support worker. They currently co-ordinate various groups including 'Road to Recovery' (Exaireo), 'Hope' (joint venture) and 'Streets to Seats' (Falcon Support Services). They also accompany people to community groups, and with this individual support, the project builds relationships with individuals with a view to supporting them to attend meetings wherever possible.
46. The main focus of their application is to maintain and extend the project, to provide support to a greater number of people. They will set aside specific hours to work within the Bell Foundry Estate and they will work with the Marios Tinenti Centre within the area, which supports the need identified for outreach drugs support work as part of the Bell Foundry People Zone stakeholder workshop. They would provide a detox facility using Care Quality Commission registered professionals. This is a facility which is not currently available, and would enable the organisation to prepare people for residential rehabilitation. The project currently provides 20 hours per week, split between Exaireo and Falcon Support Services. They are aiming to increase this to 45 hours (to provide within the community, hours within Exaireo and Falcon Support Services and hours within the Bell Foundry Estate). The project will benefit people living in supported housing, within the Bell Foundry Estate and within the wider Loughborough community who are experiencing substance misuse issues.
47. The benefits of the project include:
- Reduction of substance misuse;
 - Improvement of mental health, including self-esteem/confidence;
 - Positive effect on crime and anti-social behaviour.
 - Addressing significant identified need within the Bell Foundry People Zone project

48. The application identifies strong links with the following aims and objectives set out in the Council's Corporate Plan:
- Promotes and supports physical health and well-being;
 - Promotes and supports improved mental health and emotional well-being;
 - Reduces the impact of crime and anti-social behaviour;
 - Improves the quality of life of people living in priority neighbourhoods.
49. The application of £10,000 is for 29.15% of the total scheme costs of £34,339.
50. The Panel scored this scheme at 51.8 and recommends that a grant of up to £10,000 be awarded, subject to the Police and Crime Commissioner funding bid being approved, and further discussions with CBC Officers around the delivery of the project. (£7,500 to be funded through the Community Development and Engagement Grant scheme, and £2,500 to be funded through the Loughborough Community Grants scheme).
51. The application scored highly against the criteria of the scheme, and the Panel recognises that this project fills a gap in the Borough for work with drug addiction, prevention and outreach work. The Panel would like the applicant to meet with CBC Officers to discuss specifics around the delivery of the project in the Bell Foundry area of Loughborough. The Panel notes that the applicant has applied to the Police and Crime Commissioner for two year funding, to a total value of £49,331, and that this application, if successful, will enable them to develop the project further during Year 1, with a second part-time addiction support worker. The applicant is working with the PCC and their 'People Zone' project and the Community Safety Partnership to address the issues highlighted in this application.

Transition Loughborough - Score 46 - Recommendation to award up to £5,000 through the Community Development and Engagement Environmental Grant scheme

52. Transition Loughborough was formed in November 2010, and aims to make the community more resilient in the face of environmental problems, including climate change, declining oil supplies, rising energy prices and issues caused by waste and unsustainable transport. Whilst many of the problems are global, the organisation works to tackle them through practical local projects involving local people and local ideas.
53. The organisation is seeking funding towards a 'Fantastic Home' mobile exhibition, in the form of a house on wheels, visiting six outdoor community events in the area (likely to include Picnic in the Park and Loughborough Mela), promoting living in an environmentally sustainable manner. The exhibition will cover topics including domestic energy efficiency, domestic renewables, waste reduction, water efficiency, affordable warmth and sustainable transport. It will include interactive elements such as a bike which can be pedalled to see how much power people can generate, a miniature living room full of energy efficiency and affordable warmth features, and the opportunity for members of the community to share their own 'top tips' for energy saving with others. Members of Transition Loughborough will create six bespoke posters for the exhibition containing Charnwood-specific

information on them. The project will aim to help communities in Charnwood learn more about the many practical ways in which they can tackle climate change, making their homes warmer, cheaper to heat, more energy efficient, better for the environment and healthier to live in. The project will reach around 240 people, (40 per event), with tailored one-to-one advice. It will also engage around six volunteers who will work alongside an expert Energy Advisor to deliver the exhibition to the public.

54. The benefits of the project include:
- Will encourage householders in Charnwood to make their homes easier and cheaper to heat;
 - A knock-on effect of the exhibition may be that some householders then feel able to heat their homes, leading to improvement of general health and wellbeing;
 - One-to-one advice will ensure the needs of individuals are met;
 - Raising awareness of climate change for a wide audience, including older people, children and young people.
55. The application identifies strong links with the following aims and objectives set out in the Council's Corporate Plan:
- Involves and supports volunteers effectively;
 - Promotes and supports physical health and wellbeing;
 - Enables older people to live independent lives;
 - Adds value to Charnwood's commitment to reduce the impact of climate change.
56. The application of £5,024 is for 38.85% of the total scheme costs of £12,930.
57. The Panel scored this scheme at 46 and recommends that a grant of up to £5,000 be awarded through the Community Development and Engagement Environmental Grant scheme.
58. The application scored well against the criteria of the scheme and the Panel feel that this is a positive project which is suited to the environmental element of the grants schemes.

Carillon Arts - Score 30.3 - Recommendation to award up to £300 through the Loughborough Community Grants scheme

59. Carillon Arts is a new organisation which aims to explore how people connect to place, through sensory and bodily engagement with sounds and materials. This is achieved by creating participatory, playful artistic experiences which focus on a group's daily physical and sensory engagement with a site. By exploring these daily experiences through fine art practice, they want to demonstrate how art can relate to people within the context of their own individual social and physical worlds.
60. The organisation is applying for funds towards their first project, 'Feel, Hear, Be', a participatory art project focusing on the John Storer Charnwood

therapeutic allotment in Loughborough (JSC Thyme Project), where adults with learning difficulties and other disabilities spend quality time performing gardening activities. They will work with approximately 20 adults. Their planned participatory art activities will record the nuances of everyday life on the allotment site, and the artists will aim to encapsulate the deep sense of connection which the adults have with the allotment, by documenting their sensory and bodily engagement with it, through activities which involve sound and soil. A sound artist will explore and synthesise the sounds of the allotment, juxtaposing the urban and natural soundscape of the allotment along with the group's verbal responses to the sound of traffic. Another artist, whose art practice encompasses painting and sculpture, will explore the participants' tactile and bodily interaction with the natural aspects of the allotment. Participants will:

- Collect soil and other organic materials with which they will learn to make paint, eventually making a large group earth painting;
 - Make tracks with a mud-covered wheelbarrow tyre over long rolls of paper – this will become an undulating sculptural piece;
 - Be involved in making a large scale “book of soil” imprinted with the adults' handprints and embedded with small objects, which they will collect from the allotment;
 - Make a map of “rubblings” which plot the adults' everyday journeys around the site by recording contact with specific natural materials and objects.
61. Outcomes will be presented as an installation of sound and objects within the main John Storer House Community Centre and the Martin Hall Gallery at Loughborough University.
62. The benefits of the project include:
- Opening up new artistic opportunities for the participants;
 - Will foster a deeper connection with the site for the participants;
 - Working with soil has significant health and therapeutic benefits;
 - Increase in self-esteem and self-confidence.
63. The application identifies strong links with the following aims and objectives set out in the Council's Corporate Plan:
- Promotes and supports physical health and well-being;
 - Promotes and supports improved mental health and emotional well-being;
 - Promotes access of local people to green spaces and the countryside.
64. The application of £450 is for 9.56% of the total scheme costs of £4,704.
65. The Panel scored this scheme at 30.3 and recommends that a grant of up to £300 be awarded through the Loughborough Community Grants scheme, subject to their bid for funding to the Arts Council being successful.
66. The Panel like this project and feel that it is offering something different, to enhance an already successful project at the allotment. They do however feel that the artists' costs are high, and would encourage the applicant to look into how these costs could be reduced.

Passion Youth Centre - Score 50.2 - Recommendation to award up to £6,600

67. Passion Youth Centre was formed in 2009, to act as a resource for young people primarily up to the age of 18 living in Shepshed and surrounding areas, by providing advice and assistance and organising programmes of physical, educational and other activities. They aim to:
- Help young people advance in life by developing their skills, capacities and capabilities to enable them to participate in society as independent, mature and responsible individuals;
 - Advance education;
 - Provide recreational and leisure time activity in the interests of social welfare for those living in the area who have need by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disability, poverty or social and economic circumstances.
68. The youth club has been operating for a number of years, and they currently offer three sessions a week on Thursdays, Fridays and Sundays from 7-9pm. During the sessions they engage with 15-20 young people, many of whom are experiencing a range of social, emotional and behavioural issues. The sessions operate as a drop-in and they provide a range of activities such as pool, karaoke, arts and crafts and discussion circles. They also host a film night each month, and throughout the year the young people get involved with fundraising activities.
69. The organisation is requesting funding towards overall running costs and the delivery of new cooking sessions, which will require a small upgrade to their kitchen. The upgrade will increase the opportunities available to the young people they work with. They will be offering after-school sessions on Fridays from 4-7pm. During this time they will work with the young people and teach them how to cook simple meals. They will be supervised by a sessional youth worker from a catering background along with the Youth Leader. This project will allow the organisation to:
- Deliver youth sessions throughout the year;
 - Deliver new cooking sessions;
 - Invite older people from the community to support an inter-generational cooking session. (Their aspiration is to create a learning environment where our older supporters and donors can teach the young people how to cook);
 - Enhance their fundraising events (e.g. monthly soup kitchen) by being able to cook meals to serve to the community;
 - Develop the venue so it functions as a community hub which offers coffee mornings and other community activities in Shepshed.
70. The benefits of the project include:
- Bringing older and younger people together;
 - Provides diversionary activities for young people who are likely to be involved in crime or ASB;
 - Will promote healthy eating and a healthy lifestyle;
 - Facilitating young people's integration into the community;

- Improvement of self-esteem and self-confidence.
71. The application identifies strong links with the following aims and objectives set out in the Council's Corporate Plan:
- Promotes stronger, cohesive and balanced communities;
 - Promotes and supports physical health and well-being;
 - Promotes and supports improved mental health and emotional well-being;
 - Reduces the impact of crime and/or anti-social behaviour.
72. The application of £6,600 is for 14.47% of the total scheme costs of £45,600.
73. The Panel scored this scheme at 50.2 and recommends that a grant of up to £6,600 be awarded.
74. The application scored very highly against the criteria of the scheme. The Panel feel that this is a strong project meeting a need for youth diversionary activity in the Shepshed area.

Miller and Peverill Residents' Association Sileby – Score 16.5 - Recommendation to decline

75. Miller and Peverill Residents' Association Sileby was formed in May 2018, to work on behalf of residents who live on the newly developed Miller and Peverill housing estate. Primarily the residents association represents residents in liaising with Meadfleet, a private land management company who residents make quarterly payments to in order to maintain land on the estate, to ensure they are acting in the best interests of residents. Meadfleet own large areas of recreational land on the estate, and the quarterly maintenance fees go towards management of the land, which includes parkland used by residents. Invoicing to residents is with little explanation of the services provided or how Meadfleet selects its contractors. The Residents' Association aims to hold Meadfleet to account for the quality and cost of services residents are charged for whilst also having a say in the improvements made. It will also help residents with wider issues such as community engagement, anti-social behaviour and a neighbourhood watch scheme.
76. The organisation is requesting funding towards general running costs, including IT equipment, promotion costs and meeting room hire.
77. Local Ward Councillors were consulted on the application, and one provided the following response / comments:

Concerns were raised in relation to the application being about the residents issues with Meadfleet, the costs of services, invoicing and holding the organisation to account. The Councillor went on to say:

“Whilst looking at this application and the issues that they are having with Meadfleet I can only encourage them to work with them and develop a strong Partnership. I think it's a valid point they have made about better communication with the Parish Council and Councillors and I welcome this going forward. In the village we have many problems regarding anti-social

behaviour and we have a very good neighbourhood watch scheme that I would encourage the residents of Miller and Peverill Estate to join.”

78. The application of £2,000 is for 100% of the total scheme costs.
79. The Panel scored this scheme at 16.5 and recommends that the application be declined.
80. The Panel feel that this particular project does not meet the criteria of the scheme, and that funding cannot be contributed towards legal challenges. However, the Panel will be happy to offer support and advice to the organisation with any community-led activities or events.

Appendices

Appendix 1 – Community Development and Engagement Grants Summary

Appendix 2 – Equality Impact Assessment

APPENDIX 1

Round 3 2018/19 - Community Development and Engagement Grants Summary

**Budget for 2018-19: £64,100
Balance after Rd 2: £38,770
Balance Remaining: £4**

Applicant	Project description	Amount applied for (£)	Total project cost (£)	Community need score	Organisation need score	Total score	Recommendation
Grant ref 1186 Without Walls Christian Fellowship	Singing café	5,066	11,209	24	19	43	Approve up to £5,066
Grant ref 1187 The Loughborough Leggo Group	Volunteer, website and social media development	6,400	19,106	43	19	62	Approve up to £6,400
Grant ref 1188 Coping with Cancer in Leics and Rutland	Wanlip Time-out Group	3,434	7,290	28.8	16.5	45.3	Approve up to £3,200
Grant ref 1190 Go-Getta CIC	Overall youth provision across Charnwood	10,000	57,345	39.5	14	53.5	Approve up to £10,000

Grant ref 1191 The Exaireo Trust	Community Addiction Support project	10,000	34,339	30.8	21	51.8	Approve up to £10,000 (£7,500 to be funded through Community Development and Engagement Grants scheme and £2,500 through Loughborough Community Grants scheme)
Grant ref 1192 Transition Loughborough	'Fantastic Home' project	5,024	12,930	30	16	46	Approve up to £5,000 (to be funded through Community Development and Engagement Environmental Grants scheme)
Grant ref 1193 Carillon Arts	'Feel Hear Be' project	450	4,704	16.3	14	30.3	Approve up to £300 (to be funded through Loughborough Community Grants scheme)
Grant ref 1194 Passion Youth Centre	Running costs, weekly cooking sessions, including a small kitchen upgrade	6,600	45,600	32.8	17.4	50.2	Approve up to £6,600

Grant ref 1189 Miller and Peverill Residents' Association	General running costs	2,000	2,000	9.5	7	16.5	Decline – does not meet the criteria of the scheme
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Charnwood Borough Council

**Equality Impact Assessment
'Knowing the needs of your customers and employees'**

■ **Background**

An Equality Impact Assessment is an improvement tool. It will assist you in ensuring that you have thought about the needs and impacts of your service/policy/function in relation to the protected characteristics. It enables a systematic approach to identifying and recording gaps and actions.

■ **Legislation- Equality Duty**

As a local authority that provides services to the public, Charnwood Borough Council has a legal responsibility to ensure that we can demonstrate having paid due regard to the need to:

- ✓ Eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation
- ✓ Advance Equality of Opportunity
- ✓ Foster good relations

For the following protected characteristics:

1. Age
2. Disability
3. Gender reassignment
4. Marriage and civil partnership
5. Pregnancy and maternity
6. Race
7. Religion and belief
8. Sex (Gender)
9. Sexual orientation

What is prohibited?

1. Direct Discrimination
2. Indirect Discrimination
3. Harassment
4. Victimisation
5. Discrimination by association
6. Discrimination by perception
7. Pregnancy and maternity discrimination
8. Discrimination arising from disability
9. Failing to make reasonable adjustments

■ **Step 1 – Introductory information**

Title of the policy	Community Development & Engagement Grant and Community Facilities Grant.
Name of lead officer and others undertaking this assessment	Julie Robinson
Date EIA started	March 2018
Date EIA completed	March 2018

■ **Step 2 – Overview of policy/function being assessed:**

Outline: What is the purpose of this policy? (Specify aims and objectives)
<p>Charnwood Borough Council recognises the value and contribution of individuals, voluntary sector organisations and other community-led projects and the benefits they provide to the residents of Charnwood.</p> <p>Through our Charnwood grant schemes we provide a range of grants to help these organisations, groups and individuals access the funding support they need.</p> <p>Three times a year Cabinet considers applications for revenue funding for the Community Facilities Capital Grants and Community Development and Engagement Grants Schemes.</p> <p>It is the Councils aim to ensure the grants process is inclusive of all community groups and funding supports projects targeting individuals across a range of protected characteristics, as outlined in the Equality Act 2010.</p>
What specific group/s is the policy designed to affect/impact and what is the intended change or outcome for them?
<p>It is the Councils aim to ensure that the grants process is inclusive of all community groups and funding supports projects targeting individuals/ residents across a range of protected characteristics, as outlined in the Equality Act 2010.</p> <p>Analysis is therefore undertaken to ensure that the grant are distributed in a reasonable and proportionate manner.</p>
Which groups have been consulted as part of the creation or review of the policy?
<p>Evaluation takes place on successful applications to analyse whether there any gaps with regards to the protected characteristics in order to ensure the grants process is fair and equal to all. In particular analysis is undertaken to determine any barriers which may prevent specific community groups/ communities of interest from successfully applying or even applying at all to Charnwood Grants.</p>

■ **Step 3 – What we already know and where there are gaps**

List any existing information/data do you have/monitor about different diverse groups in relation to this policy? Such as in relation to age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy & maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation etc.

Data/information such as:

- Consultation
- Previous Equality Impact Assessments
- Demographic information
- Anecdotal and other evidence

- Analysis of successful Community Development & Engagement Grants, Loughborough Grants and Community Facilities Grants 2017/18

What does this information / data tell you about diverse groups? If you do not hold or have access to any data/information on diverse groups, what do you need to begin collating / monitoring? (Please list)

Number & total of grants awarded based on protected characteristic:

	Number of grants awarded	Total funding approved
Age	10	£29,720
Disability	5	£24,200
Gender Reassignment	0	£0
Pregnancy & Maternity	0	£0
Race	3	£4,490
Religion or Belief	N/A	N/A
Sex/ Gender	2	£7,895
Sexual Orientation	0	£0
No Characteristic/ Wider Community	18	£84,332
TOTAL	37	£150,637

N.B. The characteristic of Marriage and Civil Partnership was not included due to its status within the Equality Act 2010 legislation, as it is to protect individuals from discrimination in the employment law. The harassment provisions that relate to other protected characteristics do not apply to marriage or civil partnership.

It is acknowledged that some of the approved grants are towards projects which support individuals with multiple characteristics and those projects supporting the wider community have a wide range of beneficiaries.

■ **Step 4 – Do we need to seek the views of others? If so, who?**

In light of the answers you have given in Step 2, do you need to consult with specific groups to identify needs / issues? If not please explain why.

Further equalities monitoring may be required for those projects which have applied and are deemed unsuccessful in order to identify any further issues or potential barriers.

However, at this stage of analysis it is felt the information currently held is sufficient to analysis trends

and determine any barriers or negative impacts.

■ **Step 5 – Assessing the impact**

In light of any data/consultation/information and your own knowledge and awareness, please identify whether the policy has a positive or negative impact on the individuals or community groups (including what barriers these individuals or groups may face) who identify with any ‘protected characteristics’ and provide an explanation for your decision (please refer to the general duties on the front page).

	Comments
Age	There is a reasonable proportion of grant funding awarded to projects relating to Age. Of the grants awarded, there is a reasonable proportionate spread between projects for older and younger people. The process has therefore created a positive impact in relation to the protected characteristic of Age.
Disability (Physical, visual, hearing, learning disabilities, mental health)	There is a reasonable proportion of grant funding awarded to projects relating to disability. In addition it is acknowledged that some of the projects funded are cross- cutting and support individuals with multiple characteristics. Therefore, creating further positive impacts for people with disabilities. The process has therefore created a positive impact overall in relation to the protected characteristic of Disability.
Gender Reassignment (Transgender)	No projects have been specifically funded to support the protected characteristic of Gender Reassignment. The impact of this is neutral as there have been no applications to date. However it is acknowledged that specific marketing / promotion of Charnwood Grants could take place where specific support groups etc. meet for further awareness raising.
Race	There is some grant funding awarded to projects relating to Race. In additional it is acknowledged that some of the projects funded are cross- cutting and support individuals with multiple characteristics.
Religion or Belief (Includes no belief)	Whilst Charnwood Grants do not specifically support religious groups / activities, it does provide funding to these groups who are delivering activities for the wider community. The impact is therefore neutral with regards to the protected characteristic of religion or belief with the acknowledged that wider benefits are created for the wider community.
Sex (Gender)	There is some grant funding awarded to projects relating to Gender. In addition it is acknowledged that some of the projects funded are cross- cutting and support individuals with multiple characteristics. The process has therefore created a positive impact in relation to the protected characteristic of

	Gender.
Sexual Orientation	No projects have been specifically funded to support the protected characteristic of Sexual Orientation. The impact of this is neutral as there have been no applications to date. However it is acknowledged that specific marketing / promotion of Charnwood Grants could take place where specific support groups etc. meet for further awareness raising.
Other protected groups (Pregnancy & maternity, marriage & civil partnership)	There is no grant funding awarded to projects relating to these other protected groups. In addition it is acknowledged that some of the projects funded are cross - cutting and support individuals with multiple characteristics. Additional targeted promotional work will be undertaken.
Other socially excluded groups (carers, low literacy, priority neighbourhoods, health inequalities, rural isolation, asylum seeker and refugee communities etc.)	The grants which focus on the wider community have a wide range of benefits, particularly for residents from priority neighbourhoods or areas of deprivation.

<p>Where there are potential barriers, negative impacts identified and/ or barriers or impacts are unknown, please outline how you propose to minimise all negative impact or discrimination.</p> <p>Please note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) If you have identified adverse impact or discrimination that is illegal, you are required to take action to remedy this immediately. b) Additionally, if you have identified adverse impact that is justifiable or legitimate, you will need to consider what actions can be taken to mitigate its effect on those groups of people.
<p>No negative impacts or potential barriers have been identified. However it is acknowledged that specific marketing / promotion of Charnwood Grants could take place for the protected characteristics of Gender Reassignment, Pregnancy and Maternity and Sexual Orientation.</p>
<p>Summarise your findings and give an overview as to whether the policy will meet Charnwood Borough Council's responsibilities in relation to equality and diversity (please refer to the general duties on the front page).</p>
<p>It is the opinion that the Community Development & Engagement Grant and the Community Facilities Grant comply with Charnwood Borough Council's equality and diversity responsibilities. It will further promote equal opportunities and achieve positive outcomes.</p>

■ **Step 6- Monitoring, evaluation and review**

<p>Are there processes in place to review the findings of this Assessment and make appropriate changes? In particular, how will you monitor potential barriers and any positive/ negative impact?</p>
<p>Monitoring will continue on a quarterly and annual basis to assess the grant applications that are successful. Continuous monitoring and analysis will aim to identify gaps which may potentially highlight barriers or negative impacts towards specific community groups/ communities of interest.</p> <p>Further equalities monitoring will be explored for those projects which have applied and are deemed unsuccessful, for the further identification of issues or potential barriers.</p>

How will the recommendations of this assessment be built into wider planning and review processes? e.g. policy reviews, annual plans and use of performance management systems.

Where barriers/ negative impacts are identified, the mitigating action and progress against this will be included within the relevant service plan.

■ **Step 7- Action Plan**

Please include any identified concerns/actions/issues in this action plan:

The issues identified should inform your Service Plan and, if appropriate, your Consultation Plan

Reference Number	Action	Responsible Officer	Target Date
001	Continue to monitor the Grants on a quarterly and annual basis to assess the grant applications that are both successful and unsuccessful.	J. Robinson	March 2019

■ **Step 8- Who needs to know about the outcomes of this assessment and how will they be informed?**

	Who needs to know (Please tick)	How they will be informed (we have a legal duty to publish EIA's)
Employees	✓	This EIA will be published on the Council's website.
Service users	✓	
Partners and stakeholders	✓	
Others	✓	
To ensure ease of access, what other communication needs/concerns are there?	✓	

Please delete as appropriate

I agree with this assessment / action plan

If disagree, state action/s required, reasons and details of who is to carry them out with timescales: N?A

Signed (Service Head): Julie Robinson

Date: 14.08.2018

Please send completed & signed assessment to Suzanne Kinder for publishing.