

Grant Aid Sub-Committee

Monday, 28 January 2013 at 14:00

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

AGENDA

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Notes

- (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:-

Customer Services Centre 0300 500 80 80

- (3) Persons making a declaration of interest should have regard to the Code of Conduct and the Council's Procedure Rules. Those declaring must indicate the nature of their interest and the reasons for the declaration.

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.

Minutes

Meeting GRANT AID SUB-COMMITTEE

Date Monday 26 November 2012 (commencing at 2.00 pm)

Membership

Persons absent are marked with `A`

COUNCILLORS

Martin Suthers (Chairman)

A Joyce Bosnjak (Vice-Chair)

Chris Barnfather

John Cottee

June Stendall

Stuart Wallace

A Brian Wombwell

Officers in attendance

Joanne Fletcher-Nesbeth	-	Grant Aid Monitoring Officer
Cathy Harvey	-	Team Manager Community and Voluntary Sector
Mark Hudson	-	Group Manager, Transport and Travel Services
Christine Marson	-	Governance Support Officer, Policy, Planning & Corporate Services Department
Mary Roche	-	Team Manager, Commercial and Client Services
Chris Walker	-	Temporary Group Manager, Safer and Engaged Communities

Also in attendance

Sue Maslowska - Broxtowe CAB

MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE

It was reported that Councillor Stuart Wallace had been appointed to the Sub-Committee in place of Councillor Lynn Sykes.

APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Joyce Bosnjak (other).

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

None

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 11th SEPTEMBER 2012

RESOLVED 2012/017

That the minutes of the last meeting held on 11 September 2012 having been circulated were confirmed and signed by the Chair.

CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU (CAB) PRESENTATION

Sue Maslowska from Broxtowe Citizens Advice Bureau circulated a detailed document and list of case studies giving an update of CAB across Nottinghamshire. She outlined the many changes which are taking place with benefits which could lead to more people requiring advice from CABs.

RESOLVED 2012/018

That the report be noted.

REVIEW OF IMPLEMENTATION OF CORPORATE GRANT AID STRATEGY

Cathy Harvey, Team Manager, Community and Voluntary Sector informed Members of progress being made on the implementation of the Grant Aid Strategy.

RESOLVED 2012/019

That the report be noted and approved.

COMMUNITY TRANSPORT FUNDING

Mark Hudson, Group Manager, Transport and Travel Services circulated a revised report to all members.

RESOLVED 2012/020

That the report be noted.

FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY SAFETY PROJECTS

Chris Walker, Temporary Group Manager, Safer and Engaged Communities introduced the report seeking endorsement of Members about County Council contributions to both Crimestoppers and the National Centre for Citizenship and Law.

RESOLVED 2012/021

That Members endorsed the report.

WORK PROGRAMME

RESOLVED 2012/022

That the report be noted.

The meeting closed at 3.25 pm

CHAIR



28 January 2013

Agenda Item: 6

ARTS & SPORTS GRANTS 2012/13 – FINAL ALLOCATIONS

Purpose of Report

1. The purpose of this report is to provide information to Members on the portfolio of arts & sports grants awarded in 2012/13 to date.

Background

2. The Nottinghamshire Arts Fund provides grants for between £500 and £2,500 to support arts activities that are led locally, deliver a range of outcomes and secure additional external partnership funding. The projects must be specific and time limited, ensuring that they do not become seen as revenue grants. The Nottinghamshire Arts Fund replaces several other larger grant schemes previously available. This report provides an update on awards from Round 2 of 2.
3. The Community Sports Fund (CSF) is a grant aid scheme aimed at helping local sports clubs and organisations, by supporting new projects that encourage additional people to get involved in sport. The maximum award is £1,500. This report provides an update on awards from Round 2 of 2.
4. The aim of 'Shining Stars' is to support talented athletes who are currently performing at an international level within their sports. The maximum award is £1,500 for tier one athletes, with an award of £550 being made to second tier athletes. This report provides an update on the application process to date.

Nottinghamshire Arts Fund

5. To the end of Round 2 (closed to applications October 2012) the Arts Development Team received 13 applications with a total request of £28,711. There was £13,615 available to award. The service recommended the award of 7 grants totalling £13,611. Please see table 1 below for more details of awards.

Table 1.

Name	£	Description	Location
Artblock	2460	Artblock delivers a broad range of visual arts to all members of the community, often working in heritage and park environments. Artblock lead artist Diana Shepherd will undertake a residency at Attenborough Nature Centre, and create work with the visitors to the reserve.	Attenborough Nature Centre, Barton Lane, Attenborough
Blidworth Welfare Brass Band	2100	Blidworth WBB is a brass band of 30 members from all over Nottinghamshire. They aim to provide an opportunity for the whole of the community of all ages, diversity and abilities to take part in making music. This project will provide additional workshops for members and a public concert.	Blidworth Miners Welfare Social Centre, Mansfield Road, Blidworth NG21 0LR
Bywater, Sandy	1300	Arts and Ceramics workshops on the theme of Spring, led by an artist who lives locally. The project is supported by Country Parks Service, who will lead nature walks. The project will end in a public 'open weekend' and temporary art installation onsite.	The Winding & Dynamo House, Bestwood Country Park, Bestwood, NG6 8ZA
Carers Federation	753	The Carers Foundation is a local charity with over 20 years experience of supporting unpaid carers. This project will involve 3 workshops lead by a professional artist where carers can create an individual item that will be displayed as a whole with the items created in all 3 workshops.	1.The Salvation Army Centre, Balderton, NG24 3GA 2. Bassetlaw CVS, Priorswell Road, Worksop, S80 2BU 3. Trent Bridge Ground Radcliffe Road, West Bridgford NG2 Rushcliffe
Nottinghamshire YMCA	2498	Notts YMCA support young residents of Mansfield Hostel move into sustainable independent living by offering them opportunities for personal development and growth,	Mansfield YMCA Young People's Hostel, 57 Commercial Gate, Mansfield

		vocational training and leisure activities which benefit their social development and personal well-being. This project will develop a range of creative media skills, including film making and will culminate in a screening event.	Nottinghamshire NG18 1EU
Novak, Shirley	2000	Experienced musician, working with Sue's Place to create a project that will be specifically for 8 to 11 year old children who have experienced loss of a family member. The project will consist of song writing workshops exploring feelings, emotions and writing lyrics to cope. It will also create a CD of original recording of their music.	Sue's Place, Morton House 12 Appletongate Newark Notts NG24 1JY
Urban Projections	2500	To deliver a project with young people of mixed abilities, experimenting with a live drawing system in which an image is drawn live and projected onto a building, object or street via a digital drawing system, and is then instantly brought to life by animation. This project aims to develop and build on this concept including the design and construction of a mobile projection unit, in the form of a tricycle. This process will take place over six, two hour workshops.	Various Mansfield

Community Sports Fund

7. The Community Sports Fund allocates £16,000 in grants over 2 rounds of funding. Seven applications are being recommended for funding from Round 2 of applications, details are shown in table below:

Name	(£)	Description	District
Ashfield Rugby Union Football Club	1000	To develop a Ladies competitive rugby team and support the progression of girls in the sport	Ashfield
Awsworth Village Cricket Club	1272	A winter training project that will target existing members as well as new people looking to get involved in cricket.	Broxtowe

Bilsthorpe Ladies Running Club	290	A 'learn to run' course for women new to running.	Newark & Sherwood
Fernwood Tennis Club	850	Working with local secondary schools, deliver a 10 week coaching programme for 13-17 year olds	Newark & Sherwood
Mansfield Triathlon Club	1500	Through a coaching programme for 14-17 year olds, the club will support their transition to adult level of competition	Mansfield
Newark Rowing Club	1500	Junior indoor rowing project with progression to Learn to Row course.	Newark & Sherwood
Radcliffe Sword Club	1000	Additional coaching for junior fencers, adults and new recruits with emphasis on more 1:1 support from the coach.	Rushcliffe
Sutton Squash Club	1429	Sutton Squash Club will deliver a coaching programme for young people with progression into the club and to compete at the Active Ashfield Games.	Ashfield
TOTAL	8841		

Shining Stars

The Shining Stars fund received 52 applications from 26 different sports. Following the judging process 22 athletes are being considered for awards. The final check for the 22 will be confirming Nottinghamshire residency.

The fund will be allocated in one round with around 14 athletes receiving tier 1 allocations (£1,500) and between 5 to 8 athletes likely to be offered tier 2 awards of £550.

Name of applicant	Amount	Sport	District
Adam Dixon	£1,500	Hockey	Newark & Sherwood
Alice Spencer	£550	Canoe Slalom	Rushcliffe
Amy Needham	£550	Rugby Union	Bassetlaw
Becky Downie	£1,500	Gymnastics	Ashfield
Charlotte Henshaw	£1,500	Swimming	Mansfield
Crystal Lane	£1,500	Para-Cycling	Bassetlaw
David Phillipson	£1,500	Wheelchair Tennis	Rushcliffe
George Pinner	£1,500	Hockey	Broxtowe
Matthew Byrne	£1,500	Wheelchair Basketball	Broxtowe
Natalie Wilson	£550	Canoe Slalom	Rushcliffe
Oliver Hynd	£1,500	Swimming	Ashfield
Penny Coomes	£1,500	Figure Skating	Rushcliffe
Peter Mills	£550	Badminton	Newark & Sherwood

Richard Jefferies	£1,500	Sprint Canoeing	Rushcliffe
Richard Robinson	£550	Orienteering	Ashfield
Richard Whitehead	£1,500	Athletics	Gedling
Sam Oldham	£1,500	Gymnastics	Rushcliffe
Sasha Matthews	£550	Swimming	Gedling
Simon Webster	£550	Cricket	Rushcliffe
Simon Wilson	£1,500	Wheelchair Fencing	Broxtowe
Sophie Coldwell	£550*	Triathlon	Rushcliffe
Sophie Wells	£1,500	Para Dressage	Gedling

*Sophie Coldwell will receive £150 as she is being upgraded from Rising Stars status where she has already received £400 from this financial year.

Recommendation/s

9. It is recommended that Members note this report

Statutory and Policy Implications

10. 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.

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Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All.

**REPORT OF THE TEMPORARY GROUP MANAGER
SAFER AND ENGAGED COMMUNITIES****EXTENSION OF GRANT AID AGREEMENTS FOR BE-FRIENDING****Purpose of the Report**

1. The purpose of this report is to seek approval to extend 8 existing grant aid agreements for organisations that deliver be-friending services.

Information and Advice

2. The 2011-15 Corporate Grant Aid Strategy agreed by full Council on 3rd November 2011 recommended that where possible grant aid agreements should be made with organisations for a period of three years.
3. However, when awards were recommended for 2012/13 a number of groups offering befriending services were only approved for 1 year. This recommendation was made because colleagues in Adult Social Care and Health were planning a review of home based support services in 2012.
4. In September 2012, the Council took the decision to delay the planned tender for home care and other home based support services. This was in order that fuller consideration is given to the range and nature of services that will be needed in future and the best way to deliver these services.
5. Following further consideration, a decision has been taken to also delay the planned tender for prevention services so that a comprehensive tender will be undertaken.

Other Options Considered

6. As part of the County Council's Grant Aid Strategy as outlined above it is not appropriate to consider other options at this stage.

Reason(s) for Recommendation(s)

7. To allow continued delivery of a range of be-friending services across the county.

8.

Statutory and Policy Implications

9. 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)

10. That Members:

- Approve the extension of the 8 befriending grant aid agreements for a further 12 months from 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014.

Chris Walker

Temporary Group Manager, Safer and Engaged Communities

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Constitutional Comments

The Grant Aid Sub-Committee has authority to approve the recommendation set out in this report by virtue of its terms of reference. (NAB 8.1.13)

Financial Comments (DJK 08.01.13)

The contents of this report are duly noted; there are no direct financial implications.

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.

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Appendix A.

Be-friending agreements extension from 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014.

Organisation	Amount
Age UK Nottingham and Notts visiting North Notts	£15,000
Age UK Nottingham and Notts visiting South Notts	£15,000
Eastwood Volunteer Bureau	£2,500
Gedling CVS	£5,000
Jigsaw	£2,500
Our Centre	£25,000
Rural Community Action Nottinghamshire	£13,500
The Helpful Bureau – Befriending Scheme	£10,000



**8REPORT OF THE TEMPORARY GROUP MANAGER
SAFER AND ENGAGED COMMUNITIES**

INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT AID 2013 TO 2015

Purpose of the Report

1. The purpose of this report is to seek approval to agree a two-year (2013-2015) grant aid agreement that contributes to a range of infrastructure services supporting the community and voluntary sector of Nottinghamshire.

Information and Advice

2. As part of the Corporate Grant Aid Strategy, funding for Infrastructure groups was recommended and agreed by the Members Reference Group in March 2012, it was also agreed that any grant aid funding, applied for and awarded post 2013 would be allocated on a 2 year basis, therefore aligning with, the 3 year grant aid agreements for the majority of groups which are in place up to 2015.
3. At the September 2012 Grant Aid Sub-Committee members agreed that a consortium/partnership approach to delivery of infrastructure support should be encouraged.
4. Appendix 1 is a copy of the invitation to apply. This was advertised on the County Council website and shared across community and voluntary sector networks. The application window ran from 15 October 2012 to 7 December 2012. In addition to the advertised material an open event for any potential applicants was held on 31 October 2012.
5. As a result of this approach a single application was received by the closing date. This application came from Networking Action for Voluntary Organisations (NAVO) acting as the lead organisation with the following 10 member organisations:-
 - NAVO – Lead Body
 - Northern Infrastructure partnership - (Ashfield Voluntary Action, Bassetlaw CVS, Voluntary Action Broxtowe & Mansfield CVS)
 - Southern Alliance Infrastructure partnership – (Gedling CVS, Newark & Sherwood CVS & Rushcliffe CVS)
 - Rural Community Action Nottinghamshire
 - Community Accounting Plus

6. The application submitted sought to describe how the partners would contribute to the following 8 areas:-

- Supporting Nottinghamshire County Council priorities
- Increase the number & quality of Volunteering Opportunities
- Support collaborative working & communication
- To support and manage consultation with the local VCS
- To provide professional financial and legal support to the sector
- Build the capacity of the sector through information and training
- To provide support to the isolated and Rural CVS
- To identify gaps in provision and help shape and deliver local services

7. The application has been assessed by officers in the Community and Voluntary Sector Team and from Adult Social Care and Health and is considered to be of good quality, describing both how services will be delivered and how they will be measured.

Other Options Considered

8. Delivery of this service was sought through an open application process, no other applications were made, therefore no other options have been considered.

Reason(s) for Recommendation(s)

9. Since the application sought a lead body that required them to establish partnership arrangements, we are satisfied that the proposed consortium is an appropriate mechanism for delivering Infrastructure support.

Statutory and Policy Implications

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RECOMMENDATION(S)

11. That Members:

- Approve a post application discussion with the lead body (NAVO) to agree a set of priority outcomes/performance measures.
- Approve a grant aid agreement to the value of £185,000 from 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014, and a second year of £165,000 for the period 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015.

Chris Walker
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Constitutional Comments (NAB 9.01.13)

The Grant Aid Sub-Committee has authority to approve the recommendations set out in this report by virtue of its terms of reference

Financial Comments (DJK 10.01.2013)

The contents of this report are duly noted; the financial agreements within Paragraph 11 are contained within the revenue budget.

Background Papers

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Nottinghamshire Voluntary & Community Sector Infrastructure Grant Aid 2013/15

Nottinghamshire County Council is inviting applications for grant aid funding from Voluntary and Community Infrastructure Organisations. This grant aid is available to contribute to the provision of effective and targeted support for the wider voluntary & community sector of Nottinghamshire.

The Council has provided £185,000 in grant aid to Infrastructure groups for 2012/13 and wishes to continue to support infrastructure groups by making up to £350,000 available for the period 1st July 2013 to 30th June 2015 (£185,000 in 2013/14 and £165,000 in 2014/15)

We are looking for collaborative/partnership bids that cover the period 2013/15 that can deliver countywide services contributing to outcomes against the following criteria.

- To support the County Council's strategic priorities
www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/thecouncil/plans/councilplansandpolicies/strategicplan
- To help increase the number and quality of volunteering opportunities in Nottinghamshire
- To enable communication and collaboration by encouraging sharing of resources to create more effective ways of working. This includes providing forums and networks to share good practice and expertise to be able to, for example, bid for public service commissioned contracts
- To represent the diverse views of local groups to statutory agencies and promoting two way communication on policy developments, service redesign and working in partnership
- To provide support to voluntary and community groups to manage their finances effectively
- To raise standards by providing access to information on governance, funding, legal advice, training and quality assurance, so enabling many groups to acquire and maintain the knowledge, skills and resources they need to support the local community
- To provide developmental support to voluntary and community groups working in rural areas
- To identify any gaps in service provision and fill them by working with new groups to address unmet need and ensure that existing groups are equipped to tailor their services to changing needs

We are looking for applications from a **Lead Organisation** that can demonstrate partnership arrangements that will see the above criteria delivered consistently across the county.

They will work with partners to develop an application and be responsible for working with the County Council and partners to develop appropriate proportionate monitoring arrangements.

You are eligible to be a **Lead Organisation** if you meet the following criteria:

You are an infrastructure organisation. By infrastructure organisation, we mean civil society organisations whose main or only purpose is to support the work of other groups in the voluntary and community sector. This purpose will usually appear in the governing document of your organisation or will be apparent from the work you have carried out. If supporting other organisations is not an explicit purpose in your governing document doing such work must be within the scope of the work your governing document allows you to do.

You are one of the following types of organisations:

- a registered charity
- a voluntary and community unincorporated charitable association
- a community benefit society registered as an industrial and provident society
- a community interest company
- an organisation of another type if you operate as a social enterprise and principally reinvest your surpluses for social benefit.

You are not eligible to apply if you:

- are a statutory organisation such as a school or local authority, including statutory organisations that have charitable status
- are an individual or sole trader
- make a surplus or profit which is not principally reinvested for social benefit
- are applying on behalf of another organisation – a bid writing organisation.

We expect all partners to meet the eligibility criteria above. A partner is defined as an organisation that has some responsibility for delivering the service outcomes.

Applications are invited using the application form ([web link](#)) and the closing date for completed applications is 7th December 2012.

Organisations interested in applying for funding are invited to attend an information session to be held at 2.30pm on Wed 31 October 2012 at Mansfield CVS, Community House, Wood Street Mansfield NG18 1QA. Please email county.grantaid@nottsgov.uk if you intend attending this session.

SUPPORTING THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR

Purpose of the Report

1. The purpose of this report is twofold:
 - To seek approval for funding from the Grant Aid budget to provide a package of financial support to struggling voluntary and community groups including Community Resource Centres in Nottinghamshire
 - To seek approval to support a programme, in conjunction with the Big Lottery to work with voluntary and community organisations to provide technical, business and financial investment to help embed business acumen and thereby greater sustainability across the sector in Nottinghamshire

Information & Advice

Maximizing County Council Grant Aid

2. Members have, at previous meetings of this Sub Committee, discussed options for allocating any remaining unallocated monies in the grant aid budget. Members have been particularly keen to maximise the grant aid budget to provide support to locally based voluntary groups working with communities, who are at risk of reducing or, at worse closing their service and so in many cases creating greater difficulties for vulnerable citizens who rely on these voluntary services.
3. At a previous meeting of this Sub Committee, Mick McGrath, East Midlands Regional Head of the Big Lottery made a presentation on the work of The Big Lottery in Nottinghamshire and discussed with Members opportunities for working with the County Council to support the voluntary and community sector in Nottinghamshire.
4. As a result, the Community and Voluntary Sector Team Manager has met with The Big Lottery to develop a programme of support and funding to struggling groups across the county.

Community Resource Centres [CRCs]

5. Over previous years, the County Council has supported as many as 20 CRCs in any one year through both financial investment and with technical support. During 2011/12, 10 CRCs received County Council support. This support focused on enabling these facilities to make the journey from a full dependency on grant aid support to one where trading income is to the fore, making them more resilient in changing times. The County Council's investment has been made both financially and practically.

6. Unfortunately as the economic climate has worsened, the impact on the voluntary sector, including CRCs has resulted in them refocusing their priorities, whilst facing more demand from local communities. The CRCs generally are organisations that act as a key link between the people within a community, the delivery of local services and a wide range of statutory, voluntary, private and indeed faith-based sector activity – and generally provide bases for “making things happen”.
7. They all use a mix of volunteer and staff time to effectively manage these facilities whilst allowing people to be involved directly from their community. They do this whilst seeking to maintain their facilities through the employment of business models and the securing of trading income, a solution which for some is a constant struggle due to barriers such as location, the quality of the facilities, local income patterns and a generally difficult financial environment.
8. While CRCs vary in their objectives, they share a number of commonalities in that mostly they are:
 - locally owned and managed as independent organisations and as such are registered with Companies House as companies limited by guarantee and / or have charitable status;
 - can be differentiated from those community centres run directly by the statutory (eg District and Parish Councils) sector;
 - provide a wide and diverse range of services and facilities for their respective local communities – a one-stop-shop approach – which differentiates them from single-focus agencies;
 - in general CRCs mostly have assets in the form of the community building, being in their direct ownership or on long leases and they serve communities where local people are keen to make things happen and to respond to local issues
9. A review was commissioned by the Grant Aid sub-committee has found significant projected financial shortfalls and a gap in support for vulnerable communities in ever increasingly difficult times, it is recommended that given the valued and important role these CRCs play within communities that the Centres are invited to apply for support from the grant aid budget.
10. The CRCs identified are organisations that the Community & Voluntary Sector team are aware of and continue to work with to varying degrees – offering what can be described as “in-kind” support. There may be other groups across the county that would meet a broad definition of Community Resource Centre/Community Hub.
11. This will be supported by a joint programme of help, guidance and investment with the Big Lottery as outlined above

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

12. To maximise targeted joint working at locality level to support the voluntary and community sector, including the CRCs, to continue to support vulnerable individuals and communities. This programme, whilst requiring a ‘one off’ contribution from the Grant Aid Budget will provide a model of good practice and a legacy for collaborative working

Statutory and Policy Implications

13. 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.

RECOMMENDATIONS

14. It is recommended that

- A joint approach between the County Council and the Big Lottery to developing a programme of practical and financial support to struggling VCS groups in Nottinghamshire is approved
- The sum of £94,000 is allocated from the Grant Aid Budget to support this programme
- This funding is made available from a transfer from the underspend in the staffing element of the Grant Aid budget 2012/2013

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Constitutional Comments

The Grant Aid Sub-Committee has authority to approve the recommendations set out in this report by virtue of its terms of reference. (NAB 16.01.13)

Financial Comments (DJK 15.01.2013)

The contents of this report are duly noted; the saving of £94,000 has been verified and will be utilised temporarily in 2012/2013 to fund the voluntary and community groups.

Background Papers

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Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

ALL



**REPORT OF THE TEMPORARY GROUP MANAGER
SAFER AND ENGAGED COMMUNITIES**

**NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL AND THE COMMUNITY &
VOLUNTARY SECTOR – THE NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COMPACT**

Purpose of the Report

1. The purpose of this report is to agree a replacement for the “Nottinghamshire County Compact” a document that sets out how Nottinghamshire County Council and Voluntary & Community Sector Organisations will work together for the benefit of the communities and citizens of the County.

Information and Advice

2. In 1998 the first “Compact” was produced by Government detailing a set of guiding principles for working effectively with the community & voluntary sector. A Nottinghamshire version of the Compact was agreed the following year.
3. In 2008 Nottinghamshire County Council alongside major public sector organisations in the County signed up to the “**Nottinghamshire County - COMPACT – All together better**” - this Compact was agreed as part of the Nottinghamshire Partnership.
4. In September 2010 the Coalition Government renewed the Compact between Government and the Community & Voluntary Sector, encouraging local areas to follow the principles and refresh local Compacts.
5. In September 2011 The Rt Hon Eric Pickles MP, Secretary of State for Communities & Local Government, produced a Best Value Statutory Guidance document which set out some reasonable expectations of the way local authorities should work with voluntary & community sector groups.
6. In November 2011 the Grant Aid Members Reference Group received a short paper on the ways the County Council was working collaboratively with the Community & Voluntary Sector – much of the practical engagement we are engaged with embraces the principles of the compact & statutory guidance.
7. In September 2012 through the Voluntary Sector Liaison Group we consulted VCS representatives about the status and role of the Compact. This consultation was prompted by two things, firstly that we had established through the Local Government Association that 97% of Local Authorities had a “live” Compact and that our Compact was

under the auspices of the now dissolved Nottinghamshire Partnership, in effect we had no arrangement in place.

8. The feedback from VCS colleagues was that there would be no appetite for a major piece of wide consultation to produce another document. They also advised us that a small sub group of the VCS network had already produced some short guidance on shared principles around good practice which could be shaped to become a new Compact – Appendix 1.

Other Options Considered

9. None

Reason(s) for Recommendation(s)

10. Currently we have no Compact and having a set of recorded principles would help us to be in line with government policy.

Statutory and Policy Implications

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RECOMMENDATION(S)

12. That Members:

Endorse the document at Appendix 1 and agree to adopt the approach and principles it contains. This document will in effect be Nottinghamshire County Councils Compact with the Community and Voluntary Sector.

Chris Walker
Temporary Group Manager, Safer and Engaged Communities

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Constitutional Comments

There are no constitutional issues.

Financial Comments

There are no financial implications

Background Papers

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Nottinghamshire County Compact – All together better - 2008
The Compact – HM Government – 2010
Best Value Statutory Guidance – 2011

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Nottinghamshire COMPACT

This document sets out a framework to guide the relationships between Nottinghamshire County Council and the Voluntary & Community organisations of the County. It has been developed jointly by the County Council and the Voluntary & Community Sector.

Our Shared Values & Principles

We propose that these shared values and principles should be used to guide and underpin the long-term development of our working relationships within Nottinghamshire:

- By working in partnership towards common aims and objectives we will add value to services in Nottinghamshire.
- Joint working demands integrity and a willingness to communicate in accountable, open and honest ways
- The County Council and the voluntary and community sector have distinct but valuable and complementary roles, in the development and delivery of public policy and services
- Differences of opinion will arise, but we are committed to resolving them in a constructive and respectful manner
- The independence of the voluntary and community sector is crucial to the development, delivery and scrutiny of quality services
- Voluntary and community organisations are entitled, regardless of funding sources, to act as advocates in challenging and seeking changes in public policy
- We need to be active in ensuring that minority ethnic and other disadvantaged groups are included in our consultation and policy development processes so that their views are heard and their concerns acted upon

How we will work together

Nottinghamshire County Council	VCS
➤ Recognise and support the independence of the sector, the quality of its service provision and its role in advocating for communities and individuals	➤ Maintain high standards of governance and service delivery to meet their obligations to funders and users within the framework of the law

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Operate commissioning and funding processes (including de-commissioning or grant withdrawal) which recognise the sector's need to operate efficiently and effectively ➤ Recognise that liaison and consultation need time and money. The VCS cannot undertake these activities at the expense of service provision. A clear protocol on consultation arrangements must be agreed and liaison and consultation must be paid for ➤ Recognise the complexity of the sector and the broad range of views and groups representatives have to reflect. Pay to support proper representative processes and use the channels that are created ➤ Recognise that small, local groups have an important voice. Support the VCS in channelling that voice so that it is heard particularly by supporting the infrastructure leadership role ➤ Allocate resources against clear and consistent criteria in an open and fair process. Use the VCS quality standards in agreed monitoring processes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Participate in liaison and review meetings to ensure that users, volunteers, members and supporters are informed and consulted, as appropriate, about activities and policy positions. ➤ Select and support representatives. However, a representative must say when he/she is speaking for him/herself or their organisation or on behalf of a wider network. Furthermore, the representative should report back to his/her organisation or network and other relevant interested organisations ➤ Help and encourage joint working between small and excluded organisations ➤ Develop quality standards appropriate to the sector, and put in place the leadership and policies for promoting best practice and equality of opportunity in activities, employment, involvement of volunteers and service provision
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Effective Dispute Resolution

Despite best intentions, disputes arise and sometimes threaten important relationships.

Wherever possible, disputes and disagreements should be resolved amicably. The process of resolving disputes amicably between local partners is an important part of strengthening on-going relationships between the sectors.

Prevention is better than cure – if there are concerns around funding or relationships with the County Council it should be addressed before it becomes a problem.

The organisation/s concerned should discuss the issue with the County Council and try to resolve the issue amicably between them.

We agree to keep it professional and to involve outside help if needed.

28 January 2012

Agenda Item: 11

REPORT OF CORPORATE DIRECTOR, POLICY, PLANNING AND CORPORATE SERVICES

WORK PROGRAMME

Purpose of the Report

1. To consider the Committee's work programme for 2012/13.

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.

Other Options Considered

4. None.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

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

Statutory and Policy Implications

6. 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)

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

Financial Comments (PS)

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

Background Papers

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GRANT AID SUB-COMMITTEE

WORK PROGRAMME

<u>Report Title</u>	<u>Brief summary of agenda item</u>	<u>For Decision or Information ?</u>	<u>Lead Officer</u>	<u>Report Author</u>
July 2012				
Grant Aid 2012/13	Proposals for priorities to utilise any non committed budget in 2012/13/.	Decision	Cathy Harvey	Cathy Harvey
Working with the National Lottery	Update on the role that funding from the National Lottery plays in supporting Nottinghamshire VCS	Information	Cathy Harvey	Mick McGrath
Nottinghamshire Council for School Sports	Consideration of application for continued funding of the Nottinghamshire Council for School Sports.	Decision	Steve Bradley	Sue Cullen
Nottingham Rugby Club	Funding of the community outreach programme of Nottingham Rugby Club	Decision	Steve Bradley	Sue Cullen
September 2012				
Grant Aid Budget	Update on spend to date and predicted out-turn for 2012/13 - forecasts on commitments for 2013/14	Information	Cathy Harvey	Paul Roberts
Grant Aid Budget Priorities for 2013/14	Proposals for the use of any unallocated budget	Decision	Cathy Harvey	Paul Roberts
Voluntary Sector Liaison Forum	Update on progress, roles and responsibilities	Decision/Information	Cathy Harvey	Cathy Harvey Fiona Simpson
Grant Aid Annual Report	A snapshot of ways in which grant aid has been allocated	Information	Cathy Harvey	Paul Roberts
Arts and Sports Grant Aid Funding Allocations 2012/13	Update on how funding allocated	Information	Sue Cullen	Kevin Tennant
November 2012				
Grant Aid Strategy Review	A planned annual review of strategy	Decision/Information	Cathy Harvey	Paul Roberts
CAB Presentation	Update on the role of CAB's	Information/Decision	Cathy Harvey	Sue Maslowska
Grant Aid Budget	Update on Applications	Information	Cathy Harvey	Paul Roberts
January 2013				
Grant Aid Budget	Forecast outturn for 2012/13	Information	Cathy Harvey	Paul Roberts
Grant Aid - 2013/14 Recommendations	Recommendations for the allocation of 2013/14 grant aid [a whole day needs to be allocated for this	Decision	Cathy Harvey	Paul Roberts

<u>Report Title</u>	<u>Brief summary of agenda item</u>	<u>For Decision or Information ?</u>	<u>Lead Officer</u>	<u>Report Author</u>
The Role of Volunteering	A presentation on Volunteering	Information	Cathy Harvey	Paul Roberts
April 2013				
Grant Aid Budget	Forecast outturn for 2012/13	Information	Cathy Harvey	Paul Roberts
Arts and Sports Grant Aid Funding Allocations 2012/13	Update on how funding allocated	Information	Cathy Harvey	Kevin Tennant

Dates and Deadlines for Grant Aid Sub-Committee

<u>Report deadline</u>	<u>Date of pre-agenda</u>	<u>Agenda publication</u>	<u>Date of Committee</u>

*Early due to Bank Holidays

