

CABINET – 7TH JULY 2022

Report of the Head of Neighbourhood Services

Lead Member: Councillor Leigh Harper-Davies

Part A

ITEM 6 CHARNWOOD GRANTS – ROUND ONE 2022/2023 CHARNWOOD COMMUNITY AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES GRANT APPLICATIONS

Purpose of Report

To enable Cabinet to consider applications received for funding in round one of the Community Facilities and Community Grants schemes for 2022/23.

Recommendations

1. That the following Community Grants be awarded:
 - £5,000 to Go-Getta CIC towards the Loughborough Youth Motivators project (£3,000 to be funded through the Community Grants scheme and £2,000 through the Community Safety Partnership Locality Fund Youth Prevention and Diversion);
 - £1,220 to St Mary's Grub Club towards summer food and activities (to be funded through the Contain Outbreak Management fund for food support);
 - £1,000 to Watermead Junior Parkrun towards equipment;
 - £135 to Watermead Country Park Parkrun towards pacer bibs (to be funded through the Contain Outbreak Management fund for physical activity);
 - £3,500 to Loughborough Wellbeing Centre towards the Wellbeing Café Project Plus Pilot (to be funded through the Contain Outbreak Management fund for VCS support);
 - £4,500 to The Arc Community Hub (Grange Park Centre) towards a youth group (£3,000 to be funded through the Community Grants scheme and £1,500 through the Community Safety Partnership Locality Fund Youth Prevention and Diversion);
 - £3,000 to New Life Community Church towards the running of the foodbank (to be funded through the Contain Outbreak Management fund for food support);
 - £3,750 to B-Buddies CIC towards the "Let's Get Cycling" project;
 - £750 to Sileby Tennis and Pickleball Club towards promoting pickleball in Charnwood;
 - £3,500 to Upstarts Gymnastics Club towards a gym raised pit with soft landing area;

- £3,000 to Spectrum Sensory Sports UK CIC towards inclusive sports and physical activity sessions;
- £250 to Nanpantan Ward Residents Group towards the ongoing running of the group;
- £300 to Thurcaston and Cropston Gardening Club towards an annual craft and produce show;
- £1,000 to Rectory Wildlife Gardeners towards equipment and tools;
- £1,500 to Quorn Village CIC towards a community garden;
- £2,000 to Without Walls Christian Fellowship towards Thrive Singing Cafe;
- £1,500 to HUB@TheSkofe towards the “Cupboard on the Corner” project (to be funded through the Contain Outbreak Management fund for food support).

2. That the following Community Grant applications be declined:

- Loughborough Air Quality Protection Group - £4,574 requested – applied for funding towards the rental of a Zephyr Air Quality Monitor;
- Together Against Cancer - £2,000 requested – applied for funding towards cancer support days in Charnwood;
- Falcon Support Services - £4,934 requested – applied for funding towards a Community Resilience Programme;
- Gunns Community Gym - £850 requested – applied for funding towards bronze, silver and gold awards;
- Communities Food and Wellbeing Hub - £5,000 requested – applied for funding towards a health, wellbeing and foodbank diabetes project;
- Loughborough Lions AFC - £500 requested – applied for funding towards training equipment;
- Hope for Hunger - £2,500 requested – applied for funding towards hot food and essential items.

3. That the following Community Facilities Grants be awarded:

- Up to £2,932 to Loughborough Town Cricket Club towards accessible doors;
- Up to £9,000 to Wymeswold Memorial Hall towards a replacement floor.

4. That the Head of Neighbourhood Services be given delegated authority to finalise the terms and conditions of the awarded Community Grants.

Reasons

1. To provide financial support to organisations which meet the criteria of the Community Grants scheme.
2. To decline to provide financial support to organisations which do not meet the criteria for the award of a grant under the Community Grant scheme.
3. To provide financial support to organisations which meet the criteria of the Community Facilities Grants scheme.
4. To enable the grants awarded to be finalised and appropriate information to be supplied to the Council about the outcomes of the project.

Policy Justification and Previous Decisions

The Council's Corporate Strategy 2020-2024 makes a commitment to deliver high quality living with a range of services to meet the needs of our diverse community. It makes a commitment to support our communities by delivering a range of services which not only help residents, but also empowers them to make a positive difference in their local areas and that community cohesion will remain a priority. In addition, it wants residents to live healthy and active lifestyles and to offer services to improve wellbeing, either directly or with our partners.

At its meeting on 11th March 2021, Cabinet agreed the revised Charnwood Community Grants, Community Facilities and Member Grants schemes following the 2021/22 budgets for the grants schemes being agreed at Cabinet on the 11th February 2021. The previous grants schemes (Community Development and Engagement, Loughborough grants and the Sports grants) were reviewed and changes made, resulting in a proposed new combined grants scheme called Charnwood Community Grants. The Community Facilities Grant scheme was revised, removing the Feasibility study and small environmental project elements, and allowing for the inclusion of certain sports related projects.

Implementation Timetable including Future Decisions and Scrutiny

The Community Facilities Grants and Community Grants considered in this report will be released, providing they are approved, once the applicants have met any required pre-payment grant 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 Community Facilities Grants budget allocated in the 2020-2023 Capital Plan was £190,000. The opening balance for 2022/23 was £104,303. Two applications were received for funding in Round One 2022/23 (one of which had been deferred from Round Three in 2021/22), and both grants were awarded at a total of up to £11,932 by the grants panel, and therefore the balance remaining for future rounds of the Community Facilities Grants scheme is £92,371.

Community Grant Funding

The 2022/23 budget for Community Grants is £50,000 (£15,900 is ringfenced for Loughborough projects).

Twenty-four applications were received for funding in Round One 2022/23 and this report recommends that twelve applications are supported through the Community Grant scheme totalling £23,050, (four of which are funded from the ringfenced Loughborough projects and two of which would also be supported with additional funding through other sources; the Community Safety Partnership Locality Fund – Youth Prevention and Diversion and five will be funded through the various strands of the Contain Outbreak Management Fund – see below), with seven applications declined, leaving a balance of £26,950 for future community grants rounds this year.

It was also identified that five of the applications that were received in this Round could be supported through other identified funding, the Contain Outbreak Management fund that has been received to support both VCS organisations that are supporting Covid community recovery, for physical and mental health intervention projects and food support. Officers will liaise with those projects identified.

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	Overall Risk	Risk Management Actions Planned
Grants do not deliver the objectives of the Grants scheme	Remote (1)	Minor (1)	Very Low (1)	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 3.

Crime and Disorder

Many of the grants awarded support the provision of activities and programmes for both children, young people and adults which contribute towards reducing the impact of crime and anti-social behaviour through the provision of diversionary activity and promotes stronger, cohesive and balanced communities.

Key Decision: Yes

Background Papers: None

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Part B

Charnwood Community Grants Criteria

1. At its meeting on 11th March 2021, Cabinet agreed the revised Charnwood Community Grants scheme following the 2021/22 budgets for the grant schemes being agreed at Cabinet on the 11th February 2021. The previous grants schemes (Community Development and Engagement, Loughborough grants and the Sports grants) were reviewed and changes made, resulting in a proposed new combined grants scheme called Charnwood Community Grants.
2. The main criteria include the following:
 - maximum grant award of £5000
 - criteria has been amended to make it accessible to sports clubs and sports organisations
 - provides funding for projects delivered by the voluntary and community sector
3. The application form has been shortened and been devised to ensure that only relevant questions are asked. The associated assessment process has been adapted to ensure that the scoring system is directly related to the questions on the application form, with each question having a maximum score of 5. The Grants Panel will assess the applications and score against each of the questions, with a maximum score of 35.
4. The scoring and assessment process allows the Grants Panel members to provide an overall score of the application itself as well as provide additional comments based on the knowledge they have of groups, emerging issues in the sector or localities as well as things they have picked out from the application which can be brought to the meeting for discussion.

It is proposed that the level of score achieved will reflect the level of grant recommended. A low score will result in no award being recommended, a medium score will result in some of the grant applied for being awarded, with high scoring applications receiving most, if not all of the funding applied for.

Score	Level of funding
Low score	Nil
Medium score	Some of grant funding applied for
High score	Most or all of funding applied for

Community Facilities Grants

5. At its meeting on 11th March 2021, Cabinet agreed the revised Charnwood Community Facilities Grants scheme. The Community Facilities Grant scheme was revised, removing the Feasibility study and small environmental project elements, and allowing for the inclusion of certain sports related projects.

6. The criteria include the following:
 - That the maximum amount awarded would be £20,000 for projects that link well into the Council's Corporate Plan and can achieve wider community benefits.
 - Inclusion of sports clubs and sports organisations who previously were not able to access this grants scheme.
7. 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.
8. 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 Facilities Grant Applications

9. Two applications were received for the Community Facilities Grants in Round One for 2022/23. One of these had been deferred from Round Three Facilities Grants in 2021/22. The applications were assessed against the grants criteria and both applications were recommended for funding.

Loughborough Town Cricket Club – Score 48.9 – Recommendation to award up to £2,932

10. The club was first established in 1896. The objectives of the club are:
 - The provision of facilities for the playing of cricket and other sporting and social activities;
 - The provision and maintenance of a club house on the club's land at Park Road, Loughborough;
 - To ensure a duty of care to all members of the club by adopting the England Cricket Board's (ECB) "Safe Hands – Cricket's Policy for Safeguarding Children", and the ECB's Cricket Equality Policy;
 - To ensure that all members abide by the ECB Code of Conduct;

- To encourage all members of the club to participate fully in club activities;
 - To adopt and implement the ECB Club inclusion and diversity policy.
11. The application is for funding towards the cost of replacement of two sets of UPVC double doors and frames, which provide access from the clubroom to the veranda and patio. The high thresholds of the frame mean that accessibility is limited for those with wheelchairs and pushchairs. They are a risk to people with visual and/or mobility impairments. The club would like to replace them with new doors which address all current deficiencies of the existing doors and frames and enable access by wheelchair users.
 12. The application had previously been deferred from Round Three of the Community Facilities grants scheme for 2021/22, as the Panel felt that the club had not sufficiently translated their work into the application form and the Panel had a number of outstanding questions. The Panel had offered the club a chance to re-visit and strengthen their application for a future round of the grants scheme.
 13. The application of £2,932 is for 50% of the total project costs of £5,865.
 14. The Panel scored this scheme at 48.9 and recommends that a grant of up to £2,932 be awarded.
 15. The Panel feel that the club has provided the required additional information in proving the need for the funding, and providing further detail as requested, particularly around their £10,000 facility fund ECB application, which is key to the upgrade of their clubhouse to encourage wider use by women and girls. Officers have also met with the club and observed that there is a great deal of activity within the club, and also with non-sports groups making use of the facilities.

Wymeswold Memorial Hall – Score 45.3 – Recommendation to award up to £9,000, subject to additional quotes being submitted

16. Wymeswold Memorial Hall was built “for the use of the inhabitants of Wymeswold and the neighbourhood without distinction of sex or of political, religious or other opinions, and in particular, for the use for meetings, lectures and classes, and for other forms of recreation and leisure-time occupation, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants”.
17. The application is for funding towards the replacement of the hall floor. A temporary laminate floor was laid over the original floor(s) when the extension was completed c. 2000, but overtime the surface has warped and a recent Health and Safety review has found it potentially dangerous and needed replacing urgently, within 12 months. This project will need to be completed during school holidays to avoid disruption to a pre-school playgroup.
18. The benefits of the project include:
 - Will ensure the health and safety of attendees, groups and volunteers that use the facility;

- Will ensure the continued use of the hall by local residents attending meetings, classes, recreational groups providing both physical and mental enrichment.
19. The Local Ward Councillor was consulted on the application and comments were received as follows:

“I am happy to support this application for a Community Facilities grant to replace the Memorial Hall floor in Wymeswold and improve our Carbon footprint”.
 20. The application of £9,000 is for 50% of the total project costs of £18,000.
 21. The panel scored this scheme at 45.3 and recommends that a grant of up to £9,000 be awarded, subject to additional quotes being submitted by the applicant.
 22. The Panel are supportive of this project and feel that the Memorial Hall provides a good facility for its local community, with a wide range of activities provided and is run by volunteers.

Community Grant Scheme Applications

23. Twenty-four applications were received for funding in Round One for 2022/23. Twenty-four applications have been assessed against the criteria. Seventeen applications have been recommended for approval, and seven have been recommended for declining. Four applications are funded through the Community Grant ringfenced for Loughborough projects

Go Getta CIC – Score 33.5 - Recommendation to award up to £5,000

24. Go-Getta CIC supports young people to live healthier, happier, safer and more responsible lives. They motivate young people towards positive change through relationships, empowerment, and access to opportunities to learn, grow and have fun.
25. The application is for funding towards the delivery of the Loughborough Youth Motivators project. Delivery will focus on the Thorpe Acre, Warwick Way and Ashby Road estates. These priority neighbourhoods are known to experience issues around youth-led anti-social behaviour and deprivation. Many of the young people they encounter through youth work on these estates are living with adverse childhood experiences including; parental mental health, parental substance misuse, parental criminality/imprisonment, abuse, neglect, poverty, divorce/separation, domestic abuse etc. Many of the young people live with issues around; poor emotional wellbeing, exclusion from mainstream education, substance misuse, learning needs, exploitation, involvement in ASB or criminality (TWOC'ing, knife crime, burglary, drug dealing, theft, youth violence etc). Funding is required to deliver detached youth work on these estates (proposed provisional timings: every Wednesday 4-6.30pm) engaging with young people aged 8-21yrs from the areas.

26. The benefits of the project include:
- Young people will be better informed on ways to make themselves and their communities safer;
 - Young people will engage in a range of sports and physical activity;
 - Provision of some enhanced one to one work;
 - Young people will develop an improved sense of wellbeing both emotional and physical.
27. The application of £5,000 is for 100% of the total project cost.
28. The Panel scored this scheme at 33.5 and recommends that a grant of up to £5,000 be awarded. (£3,000 to be funded through the Community Grants scheme, Loughborough projects, and £2,000 to be funded through the Community Safety Partnership Locality Fund Youth Prevention and Diversion)
29. The Panel felt that this was a strong application, and that the project meets an urgent need for youth provision in the area, with proven outcomes. The organisation has built a strong reputation over the years and now supports other smaller organisations. The Panel note that the organisation applies for funding each year through the Community Grants scheme, and that the group's sustainability will need to be looked at in the future, including other opportunities for funding. Officers will work with the organisation to look at a more sustainable approach going forward.

St Mary's Grub Club – Score 29.5 - Recommendation to award up to £1,220 through the Contain Outbreak Management fund allocated for food support

30. The organisation first opened in the summer of 2018. During the summer holidays the organisation provides activities and a hot midday meal to children and their families who have at least one child of primary school age who would normally be entitled to free school meals. They accept applications from everyone, regardless of race or religion. The Grub Club operates for three times a week, 2-3 hours per day, for a period of at least four weeks.
31. The application is for funding towards the food, building rental, art and craft materials, equipment, food hygiene and first aid training, and printing etc.
32. The benefits of the project include:
- Gives families who are in difficult financial circumstances the opportunity to come together be provided with a hot meal and experience a range of crafts, art and physical activities;
 - Reduces social isolation;
 - Where appropriate, acts as a signposting agency.
33. The application of £1,220 is for 44% of the total project cost of £2,720.
34. The Panel scored this scheme at 29.5 and recommends that a grant of up to £1,220 be awarded through the Contain Outbreak Management fund allocated for food support.

35. The Panel feel that this is a strong project which scored highly against the criteria of the scheme. There is huge demand for what this organisation is offering, and the Panel note that they have been successful in previous years in engaging with families, and they have also been a positive contribution to the Charnwood Food Poverty Group and the Your Store project.

Parkrun UK – Watermead New Junior Parkrun – Score 29.5 - Recommendation to award up to £1,000

36. Local volunteers, who are all active members of Parkrun Global, provide youngsters, up to the age of 14, the opportunity to boost their physical and mental health through outdoor activity in parks and open spaces.
37. The application is for funding towards the provision of a new free weekly timed run throughout Watermead Park, this will take place at 9am every Sunday morning and will consist of upwards of 20 volunteers. Everyone is welcome to join in, whether walking, jogging, running, volunteering or spectating.
38. The benefits of the project include:
- Improved access to physical activities for young people;
 - Improved access to green spaces and the natural environment for young people;
 - Improved physical and mental wellbeing.
39. Local Ward Councillors were consulted on the application and no comments were received.
40. The application of £1,000 is for 25% of the total project cost of £4,000.
41. The Panel scored this scheme at 29.5 and recommends that a grant of up to £1,000 be awarded.
42. The Panel feel that this is a strong project, which encourages awareness in young people to take an interest in their health and fitness. The events are well-run and organised, and it is low-risk to provide funding to this national organisation for a locally organised and run weekly event for young people. Whilst there are currently other Park Runs for adults in the borough this will be the first junior Park Run.

Watermead Country Park Parkrun – Score 28.5 - Recommendation to award up to £135 through the Contain Outbreak Management physical activity fund

43. The Watermead Parkrun started in September 2021 and was funded 80% by Leicestershire County Council and 20% by charitable donation from Wreake Valley Rotary. The run happens every week at 0900hrs in Watermead Country Park (North). The average weekly attendance is 225 and the event needs approximately 25 volunteers each week. The run takes place entirely within the Borough of Charnwood. Since the launch, over 350 people have registered as parkrunners, mostly local to Watermead and they have started parkrunning due to the existence of a local event. In addition, they have attracted well in excess of 200 individual volunteers.

44. The application is for funding towards the completion of a set of Pacer Bibs in order to provide the optimum number required for the circuit.
45. The benefits of the project include:
 - Increased health and wellbeing through physical activity;
 - Increased access to green spaces and the natural environment;
 - Increased mental health through social interaction.
46. Local Ward Councillors were consulted on the application and no comments were received.
47. The application of £135 is for 100% of the total project cost.
48. The Panel scored this scheme at 28.5 and recommends that a grant of up to £135 be awarded through the Contain Outbreak Management fund allocated for health and physical activity.
49. The Panel supports the group and feels that this is a low cost for equipment that will benefit a large number of people.

Loughborough Wellbeing Centre – Score 28 - Recommendation to award up to £3,500 through the Contain Outbreak Management VCS support fund

50. The Charity's main objectives are to provide support to adults (18 and over) who are recovering from mental health problems in the Charnwood area and to:
 - Provide a safe and welcoming place;
 - Provide access to regular twice weekly crisis café evenings;
 - Increase their self-confidence and their self-care skills;
 - Improve their awareness and encourage access to appropriate support services (signposting);
 - Encourage their participation and involvement at the sessions;
 - Promote and encourage volunteering opportunities;
 - Establish a peer-to-peer support network;
 - Reduce social isolation;
 - Promote wellbeing and recovery to improve their mental health;
51. The application is for funding towards extending provision to meet growing demand across a range of drop-in sessions provided throughout each week as well as several smaller group activities to support people with low to moderate mental health issues.
52. The benefits of the project include:
 - Increased number of Wellbeing Sessions for adults with enduring mental health issues;
 - Improved wellbeing for adults with enduring mental health issues;
 - Reducing social isolation for adults with enduring mental health issues.

53. The application of £4,920 is for 100% of the total project cost.
54. The Panel scored this scheme at 28 and recommends that a grant of up to £3,500 be awarded through the Contain Outbreak Management fund allocated to VCS support.
55. The Panel feel that this is a strong project and recognise the good work the organisation does to support people with their mental health and wellbeing and the growing demand across the borough. The Panel notes that there may be an issue with sustainability going forward and would suggest the organisation explores making a small charge to participants to assist in covering costs.

The Arc Community Hub (Grange Park Centre) – Score 28 - Recommendation to award up to £4,500 (£3,000 to be funded through the Community Grants scheme , and £1,500 through the Community Safety Partnership Locality Fund – Youth Prevention and Diversion)

56. The charity exists to improve opportunities for people in one of the most deprived areas of Leicestershire with Shelthorpe rated at 3 in the Indices of Multiple Deprivation. In November 2019, they opened the doors of The Arc Community Hub. The Arc aims to improve quality of life and wellbeing. They believe this will increase a sense of belonging and create community cohesion and provide long-term support for a community which has had issues for many years.
57. The application is for funding towards securing the future of the Youth Group organised by Go-Getta to Easter of next year and deliver outcomes which benefit the people of Shelthorpe. The project is designed to offer a blended approach to youth work which involves centre-based activities and detached youth work targeting areas children and young people meet up. In the past this approach has proved successful in getting more young people to the community centre. It will enable them to provide more equipment and resources such as games, craft material and baking ingredients. The project focusses on increasing youth engagement and activities to actively tackle the issue of youth related ASB. It will target vulnerable children and young people who are at risk of becoming involved in harmful behaviours, ASB and crime.
58. The benefits of the project include:
 - Increasing access to support services for young people to improve their health and well-being;
 - Increased development of a group of young people who are well rounded, confident and responsible;
 - Through access to life skills and activities and services young people will engage with the wider community, leading to better chances in life and increased community cohesion;
 - Reduced ASB in Shelthorpe.
59. The application of £4,600 is for 100% of the total project cost.

60. The Panel scored this scheme at 28 and recommends that a grant of up to £4,500 be awarded. (£3,000 to be funded through the Community Grants scheme, Loughborough projects, and £1,500 through the Community Safety Partnership Locality Fund – Youth Prevention and Diversion).
61. The Panel are supportive of this organisation and feel that this is a strong project providing much needed youth provision in the area. The venue itself is a good base for outreach to those that need support, as is the timing of the youth club after school. The Panel feel that there is some work to be done on sustainability going forward, and that a small charge may need to be made to participants to help with sustainability going forward.

New Life Community Church – Score 27.8 - Recommendation to award up to £3,000 towards the running of the foodbank, subject to discussion with officers (to be funded through the Contain Outbreak Management fund allocated to food support)

62. New Life Community Church provides an all-inclusive community space where everyone is welcome, irrespective of background or religion. Their community outreach combines an established Trussell Trust Foodbank and a professional CAP (Christians Against Poverty) Debt Counselling Service. Their overall aim is to connect with, and sustainably lift out of poverty, those in the community who are most vulnerable, poor and excluded. They are passionate about reaching out to, and improving the lives of, disadvantaged individuals and families across Charnwood.
63. The application is for funding towards a contribution to the running of the foodbank for employment costs of a full-time Foodbank Warehouse Manager. They are experiencing increased demand for their services and expect this to continue. More and more people across Charnwood are battling to make ends meet, as prices of food, heating and fuel continue to rise. Having an organised, well-managed and fully stocked warehouse is vital to enabling them to meet demand at Loughborough Area Foodbank.
64. The benefits of the project include:
 - Improved physical wellbeing from receiving nutritious food that prevents adults and children from going hungry and promotes good health;
 - Reduced anxiety, stress, and loneliness from knowing they have a place to go to receive free food and tailored, dignified support;
 - Improved levels of happiness and socialisation, from having somewhere safe and welcoming to go to make connections with others from their community;
 - Increased confidence and self-esteem from being given consistent encouragement and support to seek further help from other organisations;
 - Reduction in harmful behaviours, such as theft and shoplifting, as basic needs are met and positive choices are encouraged.
65. The application of £5,000 is for 22.7% of the total project cost of £22,000.

66. The Panel scored this scheme at 27.8 and recommends that a grant of up to £3,000 be awarded towards the general running of the foodbank, subject to discussion with officers. (To be funded through the Contain Outbreak Management fund allocated to food support).
67. The application scored well against the criteria of the scheme and the Panel note that this organisation is a member of the Charnwood Food Poverty Group and has good links with other food banks in the area. There is huge demand for food banks currently, and this organisation is helping to meet that need and provide outreach to hard-to-engage families.

B-Buddies CIC – Score 27.5 - Recommendation to award up to £3,750 subject to clarification on the delivery of community sessions

68. B-Buddies CIC focus on predominately serving the communities of Charnwood by providing a vast range of cycling sessions for all ages (18months upwards) from balance bikes, learn to ride, cycle skills and Bikeability in schools and private groups, as they are the only independent registered provider based in Leicestershire. They also work locally alongside Active Charnwood, Cycling UK, British Cycling and Active Together (LRS). They regularly deliver free bike checks and minor repairs in local communities and in particular lower socio-economic groups.
69. The application is for funding towards the purchase of more bikes to enable the offer in all their current cycle related projects, be it learn to ride or cycle skills sessions with other organisations, bikes to loan out for those people to give it a try who are not able to own a bicycle for whatever reason, once they have learnt to ride or improved their riding skills so they are more confident to continue to ride and enjoy the benefits that cycling brings.
70. The benefits of the project include:
 - Improved health and wellbeing benefits including mental health;
 - Improved access to a sociable and physical activity;
 - Improved environment through use of a more carbon zero form of transport.
71. The application of £4,710 is for 61% of the total project cost of £7,710.
72. The Panel scored this scheme at 27.5 and recommends that a grant of up to £3,750 be awarded, subject to clarification on the delivery of community sessions and further details regarding the running of the scheme.
73. The application scored highly against the criteria of the scheme. The Panel feel this is a strong project, that the organisation engages well with young people and supports community delivery in priority neighbourhoods. The Panel notes that the organisation works closely with schools and would like clarification on how the organisation will do further outreach work in the community.

Sileby Tennis and Pickleball Club – Score 27.5 - Recommendation to award up to £750

74. Sileby Tennis Club was established in 1927 and it aims to provide sporting activities to the residents of Sileby and the surrounding villages. The catchment area is growing and the club is now serving a much wider area. They have four hardcourt, all year all weather tennis courts. The fourth separate court is also marked out to play the game Pickleball, providing two Pickleball courts. This court is also ideal for kids' "short tennis", coaching and training or separate fitness routines. It has a practice wall and provides a safe and effective place to use their automatic ball machine for tennis coaching and practice. They are now known as Sileby Tennis and Pickleball Club.
75. The application is for funding towards promoting the game of Pickleball in Charnwood via their Club. To do this they would like funding to promote and advertise playing Pickleball at Sileby. They would advertise the game as being available to people of all ages and abilities, and they would like to run more open days to promote the facilities by giving free access to members of the public and their families to try Pickleball at Sileby.
76. The benefits of the project include:
 - Increase access to physical and social activity to those who would not normally join a sports club;
 - Improve health and wellbeing;
 - Reduce social isolation.
77. Local Ward Councillors were consulted on the application and no comments were received.
78. The application of £1,300 is for 80% of the total project cost of £1,620.
79. The Panel scored this scheme at 27.5 and recommends that a grant of up to £750 be awarded and the group consider making a small charge for sessions.
80. The Panel feel that this is a project that will reach out to the wider community with active participation sessions. They also note that there is no income shown in their application, and feel that the organisation should be making a small charge to participants, in order to help with sustainability and cover associated costs.

Upstarts Gymnastics Club – Score 26.5 - Recommendation to award up to £3,500

81. Upstarts provides artistic gymnastics activities for boys and girls from early years through to teens, at all levels from recreational participation to a variety of competitive opportunities. They also provide adult recreational participation that ranges from fitness to developing and/or maintaining their gymnastics skills.
82. The application is for funding towards soft landing pit facilities. This project is part of their masterplan which is to acquire and move to a new and larger gym, within Charnwood, during 2023. The soft landing-area will be an integral feature of the new gym. This project is being implemented now, in advance of 2023,

for some key reasons. They currently hire the landing-pit facilities at the Loughborough University Gymnastics Centre, on a regular basis, however they have been informed by the University that the Centre will close during 2022. Their coaches consider that landing-pits are essential, enabling their gymnasts to develop new skills with confidence and, of course, safely. Landing-pits have traditionally required either in-floor excavations, or permanent above-floor constructions, however Technical innovations in gymnastics equipment mean it is possible to install an above-floor landing pit that does not require construction work and can be re-located to our new gym at minimal cost. This equipment is a raised pit with Soft Landing Areas.

83. The benefits of the project include:
- Opportunity is provided to reach all participants potential in gymnastics, with a fun and safe environment at the heart of their provision;
 - Children gain increased self-motivation and belief, valuable interpersonal qualities, social skills and learning the value of working together;
 - It is widely accepted that gymnastics is an excellent underpinning activity, developing essential physical and mental abilities that can be transferred to a great many other sports.
84. Local Ward Councillors were consulted on the application and no comments were received.
85. The application of £5,000 is for 25% of the total project cost of £19,794.
86. The Panel scored this scheme at 26.5 and recommends that a grant of up to £3,500 be awarded.
87. The Panel feel that this is a good project with satellite clubs reaching a wide area. They recognise that the club has had a complex situation with the University and note that the club is sustainable as a group with ring-fenced funding for their new premises, and that they have reserves and a contingency in place. They feel that this is an essential piece of equipment and note that it can be moved with them to their new premises.

Spectrum Sensory Sports UK CIC – Score 26.3 - Recommendation to award up to £3,000 for insurance and utilities

88. The organisation was set up to provide sports and physical activity opportunities for vulnerable children and young people (CYP) aged (4-21 years) with physical and/or learning disabilities/difficulties. Special care and attention have been made to ensure the sessions are flexible and will include a combination of the following:
- Open activities – everyone can play the same activity without adaptations or modifications;
 - Modified activities – everyone is doing the same activity but with changes made to the rules, space and/or equipment to ensure that everyone is able to join in;

- Parallel activities – everyone participates in the same activity but at a level appropriate to themselves (participants are grouped according to ability);
 - Alternate/separate activities - A person or group does a separate activity. E.g. a participant who is hypersensitive to noise may be unable to participate in activities in the sports hall due to the loud nature of the environment. They may instead require a personalised program which combines sensory integration activities with physical activity;
 - Disability sport/reverse integration - Non-disabled people take part in disability sport such as wheelchair basketball, goalball or table cricket.
89. The application is for funding towards equipment and items that will help provide a safe space for children and young people to engage in tailored activities to meet their needs at their venue in Thurmaston. The venue will enable them to deliver activities as well as offer an affordable space for people in the community to hire during less busy hours to enable them to generate income. They are also requesting support towards their insurance and rent to help them as they build up reserves and generate income. The aim is to deliver weekly sessions for children aged 7-11 at their new community facility.
90. The benefits of the project include:
- Increased confidence;
 - Improved mental health and wellbeing;
 - Improved physical health;
 - Improved social skills.
91. Local Ward Councillors were consulted on the application and no comments were received.
92. The application of £3,356 is for 47% of the total project cost of £7,056.
93. The Panel scored this scheme at 26.3 and recommends that a grant of up to £3,000 be awarded towards the cost of insurance and utilities.
94. The Panel feel that this is a strong application from a unique organisation meeting a real need. They feel it is a very positive project and the organisation has linked in with key providers and made good contacts, providing great opportunities for the future. It is a safe space for young people with additional needs, offering a range of activities, and the familiarity of having one venue is important for the participants.

Nanpantan Ward Residents Group – Score 26 - Recommendation to award up to £250

95. The group's aims and objectives are to represent all residents within the Nanpantan ward of Charnwood regarding any issues they may have within the scope of the constitution. They have been working closely with many agencies over several years. They also aim to promote a sense of responsibility and community amongst students/landlords about the appearance of their HMOs.

96. The application is for funding towards their ongoing costs as follows:
- Pay for subscriptions to relevant associations: National Organisation of Residents' Associations;
 - Host and maintain their website: an important method of keeping residents informed of local issues;
 - Buy-in expert advice as required to support them in their aims of providing a healthy community;
 - Produce a newsletter which is delivered twice yearly;
 - Committee and AGM meetings;
 - Bank costs, now that banks have brought in charges for charities.
97. The benefits of the project include:
- Supporting residents with any concerns they may have about living in Nanpantan Ward;
 - Supporting a healthy community;
 - Caring for the local environment with volunteers looking after the rose beds on Nanpantan Road.
98. Local Ward Councillors were consulted on the application and comments were received as follows:
- “The information supplied by the treasurer is accurate. The NWRG are a very supportive group and are invaluable communication channel. They have considerable knowledge and expertise which they share generously when required. What I have found important is the sense of community that has been established in my 11 years as one of the councillors.”
99. The application of £479 is for 50% of the total project cost of £959.
100. The Panel scored this scheme at 26 and recommends that a grant of up to £250 be awarded from the Loughborough projects funding of the Community Grants .
101. The Panel recognise the ongoing good work of the group, however note that the group applies for funding each year and needs to be looking at ways of being self-sustaining, such as holding fundraising events, charging a membership fee etc. For future rounds, the Panel will be wanting to see evidence of fundraising.

Thurcaston and Cropston Gardening Club – Score 25 - Recommendation to award up to £300

102. The objectives of the club are to:
- Promote and encourage the past time of gardening;
 - Hold regular meetings for talks, discussions and demonstrations;
 - Hold an annual show;
 - Arrange visits to gardens and other sites, and other activities as deemed appropriate by the Garden club committee;
 - Raise money by subscription for membership and by grant application;
 - Grant rights and privileges to subscribers.

103. The application is for funding towards the organisation of the annual craft and produce show. The show schedule has 63 classes including three specifically for children. They aim to publicise it across the two villages and the surrounding areas, e.g. Birstall, Anstey, and Rothley. It is a one day event and is held in the local primary school premises. The show has never been a profit making event and as costs rise it means that it can quickly drain the club's reserves, forcing the committee to seriously consider cancellation of future shows.
104. The benefits of the project include:
- Brings the community together;
 - Provides the opportunity for individuals to share their talents;
 - Encourages gardening and craft activities;
 - Supports wellbeing, particularly mental health.
105. Local Ward Councillors were consulted on the application and comments were received as follows:
- “I am happy to support this application. This is a very community-based club and it would be very sad to see this local event disappear.”
106. The application of £500 is for 64% of the total project cost of £776.
107. The Panel scored this scheme at 25 and recommends that a grant of up to £300 be awarded.
108. The Panel would like to support this group as they feel that this is a positive annual local community event, which brings people together.

Rectory Wildlife Gardeners – Score 24.5 - Recommendation to award up to £1,000

109. The Rectory Wildlife Garden sits within the Hastings and Lemyngton wards of Loughborough. The site is part of a wider vision for the 'Historic Quarter' of Loughborough and the Parish Green project which aims to create a cohesive area of quality public open space and important gateway to the town centre and Churchgate. It is owned and managed by Charnwood Borough Council. It is sited next to Fearon Hall, which attracts a wide range of service users including but not exclusive to the young and old, individuals with physical and learning disabilities, visually impaired, homeless adults, the unemployed, people with mental health difficulties, those struggling with drug and alcohol dependency, those lonely and isolated and low-income families.
110. The application is for funding towards the purchase of a set of hand tools, plus cordless tools for the garden. They would like to purchase a multi-tool system so that they can add various functions to the base machine. If they are able, they would like to also purchase other equipment, including protective gloves, spades, forks, trowels, secateurs, first aid kits, sharps bins etc.
111. The benefits of the project include:

- Will educate and raise awareness in the community of all matters relating to wildlife, gardening and the outdoor world;
- Promotes community involvement in the creation and development of the Rectory Wildlife Garden as a wildlife sanctuary, and as an outdoor facility for the peaceful enjoyment of the people of Loughborough;
- A peaceful oasis in the centre of Loughborough available to all.

112. Local Ward Councillors were consulted on the application and comments were received as follows:

“The project sounds great and something that will benefit the local and wider community.”

“I’m happy to support this application. Think it’s a great spend of the money, the garden must be maintained after all and if there are people willing to volunteer to do it the least we can provide is the tools.”

113. The application of £2,125 is for 84% of the total project cost of £2,525.

114. The Panel scored this scheme at 24.5 and recommends that a grant of up to £1,000 be awarded from the Loughborough projects funding of the Community Grants.

115. The Panel feel that this is a great project for the local community and the grant awarded will enable them to purchase the main tools listed in the application.

Quorn Village CIC – Score 22.3 - Recommendation to award up to £1,500 to make the garden accessible, subject to applicant confirming match-funding or demonstrating the funding can be used towards a complete phase of the project, if all funding has not been secured

116. Quorn Village CIC enables local projects to accumulate funds from several sources and pay various suppliers. The method of working, so far with limited testing, is that a local group sets out its proposals for a project and establishes its own management structure to progress it. Recent improvements to the Scout hut and the Village Festival (partially) were done this way. When a plan is agreed, and help is requested with raising funds, the Quorn Village CIC gives advice and may act as a legal entity to facilitate financial management and ensure that financial management is in place for a project. It will not normally be a direct source of funds and the money it holds may not be used to cross fund different projects. All services are delivered by volunteers unless a project has specified that they will use contractors or employ full-time or part time staff.

117. The application is for funding towards assisting the Quorn Gardening Club to create a Community Garden on the playground of the Old National School Community Centre. The playground adjacent to Stafford Orchard Park is currently derelict and not accessible to the community. The project will be delivered by volunteers assisted by the Parish Council Grounds maintenance team and supervised by members of the Quorn Garden Club. The beneficiaries include the populations of Quorn who use the park regularly. The new facility will have particular benefits for wheelchair users as there will be easy access to

conveniences and the café. In addition to the Gardening Club, the Safe Well and Happy group of adults with learning difficulties is fully involved with the project. They will be able to grow vegetables and flowers and assist with maintenance of the garden.

118. The benefits of the project include:
 - Access to facilities for disabled users;
 - Will encourage people of all ages to consider the benefits of both the gardening and food production activities and the relaxation and health benefits of a tranquil space to relax.
119. Local Ward Councillors were consulted on the application and no comments were received.
120. The application of £2,500 is for 9% of the total project cost of £27,000.
121. The Panel scored this scheme at 22.3 and recommends that a grant of up to £1,500 be awarded to make the garden accessible, subject to applicant confirming match-funding or demonstrating the funding can be used towards a complete phase of the project, if all funding has not been secured.
122. The Panel feel this is a good project, and recognise there is a need to make it accessible for disabled residents and will enhance the local area and enable local residents to use it.

Without Walls Christian Fellowship – Score 22 - Recommendation to award up to £2,000

123. Without Walls Christian Fellowship runs singing cafes in six different community venues across the county aimed at helping people with a broad range of mental health challenges including Dementia and social isolation. They seek to improve health and welfare be it emotionally, physically, and mentally of those who find themselves disadvantaged, suffering from being on the fringes of society, not able to access what may be available in their community due to their physical and mental limitations.
124. The application is for funding towards the singing cafes in Loughborough and Shepshed. They are weekly singing cafés which run approximately 48 weeks of the year. They have a fully inclusive policy and anyone can attend the cafes, hence the wide range of ages and abilities. The actual time they sing is one hour but they are there to engage with users for at least a half hour before they begin and are available after. Presently the project happens in the Loughborough and Shepshed libraries, though they are looking to find another venue in Loughborough as the numbers are getting too many for the space they have.
125. The benefits of the project include:
 - Gives carers/family a fun activity to participate in while their loved one is fully engaged, improving their mental health and wellbeing;
 - Reduces feelings of loneliness and increases social activity.

126. The application of £5,000 is for 35% of the total project cost of £14,350.
127. The Panel scored this scheme at 22 and recommends that a grant of up to £2,000 be awarded.
128. The Panel feel that the costs are high for the length of the sessions provided and the Panel also noted that the organisation doesn't charge participants. However, they support the project and recognise that the organisation specialises in dementia and are meeting a need that currently isn't provided for by any other means. They would suggest the organisation looks into making a small charge for participants, to help to cover associated costs and increase sustainability going forward.

HUB@TheSkofe – Score 21 - Recommendation to award up to £1,500 through the Contain Outbreak Management fund allocated for food support

129. Hub@TheSkofe runs the "Cupboard on the Corner" project which is a not-for-profit subsidised pantry, currently serving around 120 households each week. There are over 250 households registered at the community pantry. Most people visit for a 'shop' each week but some attend fortnightly and others intermittently. They offer fresh, chilled, frozen and ambient goods, as well as personal hygiene and household items.
130. The application is for funding towards extending the opening hours to make the pantry even more accessible and to accommodate the increasing number of people needing support at this time. They can also use the funding to support their current running costs in terms of purchasing stock and produce while they wait for further funding to arrive.
131. The benefits of the project include:
- Opportunity for members to have conversation and to build relationships with the staff members/volunteers, enabling them to support any other needs individuals have as and when they arise;
 - Allows the organisation to offer help or signpost to help where appropriate;
 - Takes pressure off those who are struggling financially.
132. The application of £5,000 is for 56% of the total project cost of £8,840.
133. The Panel scored this scheme at 21 and recommends that a grant of up to £1,500 be awarded through the Contain Outbreak Management fund allocated to food support.
134. The Panel note that this project is similar to Your Store, but on a much smaller scale. They feel the organisation is well supported and managed, that they are meeting a need, and that they have regular clients. The Panel have a number of queries regarding the group's sustainability but would like to provide a contribution to the project and officers will meet with the group to address these.

Loughborough Air Quality Protection Group (LAQPG) – Score 19.8 - Recommendation to decline

135. The group aims to monitor air quality in and around Loughborough to ensure good quality air for all local residents and to identify any air pollution issues. Residents of Loughborough and Nanpantan ward in particular are at risk from the harmful effects of airborne toxins and particulates from traffic, quarrying, and potentially the poisonous gas and the PM2.5 (and smaller) particle emissions from the large waste incinerator at junction 23 of the M1.
136. The application is for funding towards the rental of a more sophisticated air quality monitoring devices, the Zephyr. They wish to hire one for a period of 4 months to establish baseline data on air quality. The device will need to be installed by professionals. They have identified a number of potential sites to locate the Zephyr, including the Longcliffe Golf Course, as this would be an ideal place, being directly downwind from the incinerator.
137. The application of £4,574 is for 100% of the total project cost.
138. The Panel scored this scheme at 19.8 and recommends that the application be declined.
139. The Panel feel that the application does not sufficiently meet the criteria of the scheme, particularly the community element, the funding requested is for the rental of equipment rather than the purchase of equipment, and that there are other air quality monitoring regimes. In addition, the Panel are aware that the organisation has recently had funding through the Members Grant scheme for the purchase of new air quality monitors.

Together Against Cancer – Score 19 - Recommendation to decline

140. In 2008 'Together Against Cancer' was established as a charity. Their mission then was to educate, support and help as many people as possible to prevent cancer, live well with the disease, and recover. The aims were to help, guide and empower people through their cancer journey. They support people to participate in a comprehensive programme of taking back control of their health. They introduce new life skills to prepare and empower people for a positive future, in their communities, at work, and in their personal lives.
141. The application is for funding towards four Cancer Support Days in Charnwood, to help with people feeling isolated with a cancer diagnosis. There will be advice with a Wellness Coach and a qualified Nutrition Therapist for nutritional advice, and free therapies offered at the 'Wellness Centre' for those that need first-hand support for emotional or physical support such as face-to-face counselling, Scar Therapy, Reflexology or Oncology Massage.
142. The application of £2,000 is for 28% of the total project cost of £7,100.

143. The Panel scored this scheme at 19 and recommends that the application be declined.
144. The Panel recognise the group's positive work, however the application did not score very highly against the criteria of the scheme, and the Panel feel that this project is duplicating existing group provision in the Borough.

Falcon Support Services – Score 19 - Recommendation to decline

145. Falcon Support Services offer 104 bed spaces across Leicestershire to those who would otherwise have nowhere to sleep, as well as hosting a variety of drop-in day centres which provide support and signposting for the community.

They seek to:

- Promote the dignity of vulnerable people;
 - Restore physical and mental health and wellbeing, including substance misuse support;
 - Provide high quality, stable, supportive environments and accommodation for vulnerable people during their transition to independence;
 - Assist vulnerable people in developing the social and life skills necessary to plan and prepare for their futures;
 - Enable vulnerable people to integrate into the local community.
146. The application is for funding towards an extra two hours of staff time per day over their four busiest days, ensuring that they can increase their support for the most vulnerable at this challenging time and liaise with their neighbours in a more community spirited way to stop low level disruption outside of the organisation's property.
147. The application of £4,934 is for 100% of the total project cost.
148. The Panel scored this scheme at 19 and recommends that the application be declined.
149. The Panel recognise the good work that the organisation does, however there is no demonstrable evidence to support their proposed project, the application lacks detail in terms of staffing, hours and costs. The Panel feel that this is a short-term issue, rather than a long-term issue that can be addressed via other mechanisms.

Gunns Community Gym – Score 17.5 - Recommendation to decline

150. Gunns Community Gym is a club that offers recreational boxing to young people. There are three volunteer staff, and they also offer special training for young people with learning difficulties. Demand for places at the gym is high, and there is no other gym locally that caters for this age group in this way. Boxing helps improve the young people's self-esteem, and promotes a healthy outlook, social interaction, mental health and wellbeing, as well as self-discipline.

151. The application is for funding towards bronze, silver and gold awards for the young people. Awards recognise positive achievements and help raise self-esteem. This would benefit approximately 200 young people.
152. The application of £850 is for 85% of the total project cost of £1000.
153. The Panel scored this scheme at 17.5 and recommends that the application be declined.
154. The application is lacking in detail and therefore has not scored very highly against the criteria of the scheme. The Panel feel that the application should be for funding towards the project as a whole, rather than the awards, and there is work to be done in terms of their governance etc. The Panel are supportive of the organisation in general, and recognise the positive work that is done, and would like to offer the group support through the Active Together team.

Communities Food and Wellbeing Hub – Score 16.3 - Recommendation to decline

155. The Communities Food and Wellbeing Hub is a grassroots organisation that was registered in October 2021. The Communities Food and Wellbeing Hub food kitchen is being set up working in partnership within Bridge Street Medical Practice. The health foodbank is a new initiative to meet the needs of recently diagnosed diabetic patients or those at risk of diabetes living in food poverty. The outcomes of food poverty, inappropriate food items and low mood are recognised as negative determinants to diabetes outcomes which in turn has a profound impact on health and public resources.
156. The application is for funding towards six months sessional work and training. The project will be delivered in partnership with healthy food plans and parcels supplied by the foodbank to Bridge Street Medical Practice for onward distribution. The first phase will continue for six months and continue with sourced funding. Each individual or family will have five weeks of food poverty support to enable support to be established in wellbeing, social prescribing and low cost food shop referral.
157. The application of £5,000 is for 100% of the total project cost.
158. The Panel scored this scheme at 16.3 and recommends that the application be declined.
159. The application did not score very highly against the criteria of the scheme and the Panel feel that this organisation duplicates existing foodbank provision in the area. It is a Leicester Charity, and the Panel feel that other local existing foodbanks could be been involved and trained how to provide diabetic food parcels. They feel the project is deliverable via other existing mechanisms, and therefore are unable to support the group with funding.

Loughborough Lions AFC – Score 16.3 - Recommendation to decline

160. Loughborough Lions AFC are a relatively new grassroots football team that are actively providing training for youths in the Loughborough area. They cover all parts of the LE11 postcodes however training is available to other users outside of these postcodes should they wish to attend. They would like to be able to provide equipment for the children to be able to train with and also store this safely and correctly. Their club is run by a team of dedicated volunteers and any funding they could get would greatly assist in the future of the club.
161. The application is for funding towards training their volunteers. The target audience would be from reception children onwards, they have not yet been able to offer their services to adults. This is also inclusive for both genders of children. The projects will take place at Derby Road playing fields in the summer months and Charnwood College throughout the winter as this is floodlit, they hope to provide this all year round. Any other funding they receive will help to maintain training for the foreseeable future.
162. The application of £500 is for 100% of the total project cost.
163. The Panel scored this scheme at 16.3 and recommends that the application be declined.
164. The Panel recognise the potential of this project and that there is a lot of support, however they feel the application is lacking in detail and that priorities should be around training staff rather than purchasing equipment. The Active Together Team will work with them to offer support to the club.

Hope for Hunger – Score 15 - Recommendation to decline

165. Hope for Hunger aims to support people in Leicestershire who are experiencing food poverty of some kind. The service is open to everybody and their meals are delivered and packed similar to a takeaway, with no imaging to suggest they are from a charity. A selection of meals are available to be requested and delivered to a place of their choosing. The service will benefit all members of the community, those visually suffering from poverty and also those who are struggling behind closed doors. The service would also reduce the potential suffering of mental health issues arising from the stress of food poverty.
166. Following a pilot of the project, funded by a fundraising campaign, the application is for funding towards running the service on a wider scale, within all LE postcodes. The service will be continually monitored, and they will be holding regular meetings with all of the local community representatives, to understand how the service can be improved as they continue their growth. They will also be collating feedback from end users, to understand the difficulties they face and how they can be assisted.
167. The application of £2,500 is for 100% of the total project cost.

168. The Panel scored this scheme at 15 and recommends that the application be declined.
169. The application had a low score when assessed against the criteria of the scheme and the Panel feel that the applicant did not demonstrate any local knowledge, and that the project duplicates existing provision.

Appendices

- Appendix 1 - Community Facilities Grants Summary
- Appendix 2 - Community Grants Summary
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APPENDIX 1**Round 1 2022/23 - Community Facilities Grants Summary****Opening Budget 2022/23 - £104,303****Balance remaining after Round One: £92,371**

Applicant	Project description	Amount applied for (£)	Total project cost (£)	Total score	Recommendation
Grant ref 1341 Loughborough Town Cricket Club	Accessible Doors	2,932	5,865	48.9	Approve up to £2,932
Grant ref 1361 Wymeswold Memorial Hall	Replacement floor	9,000	18,000	45.3	Approve up to £9,000 subject to additional quotes being submitted

APPENDIX 2

Opening Budget 2022/23 - £50,000

Round 1 2022/23 - Community Grants Summary

Balance remaining after Round 1: £26,950

Applicant	Project description	Amount applied for (£)	Total project cost (£)	Total score	Recommendation
Grant ref 1365 Go-Getta CIC	Loughborough Youth Motivators	5,000	5,000	33.5	Approve up to £5,000 ((£3,000 to be funded through the Community Grants scheme, Loughborough projects, and £2,000 through the Community Safety Partnership Locality Fund Youth Prevention and Diversion)
Grant ref 1360 St Mary's Grub Club	Summer food and activities	1,220	2,720	29.5	Approve up to £1,220 through Contain Outbreak Management fund allocated to food support BG502
Grant ref 1363 Parkrun UK Watermead Junior Parkrun	Equipment	1,000	4,000	29.5	Approve up to £1,000
Grant ref 1345 Watermead Country Park Parkrun	Pacer bibs	135	135	28.5	Approve up to £135 through Contain Outbreak Management fund allocated for health and physical activity BG506

Grant ref 1353 Loughborough Wellbeing Centre	The Wellbeing Café Project Plus (pilot)	4,920	4,920	28	Approve up to £3,500 through Contain Outbreak Management fund allocated for VCS support BG503
Grant ref 1364 The Arc Community Hub (Grange Park Centre)	Youth Group	4,600	4,600	28	Approve up to £4,500 (£3,000 through Community Grants, Loughborough projects, and £1,500 through the Community Safety Partnership Locality Fund – Youth Prevention and Diversion)
Grant ref 1350 New Life Community Church	Running of the foodbank	5,000	22,000	27.8	Approve up to £3,000 towards the running of the foodbank, subject to discussion with officers, to be funded through the Contain Outbreak Management fund allocated to food support BG502
Grant ref 1349 B-Buddies CIC	“Let’s Get Cycling” project	4,710	7,710	27.5	Approve up to £3,750 subject to clarification on delivery of community sessions
Grant ref 1362 Sileby Tennis and Pickleball Club	Promoting Pickleball in Charnwood	1,300	1,620	27.5	Approve up to £750
Grant ref 1357 Upstarts Gymnastics Club	Gym raised pit with soft landing area	5,000	19,794	26.5	Approve up to £3,500
Grant ref 1359 Spectrum Sensory Sports UK CIC	Inclusive sports and physical activity sessions	3,356	7,056	26.3	Approve up to £3,000 for insurance and utilities

Grant ref 1355 Nanpantan Ward Residents Group	Ongoing running of the group	479	959	26	Approve up to £250 from the Loughborough projects, of the Community Grants
Grant ref 1348 Thurcaston and Cropston Gardening Club	Annual craft and produce show	500	776	25	Approve up to £300
Grant ref 1352 Rectory Wildlife Gardeners	Equipment / tools	2,125	2,525	24.5	Approve up to £1,000 from the Loughborough projects, of the Community Grants
Grant ref 1344 Quorn Village CIC	Community Garden	2,500	27,000	22.3	Approve up to £1,500 to make the garden accessible, subject to applicant confirming match-funding and demonstrating the funding can be used towards a complete phase of the project, if all funding has not been secured
Grant ref 1346 Without Walls Christian Fellowship	Thrive Singing Café	5,000	14,350	22	Approve up to £2,000
Grant ref 1368 HUB@TheSkofe	"Cupboard on the Corner" project	5,000	8,840	21	Approve up to £1,500 through the Contain Outbreak Management fund allocated to food support BG502
Grant ref 1354	Rental of Zephyr Air Quality Monitor	4,574	4,574	19.8	Decline

Loughborough Air Quality Protection Group					
Grant ref 1347 Together Against Cancer	Cancer Support Days in Charnwood	2,000	7,100	19	Decline
Grant ref 1366 Falcon Support Services	Community Resilience Programme	4,934	4,934	19	Decline
Grant ref 1356 Gunns Community Gym	Bronze, silver and gold awards	850	1,000	17.5	Decline
Grant ref 1367 Communities Food and Wellbeing Hub	Health, wellbeing and foodbank project	5,000	5,000	16.3	Decline
Grant ref 1358 Loughborough Lions AFC	Training equipment	500	500	16.3	Decline
Grant ref 1351 Hope for Hunger	Food and essential items	2,500	2,500	15	Decline

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 or 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 Grant and Community Facilities Grant.
Name of lead officer and others undertaking this assessment	Julie Robinson
Date EIA started	May 2022
Date EIA completed	May 2022

■ **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>Cabinet considers applications for funding for the Community Facilities Capital Grants and the Charnwood Community grants Scheme twice a year.</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 grants 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. The VCS Development officers also undertake consultation with a range of VCS organisations.</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 previous Community Development & Engagement Grants, Loughborough Grants, VCS Covid-19 Recovery grants and Community Facilities Grants over the past few years

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)

The analysis of grants data shows that a wide range of groups access the available funding and have supported a diverse range and have covered the protected characteristics of age, disability, Race, sex/gender, and sexual orientation.

The data in the main shows that the groups / organisations supported have no specific protected characteristic identified and are available for the wider community to access.

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 addition 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 no specific grant funding awarded to projects relating to Gender. In addition, however, 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 has been some grant funding awarded to projects relating to these other protected groups, therefore the impact is positive. 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 and hard to reach sectors of the community.
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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.

Please note:

- If you have identified adverse impact or discrimination that is illegal, you are required to take action to remedy this immediately.
- 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.

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.

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).

It is the opinion that the Charnwood Community grants scheme and the Community Facilities Grant scheme comply with Charnwood Borough Council's equality and diversity responsibilities. It will further promote equal opportunities and achieve positive outcomes.

■ Step 6- Monitoring, evaluation and review

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?

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.

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.

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 2023

■ **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 <i>disagree</i>, state action/s required, reasons and details of who is to carry them out with timescales: N/A
Signed (Service Head): Julie Robinson
Date: 6.06.2022

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