

Grant Aid Sub-Committee

Monday, 06 March 2017 at 14:00

County Hall, County Hall, West Bridgford, Nottingham, NG2 7QP

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- (1) Councillors are advised to contact their Research Officer for details of any Group Meetings which are planned for this meeting.
- (2) Members of the public wishing to inspect "Background Papers" referred to in the reports on the agenda or Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act should contact:-

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- (3) Persons making a declaration of interest should have regard to the Code of

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Councillors or Officers requiring clarification on whether to make a declaration of interest are invited to contact Dawn Lawrence (Tel. 0115 977 3201) or a colleague in Democratic Services prior to the meeting.

- (4) Councillors are reminded that Committee and Sub-Committee papers, with the exception of those which contain Exempt or Confidential Information, may be recycled.
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Meeting GRANT AID SUB-COMMITTEE

Date Tuesday 18 October 2016 (commencing at 2.00 pm)

Membership

Persons absent are marked with an 'A'

COUNCILLORS

Joyce Bosnjak (Chairman)

Reg Adair (Vice-Chairman)

John Cottee
David Kirkham
Keith Longdon

David Martin
Muriel Weisz

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Joanne Fletcher
Sally Gill
Cathy Harvey
Dawn Lawrence

Grant Aid Officer
Group Manager, Planning
Team Manager, Community and Voluntary Sector
Assistant Democratic Service Officer

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 17 MAY 2016**RESOLVED: 2016/12**

That the minutes of the last meeting held on 17 May 2016 having been circulated were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

SPORTS FUND GRANT AID: CLUB DEVELOPMENT 2016-2018 AND TALENTED ATHLETES 2016-17

Sally Gill presented a report providing an update on the Sports Fund 2016-18 and seeking Members approval for the funding recommendations for 2016-18.

It was noted that there was a correction to the report in paragraph 7. The total amount recommended under the Club Development category was amended to £11,395 per year (2016-18).

Paragraph 10 of the report recommended that 44 applications receive a grant of £300 each which was amended to £400 for each applicant.

RESOLVED: 2016/13

- That Members approved the recommendations for the Club Development applications for 2016-18
- That Members approved the recommendation for Talented Athletes applications for 2016-17

GRANT AID IMPACT REPORT 2012-15

A presentation was delivered by Joanne Fletcher which provided Members with an overview about the way in which the 3 year Grant Aid programme 2012/15 had contributed to achieving the Nottinghamshire County Council strategic plan, vision and values.

RESOLVED: 2016/14

That Members recognised and celebrated the value and benefits of the Nottinghamshire County Council Grant Aid programme.

GRANT AID ANNUAL REVIEW REPORT 2015/16

A presentation was delivered by Joanne Fletcher which provided Members with an overview of how the first year of the 2015 to 2018 Grant Aid programme had contributed the Nottinghamshire County Council strategic Plan, visions and values.

RESOLVED: 2016/15

That Members noted the report and presentation.

WORK PROGRAMME

Members considered the Committees work programme for 2016/17.

RESOLVED: 2016/16

That Members noted the report.

The meeting closed at 2.45 PM

CHAIRMAN

06 March 2017**Agenda Item: 4****REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR PLACE****GRANT AID SUMMER PLAY SCHEMES 2016/17****Purpose of the Report**

1. The purpose of this report is to provide an update to Members about the Grant Aid Summer Play Scheme 2016/17.

Information and Advice

2. At the Grant Aid Sub-Committee meeting in March 2015, the Grant Aid Sub-Committee agreed a grant aid fund totalling £1,750,000 per year from 2015-18 to contribute to supporting the delivery of services and activities by the Nottinghamshire Voluntary & Community Sector (VCS). Within this budget, £16,000 per year is allocated to the provision of summer play schemes.
3. In previous years, VCS summer play schemes could apply for up to £1,000 per year to deliver play schemes during the school summer holidays. In October 2015, the Grant Aid Sub-Committee agreed to a refreshed Grant Aid programme, to bring the Summer Play Scheme programme in line with the overall three-year funding round.
4. Consequently, a new Summer Play Scheme round was launched in mid-January 2016 in the local press, on social media and on the NCC webpage. Previous applicants and other relevant groups, e.g. the Nottinghamshire Voluntary Sector Partnership and the Play Forums, were informed about the launch.
5. Applicants were invited to apply for up to £2,000 to deliver play schemes for Nottinghamshire children aged 5-14 years during the 2016 and 2017 school summer holidays.
6. Twenty applications were received, requesting a total of £37,762 of Grant Aid funding. All applications were assessed against the published eligibility and assessment criteria. Particular considerations during the assessment included:
 - Whether or not the proposed activity is additional to what the groups would normally deliver.
 - How their proposed Summer Play Scheme would contribute to Nottinghamshire County Council Strategic Priorities.
 - How the proposed Summer Play Scheme would provide safe, high quality and varied play opportunities.

- The geographical area served and the extent of other similar provision in the area.
 - The number of different children and young people (CYP) aged 5-14 years that were expected to benefit from the Summer Play Scheme.
 - How the needs of minority, diverse and excluded groups would be addressed during the Summer Play Scheme.
 - How the target community would be involved.
 - Governance and management arrangements.
 - The cost of delivering the proposed Summer Play Scheme, funding from other sources and sustainability plans for the Scheme (or other similar, related activities for the benefit of Nottinghamshire children and young people aged 5-14).
 - Value for money using a 'cost per child' formula (which was also used to calculate the recommended amount of funding).
 - How the Grant Aid would be used (i.e. was the proposed expenditure within the Grant Aid guidelines).
7. The Community & Voluntary Sector (C&VS) Team moderated the assessments, resolved any queries with the assessors and agreed the recommendations with the Council's Youth Service.
 8. The recommendations were presented at the May 2016 Grant Aid Sub-Committee and 17 Summer Play Schemes were approved by Members for Grant Aid funding totalling £25,330 (over two years, 2016 & 2017), as listed in **Appendix 1**. The approvals were subject to an annual 'pre-start' visit by Council officers. All Summer Play Schemes met the 'pre-start' requirements for 2016. Pre-start visits will be repeated before the Summer Play Schemes commence in 2017.
 9. **Appendix 1** also includes the three applications that did not meet the criteria for funding and consequently, were not approved by Members. The applicants not approved for funding were sent a letter by the C&VS team, outlining the reason(s) why their application was not approved and were offered support from both the C&VS and Youth Service teams.
 10. Monitoring information for the 2016 Summer Play Schemes can be found in **Appendix 2, Table 1**, (which also includes some comparative data for 2015). In summary:
 - a. All Summer Play Schemes completed their End of Project report and confirmed that their Scheme either 'achieved' or 'exceeded' what it set out to deliver, that their Scheme was delivered in accordance with the terms of the Grant Aid agreement and that the organisation used the Grant Aid for the purpose(s), as specified in the Grant Aid agreement.
 - b. Grant Aid represented approximately 30% of the Summer Play Scheme total delivery cost in 2016 (a reduction of 8% compared to 2015). Groups reported that the full cost of delivering the Summer Play Schemes was met by securing other funding and by using some reserves. It is noted that the total delivery cost does not include the financial value of the contribution made by volunteers (estimated to be

at least £43,858 in 2016) – over 3 times the amount of Grant Aid awarded for that year.

- c. In 2016, the number of hours delivered by Summer Play Schemes increased by almost 13% compared to 2015, whereas the number of different CYP attending in 2016 decreased by almost 13% compared to the previous year.
- d. The number of volunteers supporting the Summer Play Schemes in 2016 decreased by 7% (compared to the previous year); however, the number of volunteer hours increased by just over 2%.

11. Monitoring visits were carried out by Youth Services officers to see the Summer Play Schemes in action. Visits were well received by all projects in receipt of funding. There was a range of high quality provision to promote the health, wellbeing and learning. The visits also provided an opportunity to gain constructive feedback from staff, families and children. Any recommendations were discussed during these visits and recorded.
12. **Appendix 2, Table 2** to this Report shows the calculations based on the cost per child, cost per hour and cost per child/per hour. In all 3 calculations, costs have decreased which suggests more efficient delivery of Summer Play Schemes by the VC – and consequently, better value for money for the Council.
13. Case studies provided by the Summer Play Schemes 2016 are available in **Appendix 3** to this Report. The case studies exemplify how the Summer Play Schemes contribute to the Councils Strategic Plan, Vision and Values by:
 - Supporting safe and thriving communities by providing a range of activities in a safe environment, encouraging teamwork between the children, facilitating community cohesiveness between family members and families.
 - Promoting health and well-being priorities, e.g. through active play, healthy food and helping to improve the confidence and self-esteem for some children.
 - Supporting the growth and development of children and young people by providing opportunities for them to learning new skills, crafts and about the local area.
 - Protecting the environment (e.g. through using recycled materials and learning about the local history).
 - Providing good value for money for families by making the Summer Play Schemes affordable for local people.
14. Positive relationships have been developed with the Summer Play Schemes and appropriate support and assistance continues to be offered to them. This, includes a general health check and help with exploring ways to reduce costs and generate income.

Financial Implications

15. This report is for information only, therefore, there are no financial implications.

Statutory and Policy Implications

16. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, equal opportunities, human resources, crime and disorder, human rights, the safeguarding of children, sustainability and the environment and those using the service and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

17. That Members note how Summer Play Schemes contribute to the Councils Strategic Plan, Vision and Values as highlighted in this report.

Reasons for Recommendations

18. This report is for information.

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Constitutional Comments (SLB 07/02/2016)

This report is for information only.

The recommendations in the report fall within the Terms of Reference of the Grant Aid Sub-Committee.

Financial Comments (SES 07/02/17)

The financial implications are set out in the report.

Background Papers

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

ALL

GRANT AID SUMMER PLAY SCHEMES 2016/17

APPENDIX 1, TABLE 1

Summer Play Scheme Applications Received and Approved Awards 2016 & 2017

Organisation Name	District	Approved / Not Approved by Members	Amount Approved (Over 2 years)
1. A Place to Call Our Own Ltd.	Mansfield	Approved	£2,000
2. Blue Skies Community Initiative	Bassetlaw	Approved	£1,920
3. Bramcote Hills Community Association Play Scheme	Broxtowe	Approved	£1,060
4. Clipstone Miners Welfare Community Trust	Newark & Sherwood	Approved	£1,600
5. Detached Youth-Project (Rainworth)	Newark & Sherwood	Approved	£1,780
6. Going Bananas Holiday Club	Gedling	Approved	£940
7. Hetts Lane Holiday Club	Mansfield	Approved	£990
8. Lighthouse (Mansfield)	Mansfield	Approved	£1,950
9. Newark & Sherwood Play Support Group	Newark & Sherwood	Approved	£2,000
10. OASIS Community Church, Centre and Gardens (Worksop)	Bassetlaw	Approved	£1,950
11. Pleasley Play Scheme	Mansfield	Approved	£690
12. Radcliffe Family Playdays	Rushcliffe	Approved	£780
13. Selston Parish Council	Ashfield	Approved	£1,100
14. Stacy's Youth Club	Newark & Sherwood	Approved	£2,000
15. Sutton Bonington Play Scheme	Rushcliffe	Approved	£1,300
16. The Centre for Sport and Learning CIC	Bassetlaw	Approved	£1,320
17. The Huthwaite Community Action Group	Ashfield	Approved	£1,950
1. Elston Play Scheme	Newark & Sherwood	Not approved*	£0
2. Lynx Educational Academy CIC	Bassetlaw	Not approved*	£0
3. Meden Vale Play scheme	Mansfield	Not approved*	£0
Total Amount Approved over 2 years			£25,330

* Not recommended / not approved as the application did not meet the criteria for funding.

GRANT AID SUMMER PLAY SCHEMES 2016/17

APPENDIX 2: TABLE 1:

Summer Play Schemes Monitoring Information 2016 (and 2015 comparative data)

Summer Play Schemes End of Project reporting and monitoring criteria	2015	2016	Notes
Application and award data			
a. Number of applications received	28	20	N/A
b. Amount of funding requested	£25,695	£37,362	N/A
c. Number of applications approved by Members	27	17	In 2015, five approved applications were declined by groups before signing their Grant Aid Agreement (previously reported at the October 2015 Grant Aid Sub-Committee). Consequently, in 2015, the actual amount of Grant Aid payments would be £1,456 less than the stated figure.
d. Amount of Grant Aid Awarded	£16,500	£12,665 (per year: 2016 & 2017)	
e. Number of Grant Aid Awards accepted by applicants	22	17	
Delivery Data			
f. Number of Summer Play Scheme hours delivered	518	585	In 2016: an increase of 67 hours (12.93%)
g. Number of different children and young people (CYP) attending	2,700	2,356	In 2016: a decrease of 344 different CYP (12.74%)
h. Number of Volunteers	400	372	In 2016: a decrease of 28 volunteers (7%)
i. Volunteer hours (approximate)	6,400	6,546	In 2016: an increase of 146 volunteer hours in 2016 (2.28%)
j. Value of volunteer hours (£)	£41,600 (NMW)*	£43,858 (NMW)*	Based on NMW*: In 2016, an increase of £2,258 (5.43%) OR: Based NLW**: A decrease of £3,888.8 (7.62%) *National Minimum Wage (NMW)
	£51,020 (NLW)**	£47,131.2 (NLW)**	£6.60 / hour (2015) and £6.70 / hour (2016) **National Living Wage (NLW) £7.85 / hour (2015) and £7.20 / hour (2016) Source: http://www.livingwage.org.uk/news/new-2015-living-wage-rates-announced
Delivery cost to the VCS, other funding and sustainability			
k. Summer Play Scheme delivery cost to the VCS groups	£43,055	£41,051	In 2016: a decrease in the total delivery cost of £2,004 (4.65 %). Note that there were more Summer Play Schemes in 2015 than in 2016.
l. Difference between the full cost of delivering a Summer Play Scheme and the amount of Grant Aid awarded	£26,555	£28,386	The full cost of delivering the Summer Play Schemes was met by Grant Aid, additional funding from other sources and reserves.
m. Total additional funding received from other sources	£23,900	£20,330	In 2016: a decrease of £3,570 (14.94%) – note that there were less Summer Play Scheme applications/awards in 2016 compared to 2015.
n. Number of Summer Play Schemes with a sustainability plan	Data not available	11	
o. Number of groups confirming that the Grant Aid helped them to attract other funding	Data not available	7	In 2016: eight groups responded 'not applicable' and 2 responded 'no'.
Monitoring visits and compliance monitoring			
p. Number of Summer Play Schemes receiving a monitoring visit	10	17	In 2015: some visits were not carried out due to unforeseeable circumstances (illness).
q. Number of groups confirming that: <input type="checkbox"/> The Summer Play Schemes was delivered in accordance with the terms of the Grant Aid agreement; <input type="checkbox"/> The organisation is using the Grant Aid for the purpose(s), as specified in the Grant Aid Agreement.	22	17	N/A

APPENDIX 2, TABLE 2:

**Summer Play Schemes cost per child, per hour and per child/per hour 2016
(and 2015 comparative data)**

Calculation	2015	2016	Percentage change
Cost per child	£6.11	£5.37	A decrease of 12.11%
Cost per hour	£31.85	£21.65	A decrease of 32.03%
Cost per child per hour	£11.80	£9.18	A decrease of 22.2%

GRANT AID SUMMER PLAY SCHEMES 2016/17

APPENDIX 3: CASE STUDIES 2016

A Place to Call Our Own (£1,000)

Bassetlaw, Mansfield

Our 'Bushtucker Trial' sessions during the Summer Holidays were popular as these benefited all ages and all abilities. These sessions included sensory play, challenges and games all centred around 'learning through fun without the fear of failure. Children and young people also attended APTCOO's Garden Gang sessions, too. This encouraged them to take part in sowing, growing and harvesting whilst enjoying the local environment and also painting their own plant pots to take home.

Blue Skies Community Initiative (£960)

Bassetlaw

We expanded our Junior Volunteer Programme to take on two new junior volunteers who were very good. We also recruited two new adult volunteers. Many rural children were given new experiences and made new friends over the summer, they were with people of their own age and not isolated in a rural village. It was good for local communities to see their children taking part in science, engineering and the arts. Broadening horizons by taking rural children to the Harley Gallery and through learning new skills shows investment in rural families. Some of the sessions encouraged outside play, which helped children to engage with their natural environment. At the mini-beast day they built bug huts, handled giant African snails and made clay bugs to take home. Cooking in the outdoors for the pizza day gave children a chance to see a real pizza oven in action and eat the results. Children took away ideas to develop at home, for example at the Animation Day and their animated films can be seen on YouTube. We have been invited to apply for People's Projects funding by the Lottery on the back of our play scheme.

Bramcote Hills Community Association Playscheme (£530)

Broxtowe

We had good attendance....the children were busy, safe and happy, learning and achieving. Parents / carers were extremely grateful and eager to help. The activities and visitors are locally sourced, furthering community spirit...and the organised visitors were well worth it.

Clipstone Miners Welfare Community Trust (£800)

Newark and Sherwood

All summer play scheme days went as planned. The children enjoyed all the activities and due to the weather, the children were able to benefit from outdoor activities. As children were at the play scheme, families were able to go to work with the knowledge that their children were enjoying themselves and were safe and well looked after, not roaming the streets getting into trouble and annoying other members of the community.

Hetts Lane Holiday Club (£495)

Mansfield

The summer play scheme Provides a safe environment for parents / carers to work together with their children to craft and create with the activities provided and also to enjoy outdoor play with space to let off steam.

Huthwaite Community Action Group (£975)

Ashfield

The scheme went very well, we had a lot of positive feedback from the parents. We encouraged the children to work together, some doing team games and others learning to wait in line until it was their turn to take part in the activity. We had a nature ramble to allow the children to explore the wooded areas and identify leaves and insects.

Lighthouse Mansfield (£975)

Mansfield

This year's play scheme built on the success of our first event in 2015. We wanted to reach out further into the community and therefore it was decided to provide a 70-person marquee where free coffee and tea was offered, encouraging parents / guardians to socialise together as they either dropped off or waited to collect their child(ren) in the morning and afternoon. We also introduced a new mums and toddlers play area adjacent to this marquee, staffed by trained volunteers. Both these new ventures proved highly successful and to have fun through the varied activities was the main purpose of our play scheme.

Children also experienced craft that involved utilising recycled material (junk modelling), had an interactive sniffer dog display and a planetarium experience which explored our solar system. Exercise was encouraged through play with Laser Tag events, go carts and general field games such as hockey, football, rounders, basketball and a "Mini Lighthouse Olympics". Parents / guardians were invited to the final "All Together" session on the Friday afternoon, where some of the events and activities were showcased by their children in order for them to see what their children were exposed to during the week.

Newark and Sherwood Play Support Group (£1,000)

Newark and Sherwood

The Playschemes all went very well and were well attended...one family had paid for their two boys to attend a local privately run holiday play scheme which was costing £30 a day; neither of the boys enjoyed it and didn't want to go, then their mum heard from a friend about ours so she decided to try one day and they ended up staying the rest of the 2 weeks. Her boys loved the freedom and choice and that there were with a wide variety of other children of mixed ages and had lots to choose from and the staff had great ideas and were fun. Mum was glad they were happy and she could go to work happier and feeling less guilty, plus she saved money. We worked with a local inflatable supplier and local artists and used scrap materials as well as natural materials such as clay, leaves, sticks etc. Children were encouraged to help each other and pass on their skills and bring their own ideas in for crafts and games.

OASIS Community Church & Centre (Worksop) (£975)

Bassetlaw

Our Play scheme took place in 3 parts this year: Morning Sessions with 5-11s at OASIS Community Centre (Kilton, Worksop); 3 sessions with 11-16s at Oasis Community Centre (plus a bowling trip), and; 3 Afternoon sessions with 5-11s at Ordsall Westhill Community Centre (where we have a kids group meet weekly during term time).

The 5-11s theme was 'Finding the Story' (a play on 'Finding Dory', which was on at the cinema). We had an underwater theme with fish, dolphins, boats etc. There was a great mix of activities depending on the weather and number of children including crafts, games, quizzes, cooking / baking, songs, stories, drama, competitions etc. We also used the outside Oasis Gardens in outside play, nature work and gardening. One evening we had a 'Butterfly and Bug Ball' for families to spend time planting butterfly plants and creating butterfly art around the centre, which was part of the 'Greening Grey Britain' project.

Pleasley Playscheme (£345)

Mansfield

Pleasley Playscheme provided a safe, structured and fun environment for a range of children for one week (10am-1pm) during the summer holidays. The programme was varied, with drama, storytelling, craft, discussion, games and songs – there was something to suit all interests and opportunities for children to try new activities and learn new skills. Active games were prominently featured but there was also much time for group discussion, which built the children's confidence. Children were divided into two age groups to ensure more age-appropriate activities. Numbers were low on the first day but on subsequent days numbers rose quickly, as children told friends about what was happening. There was a 'team' element to the week, where two teams competed against each other in games, which taught the skills of communication and encouragement in a fun way. For the first time ever, Playscheme provided a free two-course lunch for the children and adults each day. These were healthy and balanced. The children enjoyed the hospitality and their parents appreciated the generosity. The children also enjoyed eating together around the table with the leaders, which further strengthened new friendships. The Playscheme was held in a church which has a historical place in the community of Pleasley. Whilst encouraged to respect the history of the building and the grounds, they were also encouraged to feel at home there and have fun, recognising

that they have a place within the ongoing story of that building and the local environment around it.

Radcliffe Family Playdays (£390)

Rushcliffe

An excellent core of volunteers who have experience of delivering the playscheme. The organisation, logistics and delivery were efficient and problem-free. A good venue and atmosphere during the sessions provides a friendly, welcoming, safe environment. The scheme provides a place for parents and children to meet during the holidays. The activities are stimulating, often educational and challenging. We promote healthy eating - fruit is served for free, there is no chocolate / sweet option. Many of the resources are recycled materials, we encourage the children to tidy up after themselves and respect the venue.

Rainworth and Blidworth Detached Youth Project (£890)

Newark and Sherwood

We had good numbers attend the whole of the summer play scheme with lots of new young people, who saw our advertisements on social media and within the local villages. We went on four trips during the play scheme. We went to a local farm park, laser tag, a local lake and a local park for a Teddy Bears Picnic. We had great feedback from all the parents and children about the trips. This is the most amount of trips we have offered during a play scheme and they worked well, were affordable to parents and the children gained knowledge of the local area and had lots of fun.

Making the play scheme affordable to parents so the children can attend for the whole summer is a major thing for us. The majority of the parents use DYP for childcare during the summer, so being low cost is great for them. During the trips we went to local places, supporting other local businesses. The farm park was also charity run, so giving support to the other local charities. We went to a local lake and taught the children about wildlife and protecting the areas whilst having a scavenger hunt and a Teddy Bears Picnic. The young people really enjoyed the trips within the local village and although most of them live in the village some hadn't actually been to these areas. The end of summer play scheme party was such a success we had a disco and karaoke, face painting, nail art, party games and party food which all the parents donated, as well as baking items for the buffet table. The children had such a fun session, it was a positive energetic environment and we could all celebrate what a great summer we'd had. We gave out goody bags and awards to the young people.

Young Person (aged 7): We had a young boy attend the play scheme for the very first time over the summer, he was in foster care and his carer was very nervous about leaving him as he suffers with low self-esteem and lack of confidence and doesn't like being left alone. We matched him with a suitable youth worker who mentored him and gave him lots of one-to-one time, helping him choose what he wanted to take part in and empowering him. He slowly built his confidence and came to every session and the trips during the summer. He gained new friendships and confidence and isn't as scared by attending new groups.

Selston Parish Council (£550)

Ashfield

Children had the opportunity to try out new experiences, with each week having a different theme ('Lets grow it', 'Make a pot', 'Dinosaur day' and 'Ready steady cook'). The board games table and Brio train set were very popular and encouraged children to interact with each other. The play dough table was also very popular. Activities provided used recycled materials and children were encouraged to plant seeds that are to be transferred to the community garden.

Staceys Youth Club (£1,000)

Newark and Sherwood

The play scheme ran for 9 days instead of the 12 originally planned for due to the coordinator being admitted to hospital. However the play scheme was great fun and a big success, with a great choice of activities including sand art, badge making, hama beads, wind chime making and a lot more. The play scheme had great reviews from both parents and children.

Sutton Bonington Playscheme (£650)

Rushcliffe

The high attendances this year confirm that our play scheme delivers a satisfying variety of activities for the age groups targeted. This year we celebrated 50 years of Playscheme in Sutton Bonington, which drew in many adults from the local community who over the years have been involved and was a very enjoyable event for everyone concerned.

The Centre for Sport and Learning CIC (£660)

Bassetlaw

We had an 11 year old girl who attended most of the sessions during the summer, who is new to the area and is with a foster couple who are both in their 60's. They told us that the Summer Playscheme has been invaluable to them and the child as she has had the chance to meet local children and make friends in a safe, welcoming environment whilst allowing them some respite time.

Going Bananas (£470)

Gedling

At least 50 children and some families have joined activities such as Lighthouse Youth Club, Girls' / Boys' Brigade, playgroup, mental health group.

REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR OF PLACE**UPDATE ON THE WORK OF THE COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTARY SECTOR
TEAM****Purpose of the Report**

1. To update members of the Grant Aid Sub-Committee on the work of the Community and Voluntary Sector Team and to approve the award of 4 grants to organisations delivering befriending and sexual abuse & violence services.

Information and Advice

2. The priorities of the team have been identified as working in partnership with the voluntary and community sector:
 - to improve preventative and core services that help strengthen the local community;
 - to streamline the corporate grant aid process; and
 - to promote localism by working with communities to increase community involvement in the way services are shaped and delivered.
3. A key strategic priority for the Council is to ensure that Nottinghamshire has strong communities that are safe and thriving. The reality of the challenges faced means that the Council of the future will be different in the way it is shaped, organised and how services are delivered. The Council is committed to working in partnership with local communities, voluntary groups and volunteers to provide services.

Working with Communities

4. The work of the Community and Voluntary Sector Team underpins the Council's commitment to building on its reputation of working in partnership with the community and voluntary sector to help build local capacity. The range and scope of activities which members and officers are involved in seek to help drive programmes with communities to deliver local solutions and move towards providing services in a different way.
5. The Council has several important roles to play in supporting communities to:

- Build a strong sense of community, capacity and pride through collaborative partnerships;
 - Engage in the planning and delivery of services; and
 - Generate and sustain their own capacity to respond to the challenges which Nottinghamshire faces.
6. Building confident and stronger communities is especially important within the current climate and the Team has been working with different communities across Nottinghamshire to help support local activities. These activities bring individuals together to celebrate the uniqueness of localities by helping to encourage and empower communities to take ownership and pride in the places they live and the people they live with. Examples of this include:

Community Commemoration Fund Round 6.

7. Over 140 volunteer hours have gone into the planning of 450 days of activity across the county. It is estimated that 60,000 local residents and visitors to the county will attend or take part in events that commemorate the Great War. Applications from the latest round were assessed on 20 January 2017. Contributions totalling £3,200 have been awarded from the Community Commemoration Fund, releasing an additional £2,000 of match funding from various sources assuring successful completion of all the suggested events. Four applications have been approved.

The four successful applications were:

- Newark and Sherwood Play Support Group, supported by Cllr Tony Roberts. Funding will be used for local children to work with an artist to produce a banner. The banner will be displayed in Newark Town Hall. The aim of the project is to show what children of today think the war meant, how it affected local history and how it affects them now by including their drawings and poetry on the banner.
- Perlethorpe Environmental Education Centre, supported by Cllr Mike Pringle. The funding will be used to provide WW1 clothing and resources to support the Great War Activity Programme at the centre. The opportunity to wear and handle relevant resources will provide an immersive experience and reinforce the learning.
- Norwell CofE Primary School, supported by Cllr Bruce Laughton. Contribution towards the transport costs for the planned visit to the Perlethorpe Environmental Education Centre. Pupils will take part in the Nottinghamshire Schools Great War activity programme and explore the trench system that still exists today.
- Queens Royal Lancers and Nottinghamshire Yeomanry Museum, Thoresby Court, supported by Cllr Ian Campbell. Funding will enhance the visitor experience to the QRL and NYM by providing an educational exhibition for all ages of the County's Cavalry Regiments' deployment and involvement during the Great War. This free exhibition, which attracts upwards of 35,000 visitors each year, is hosted at Thoresby Court Yard.

New Horizon Church – Eastwood

8. The church is based at Eastwood Academy, has a growing congregation of 300+ and 80+ volunteers in the community delivering a range of projects including youth clubs and a seniors club. They are looking to secure a site for either a new build or refurbishment to provide a permanent base. The C&VS Team has provided advice, offered further support with funding applications and has introduced them to Voluntary Action Broxtowe to consider how the work they do can contribute to the wider needs of the Borough.

Voluntary Action Broxtowe (V.A.B.) Reach out and Connect Conference

9. The C&VS team are working in partnership with Voluntary Action Broxtowe to facilitate an event on 9 March 2017 called Reach Out and Connect.

The conference is designed to bring the community and voluntary sector together. The primary objectives are to promote community cohesion, mapping and gathering local intelligence on the work being carried out by the sector in Broxtowe. This will be achieved by creating new relationships between stakeholders and identifying shared priorities.

Learning Disability Mansfield / Ashfield

10. Three local organisations – Nottingham Mencap, TenFifty and Unanima Theatre Company – all with experience of working with adults with learning disabilities, have come together to make a difference in the key areas of Social Connectedness and Community Safety for people with learning disabilities. The focus of this work will be in Mansfield but will also involve engagement with services delivered in Ashfield.

The project has the following overarching aims:

- Enhanced social networks for people with learning disabilities;
- Stronger prevention and support from mainstream services; and
- Helping to create civic mindedness and safer welcoming public spaces

Work is planned around all of these objectives with a welcome response from the Mansfield Town Partnership who are keen to make Mansfield a safer and more welcoming place for people with learning disabilities.

A further outcome is to develop a series of projects and activities to be delivered during Learning Disability Week 2017. A centrepiece of the activities will be a town centre walk / parade called “One Walk – Equal, Safe & Living Life”.

Mansfield/Newark & Sherwood Befriending Scheme

11. In December of 2016 the CVS Team were notified of the closure of one of the organisations that provided support and befriending services to vulnerable older people. The organisation concerned worked hard with partners including the County Council to find

alternative support for all existing service users. The areas where services were delivered was Newark & Sherwood and Mansfield.

12. Befriending is an intervention that is widely used to address support needs of vulnerable people, often during times of transition, or periods of mental or physical ill-health. For those people in receipt of befriending the social and emotional support they receive from a volunteer befriender can often be their only opportunity to make contact or communicate with another person or be able to access local community resources or amenities. Without befriending support many would experience long periods of isolation, feelings of loneliness and social exclusion, which in turn could impact negatively on their future health and well-being. Befriending schemes offer a lifeline for older vulnerable people, using trained volunteers they can play a significant part in improving quality of life and can prevent or delay the need for more expensive health and care interventions.
13. The closure of the scheme in December 2016 has left a gap in local provision and the release of the grant that had already approved provides an opportunity to build on an existing successful scheme that covers Ashfield & Mansfield.
14. Jigsaw Support scheme have an excellent good track record and reputation for delivering a be-friending scheme, the existing scheme already supports 85 older people every week with home visiting service providing companionship and friendship to housebound, socially isolated and lonely over 60's in the Nottinghamshire areas of Mansfield and Ashfield. Volunteers also run group befriending activities which are lunches that take place in local pubs offering peer support, self-help and maintain and enhance independence.
15. The proposal is to use the grant released from the closure to expand the services offered by Jigsaw. There is potential to more than double the number of people supported. The funding released is £4,000 in 2016/17 and £13,500 in 2017/18.

Grants to VCS Groups Supporting Victims of Sexual Abuse

16. The Crime Survey of England and Wales reports that Sexual Abuse is experienced by 19.1% of women and 2.7% of men during the course of their lives, the recent high profile cases of historic child abuse has led to an increased demand for services from third sector organisations that provide a range of support services for victims.
17. For a number of years the County Council either through the grant aid programme or more recently through Public Health budgets has provided funding to three organisations in the county to support victims of sexual abuse and sexual violence. The groups supported are:

ISAS (Incest & Sexual Abuse Survivors)	£13,400
Nottingham Rape Crisis Centre	£23,200
S.H.E (Supporting Healing Educating)	£13,000

18. The Police and Crime Commissioners Office are leading a review which includes evaluating current services for victims across the county. The review will examine the

pathways to access services and identify any possible gaps in provision. Following the review it is intended to develop a joint approach for commissioning services from April 2018. Funding for 2017/18 will be sought from County Council reserves subject to this Committee's support, this request will be forwarded to Finance & Property Committee for approval.

Other Options Considered

19. The report sets out how the Council priorities are being addressed.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

20. To inform Members of the Grant Aid Sub-Committee of work undertaken by the Community & Voluntary Sector Team and to ensure that provision is maintained to support befriending and the vital services to the victims of sexual abuse and sexual violence.

Statutory and Policy Implications

21. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (public health services), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and adults at risk, service users, sustainability and the environment and ways of working and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

Financial Implications

22. The funding befriending services will be met from the grant that will not be used as a result of the closure of the previous provider. The proposed expenditure for sexual abuse/sexual violence grants will be funded from County Council reserves.

RECOMMENDATION/S

1. To note the work undertaken by the Community and Voluntary Sector Team.
2. To approve £17,500 funding to Jigsaw Support Service to expand the befriending programme they currently deliver from March 2017 to June 2018.
3. To approve the following single year (2017/2018) grants to organisations supporting the victims of sexual abuse & sexual violence

ISAS (Incest & Sexual Abuse Survivors)	£13,400
Nottingham Rape Crisis Centre	£23,200
S.H.E (Supporting Healing Educating)	£13,000

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Constitutional Comments (LM 17/2/2017)

The recommendations in the report fall within the Terms of Reference of the Grant Aid Sub Committee.

Financial Comments (SES 24/02/17)

The financial implications are set out in the report.

Background Papers and Published Documents

None

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All

6 March 2017**Agenda Item: 6**

REPORT OF CORPORATE DIRECTOR, RESOURCES WORK PROGRAMME

Purpose of the Report

1. To consider the Committee's work programme for 2017.

Information and Advice

2. The County Council requires each committee to maintain a work programme. The work programme will assist the management of the committee's agenda, the scheduling of the committee's business and forward planning. The work programme will be updated and reviewed at each pre-agenda meeting and committee meeting. Any member of the committee is able to suggest items for possible inclusion.
3. The attached work programme has been drafted in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, and includes items which can be anticipated at the present time. Other items will be added to the programme as they are identified.
4. As part of the transparency introduced by the new committee arrangements, committees are expected to review day to day operational decisions made by officers using their delegated powers. It is anticipated that the committee will wish to commission periodic reports on such decisions. The committee is therefore requested to identify activities on which it would like to receive reports for inclusion in the work programme. It may be that the presentations about activities in the committee's remit will help to inform this.

Other Options Considered

5. None.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

6. To assist the committee in preparing its work programme.

Statutory and Policy Implications

7. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, equal opportunities, human resources, crime and disorder, human rights, the safeguarding of children, sustainability and the environment and those using the service and where such

implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1) That the committee's work programme be noted, and consideration be given to any changes which the committee wishes to make.

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Constitutional Comments (SLB)

8. The Committee has authority to consider the matters set out in this report by virtue of its terms of reference.

Financial Comments (NS)

9. There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

Background Papers

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All

GRANT AID SUB-COMMITTEE**WORK PROGRAMME**

Report Title	Brief summary of agenda item	For Decision or Information?	Lead Officer	Report Author
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Grant Aid Impact Report 2012/15	Provision of information on the 2012/15 Grant Programme	Information	Cathy Harvey	Joanne Fletcher
Grant Aid 2015/16 Annual Review	Provision of information on the 2015/16 Grant Programme	Information	Cathy Harvey	Joanne Fletcher
Grant Aid Sports Fund 2016/18	Consider recommendations for the Grant Aid Sports Fund 2016/18	Decision	Cathy Harvey	Joanne Fletcher
March 17				
Update on the work of the Community & Voluntary Sector Team	General Update on the Grant Programme and the work of the Community & Voluntary Sector Team	Information	Cathy Harvey	Cathy Harvey
Summer Play-Schemes	Update on the implementation on the Summer Play-Scheme Programme	Information	Cathy Harvey	Joanne Fletcher
April 17				
Update on the work of the Community & Voluntary Sector Team	General Update on the Grant Programme and the work of the Community & Voluntary Sector Team	Information	Cathy Harvey	Cathy Harvey
July 17				
Developing the Grant Aid Programme – A New Strategy	Developing a new NCC Grant Aid Strategy – 2018-2021	Decision	Cathy Harvey	Joanne Fletcher
Update on the work of the Community & Voluntary Sector Team	General Update on the Grant Programme and the work of the Community & Voluntary Sector Team	Information	Cathy Harvey	Cathy Harvey

