APPENDIX ONE - LOCAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEME – OPTIONS FOR THE FUTURE

	PRO'S	CON'S
FOR THE REVENUE, CAPITAL AND TALENTED ATHLETES FUNDS		
OPTION 1: ALL SCHEMES		
Let the existing schemes come to an end with no new schemes to take their place.	• £2.2m p.a. budget saving in plus other associated costs of administering the scheme	 Would have a significant negative impact on the sector and its ability to support the most vulnerable There would be no Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) funding strategy beyond 2021 that supports the delivery of the Council's Strategic Priorities May undermine the Transformation aspirations of the Council regarding its Early Help and Prevention and Customers and Access Programmes.
REVENUE FUNDING SCHEME OPTIONS		
OPTION R1: REVENUE		
Launch a new scheme replicating all the elements of the 2018-21 LIS model to include:	 Provides a 3-year commitment to support revenue projects, giving 	 Revenue budget committed for entire 3 years preventing new applicants

A 3-year revenue funding award	 some continuity and reassurance of funding Provides some security of funding and to use that to attract other match funding (the multiplier effect) Lots of experience and learning from running this type of scheme for a complete 3-year cycle 	 A 3-year programme limits options to contribute towards innovative projects and respond to emerging community needs Awards are reliant on groups and organisations coming forward once in a 3-year cycle
 OPTION R2: REVENUE Develop a new model of using revenue funding to commission projects/activities which support the Council's Strategic Priorities focusing on: 3-year revenue award to commission core costs/services from larger County based voluntary and community organisations e.g. CAB's, Community Transport that demonstrate a good track record in service delivery Targeted rolling annual programme of small grants fund/support for agreed innovate or grass roots programmes of activity – maximum £5000 	 More direction over the where funding goes to through a commissioning approach 3-year funding commitment and security provided to key organisation, providing that platform for attracting match funding Small rolling grants programme to ensure some revenue funding is available for groups to apply for to help with responding to emerging community needs during the 3-year revenue funding cycle 	 Funding is typically a contribution towards delivery – value for money issue First come, first served basis in any financial year for the small grants' elements
OPTION R3: REVENUE		

Commission a number of key VCS infrastructure organisations to use their knowledge and understanding to distribute funding to the wider VCS	 Reduced administration for NCC Use of expert sector knowledge to deploy funding An application or commission basis system could be used by the infrastructure groups to deploy the funding 	 Anecdotal feedback from other similar arrangements is that smaller VCS organisations can be 'squeezed out' of similar arrangements. The infrastructure organisations may not have capacity to manage the scheme Quality assurance and governance. Loss of some control by the Authority
CAPITAL FUNDING SCHEME OPTIONS		
OPTION C1: CAPITAL		
 Launch a new scheme replicating all the elements of the 2018-21 LIS capital model to include: An annual capital funding programme Having a maximum award of £30,000 Once a year approval process 	• Have run this type of scheme for 3 years	Once a year process only
OPTION C2: CAPITAL		
 Developing a new model of funding for capital investment. Features to include: A rolling annual programme of applications, rather than a single annual deadline Having a maximum limit of award of £20,000 	 Facilitates a steady flow of applications Encourages more realistic, thought-through project plans from applicants 	• First-come, first served approach annually. There is a risk that some projects are not funded, but could apply the following year

 Requirement for guaranteed match funding A 2-stage application process (initial proposal followed by a more detailed application) 	 Issues can help to respond to real community needs when they arise/at the appropriate time. On-going engagement with community groups. Potentially quicker turnaround from application submission to approval 	
TALENTED ATHLETES SCHEME OPTIONS		
OPTION T1: REVENUE		
 Launch a new scheme replicating all the elements of the 2018-21 LIS model to include: A Talented Athletes fund £21,000 budget Up-to £400 one off award 	 High profile, well received Talented Athletes scheme Lots of experience and learning from running this type of scheme for a complete cycle 	 Supports only the most elite athletes residing in Nottinghamshire (does not support 'up & coming' athletes)
OPTION T2: TALENTED ATHLETES		
 • 'Up and coming' athletes • Provide a greater focus on those more vulnerable athletes with protected characteristics 	 Make the scheme more inclusive 	 Spread the budget wider and therefore amount of award likely to be lower.

• Up to £400 one-off award	
• Budget of £21,000	