



Agenda Item:6

**REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR POLICY, PLANNING AND
CORPORATE PERFORMANCE**

**UPDATE ON THE IMPLIMENTATION OF THE 2015-18 GRANT AID
RECOMMENDATIONS**

Purpose of the Report

1. To provide members with an update on the implementation of the 2015-18 Grant Aid recommendations and to consider one application that was omitted from the applications considered and the decisions made at the March committee.

Information and Advice

Successful Applicants

2. All the organisations have been provided details of the amount of the awards and work is underway to develop grant aid agreements. This interaction with the Community & Voluntary sector Team will also be about building relationships with groups to support future sustainability and success.
3. Many of the organisations on being informed of being awarded funding have responded with email messages of thanks and gratitude and asking that their appreciation is passed on to Councillors. Appendix 1 is a sample of the messages received by the Community & Voluntary Sector team.

Support to Groups

4. The organisations that were not recommended for funding have also been contacted, the reasons for not supporting applications were detailed as part of the decision making process at the March meeting. Members recommended that all applicants be informed of the decisions and be offered the support of the Community & Voluntary Sector Team.
5. At the time of publishing this report 20 organisations have responded to the offer of support and diagnostic visits have been either conducted or arranged by members of the Community & Voluntary Sector team.

6. The plan is to build and develop relationships with these groups and agree joint actions that will help with organisational development. Ways of seeking alternative funding will be part of the support, the work will also include a general health check of the organisation and explore ways to reduce costs and generate income.

Application from Mansfield Play Forum

7. Members will be aware that the March meeting considered 179 applications for grant aid for the three years from 2015 to 2018. Members were advised at this meeting that due to an error, one application received from Mansfield Play Forum had not been allocated to assessors.
8. The application from Mansfield Play Forum has subsequently been assessed for members to make a decision. The recommendation is to not support the proposal, reasons for this recommendation are shown at appendix 2.

Financial Implications

9. There are no additional costs associated with the recommendations in this report.

Reason(s) for Recommendation(s)

10. Appendix 2 details the reasons for not supporting the grant application from Mansfield Play forum.

Statutory and Policy Implications

11. 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)

That the Committee:

1. Note the action taken with all applicants.
2. To approve the recommendation not to support the grant application from Mansfield Play Forum

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Constitutional Comments (CEH 28.04.15)

The recommendation falls within the delegation to the Grant Aid Sub-Committee under its terms of reference.

Financial Comments (SES 28/4/15)

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

