

REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR PLACE

SUMMER PLAY SCHEME GRANT AID 2016 & 2017

Purpose of the Report

1. The purpose of this report is to advise Members of the applications received to the Grant Aid Summer Play Scheme Fund and to seek funding approval from Members.

Information and Advice

2. At the 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, the Community & Voluntary Sector Team managed a revised process and launched a new Summer Play Scheme round in mid-January 2016. Leading up to the launch, the Community & Voluntary Sector (C&VS) team worked with colleagues in Communications and Marketing to promote the Summer Play Scheme via the local press, social media and the NCC webpage. The C&VS team and Youth Service Countywide team (YSC) also contacted previous applicants and other relevant groups e.g. the Nottinghamshire Voluntary Sector Partnership and the Play Forums.
5. Applicants were invited to apply for up to £2,000 to deliver summer play schemes in 2016 and 2017.
6. The Summer Play Schemes are open to Nottinghamshire children aged 5-14 years and applications were required to demonstrate how their proposed play scheme contributes to Nottinghamshire County Council Strategic Priorities.
7. 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.
8. Appendix 1 contains data about the applications and recommendations. In summary:

- Seventeen summer play schemes are recommended for funding, subject to a satisfactory 'pre-scheme visit' and further information.
 - The total amount of recommended funding is £25,330.
 - The funding will contribute to over 1,200 hours of summer play scheme activities for over 5,860 children.
9. Three applications are not recommended as they did not meet the criteria for this fund.
10. After the assessment, the C&VS team carried out moderation of the assessments and any queries were resolved with the Youth Service.
11. The groups not recommended for funding will be provided with the reason for their applications not being supported and offered support from both the C&VS and YSC Teams. 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

12. Budgetary provision is available in the Grant Aid budget.

Reasons for Recommendations

13. The Play Schemes recommended for approval will provide play opportunities that are safe, high quality, varied and demonstrate how the needs of minority, diverse and excluded groups will be addressed during the Scheme.

Statutory and Policy Implications

14. 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 portfolio of grant recommendations in Appendix 1, be approved.

Tim Gregory

CORPORATE DIRECTOR PLACE

For any enquiries about this report please contact:

Cathy Harvey

Team Manager, Community and Voluntary Sector Team

0115 97 73415

Constitutional Comments (LM 19/04/16)

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

Financial Comments (SES 19/04/16)

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

