

Grant Aid Sub-Committee

Monday, 15 April 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:-

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- (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 28 January 2013 (commencing at 2.00 pm)

Membership

Persons absent are marked with `A`

COUNCILLORS

Martin Suthers (Chairman)
Joyce Bosnjak (Vice-Chair)

	Chris Barnfather	Stuart Wallace
	John Cottee	Brian Wombwell
A	June Stendall	

Officers in attendance

Sue Cullen	-	Sports and Arts Service Manager
Cathy Harvey	-	Team Manager, Community and Voluntary Sector
Dawn Lawrence	-	Assistant Democratic Services Officer
Christine Marson	-	Assistant Democratic Services Officer
Paul Roberts	-	Community and Voluntary Sector Liaison Officer
Chris Walker	-	Temporary Group Manager, Safer and Engaged Communities

Also in attendance

Lisa Barker	-	Senior Manager, Nottinghamshire Clubs for Young People
Lauren Clark	-	County Development Officer, Nottinghamshire Young farmers

MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE

The membership of the committee, as set out above, was noted.

APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor June Stendall (illness).

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

Members declared non-pecuniary interests as follows:

Councillor John Cottee: Trustee for Nottinghamshire Clubs for Young People

Councillor Chris Barnfather: County Council appointed Trustee for Rural Community Action Nottinghamshire

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 26th NOVEMBER 2012

RESOLVED 2013/01

That the minutes of the last meeting held on 26 November 2012 having been circulated were confirmed and signed by the Chair.

YOUNG PEOPLES CLUBS PRESENTATION

Lisa Barker, Senior Manager for Nottinghamshire Clubs for Young People and Lauren Clark, County Development Officer for Nottinghamshire Young farmers gave a presentation on the work involved with young people in Nottinghamshire and the importance of grants received.

RESOLVED 2013/02

Lisa Barker and Lauren Clark were thanked for their oral presentation.

ARTS AND SPORTS GRANTS – 2012/13

Sue Cullen, Sports and Arts Service Manager, reported information on the final allocations of arts and sports grants awarded in 2012/13 to date.

RESOLVED 2013/03

That the report be noted.

EXTENSION OF BEFRIENDING GRANTS

Cathy Harvey, Team Manager, Community and Voluntary Sector, presented a report seeking approval for the extension of 8 befriending grant aid agreements for organisations that deliver befriending services.

RESOLVED 2013/04

That approval be given for an extension of the 8 befriending grant aid agreements for a further 12 months from 1 July to 30 June 2014.

INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING

RESOLVED 2013/05

Members approved:-

- A post application discussion with the lead body (NAVO) to agree a set of priority outcomes/performance measures.
- 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.

SUPPORTING THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR

RESOLVED 2013/06

That Members approved:-

- A joint approach between the County Council and the Big Lottery to develop a programme of practical and financial support to struggling Community Resource Centres in Nottinghamshire is approved
- The sum of up to £94,000 be allocated from the Grant Aid Budget to support this programme
- The funding is made available from a transfer from the underspend in the staffing element of the Grant Aid Budget 2012/13

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

RESOLVED 2013/07

Members endorsed the document at Appendix 1 and agree to adapt the approach and principles it contains. (This document will in effect be Nottinghamshire County Councils Compact with the Community and Voluntary Sector).

WORK PROGRAMME

Members requested that The Role of Volunteering, a presentation on volunteering, be moved from January 2013 to April 2013.

RESOLVED 2013/08

That the report be noted.

The meeting closed at 3.25 pm

CHAIR

**REPORT OF THE TEMPORARY GROUP MANAGER SAFER AND ENGAGED
COMMUNITIES****DOMESTIC VIOLENCE – SUPPORTING CHILDREN****Purpose of the Report**

1. To seek approval from Members to reassign £40,000 of Grant Aid from the budget provision that funds support work for children in Women's Refuges to the budget provision that supports children in the community who have been affected by Domestic Violence.

Information and Advice

2. When Domestic Violence Services were re-commissioned by the County Council in 2012, the number of providers was reduced from six to two in order to improve service delivery, simplify pathways for services users and reduce overhead costs. All the existing providers were consulted about the commissioning process, and all landlords agreed to provide their buildings to the successful bidders following this process. However, when the outcome was published, Nottingham Community Housing Association withdrew their offer on two of their buildings and allowed the two of the existing providers: Newark Women's Aid and Midland Women's Aid, to remain in their buildings and offer a service without county council funds.
3. Senior Officers and Legal Services colleagues made strenuous efforts to challenge this decision and resolve the situation which was potentially harmful to vulnerable victims and certainly undermined the Council's commissioning processes. However, the situation has remained as described and we now have two independent women's refuges in Nottinghamshire as well as two that were commissioned successfully and are working closely with other partners for the benefit of their residents.
4. There is a sum of money in the grant aid budget to provide each women's refuge with a children's worker. (This finance of £20,000 per refuge is separated from the main refuge support funding because of previous ring-fencing by government that did not allow child support to be funded from Supporting People Budgets.) As Midlands and Newark Women's Aid are operating outside the commissioning process, it was agreed that they should not be awarded the £20,000 grant aid. Instead, this sum of money was awarded to the two successful contractors (from the commissioning process) and ways were sought to provide appropriate support for the children in the independent refuges. After much negotiation it was agreed that the finance would be used to pay for seconded staff to work with the resident children in each of the independent refuges.

5. Unfortunately, both Midland and Newark Women's Aid have rejected the secondment proposals.

6. In response to this situation the following proposal is recommended:

The grant aid as currently intended is withdrawn, since there is no workable method for delivery of a children's worker in the independent refuges available. The funds of £40,000 are reassigned within the grant aid budget to existing providers of Domestic Violence Children's Outreach to support work with children affected by domestic violence and living in the community.

7. There is already funding totalling £89,000 per year for Domestic Violence Children's Outreach in the contracts held by Women's Aid Integrated Services and Nottinghamshire Women's Aid. However, this part of the contract has been identified as seriously under-funded by commissioners with referrals in the first six months of the contract totalling more than twice the capacity that has been funded. An additional £40,000 spread across the whole county would significantly improve capacity and provide a service which can be accessed by residents of the two independent refuges if they are referred by school, health visitor or their parents.

Other Options Considered

8. Consideration was given to the option of paying the grant aid directly to the independent refuges, however this option was not pursued as it would potentially undermine future commissioning processes.

9. Consideration was also given to the option of withdrawing the finance and holding this for a different use altogether. However, this would be a significant loss for a vulnerable group of children that have been identified as a priority by national Government and local Children's Services.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

10. This proposal maintains the integrity of commissioning processes whilst at the same time allows the County Council to maintain the existing level of support for a vulnerable group of children. Many of these children have been subject to safeguarding procedures and now form part of the Troubled Families cohort that is a priority for Children's Services. There is clear evidence that children affected by domestic violence when they are young are at greater risk of becoming victims and perpetrators in the future.

Statutory and Policy Implications

11. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, the public sector equality duty, 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

12. Grant Aid funding of £20,000 awarded to Women's Aid Integrated Services to provide a Children's Refuge Worker in Broxtowe is reallocated for the provision of an additional Children's Outreach Worker to support the existing Domestic Violence Children's Outreach Team in South Nottinghamshire

Grant Aid funding of £20,000 awarded to Nottinghamshire Women's Aid to provide a Children's Refuge Worker in Newark is reallocated for the provision of an additional Children's Outreach Worker to support the existing Domestic Violence Children's Outreach Team in North Nottinghamshire

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Constitutional Comments (NAB 28.03.13)

The Grant Aid Sub-committee has authority to approve the recommendation set out in this report.

Financial Comments (RWK 28/03/2013)

The report proposes a reallocation of funding within the existing 2013/14 revenue budget allocation for grant-aid. There are therefore no additional financial implications arising from the proposals in the report.

Background Papers and Published Documents

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

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

BASSETLAW LEARNING DISABILITY ASSOCIATION – GRANT AID

Purpose of the Report

1. The purpose of this report is to seek approval to make a loan of up to £17,000 for the provision of a replacement lift at Stephen House, Retford – the base of the Bassetlaw Learning Disability Association (BLDA)

Information and Advice

2. BLDA has been in existence for over thirty five years and they deliver a range of clubs and activities for adults with Learning Disabilities (LD) at Stephen House, Chapelgate, Retford and at other locations in Bassetlaw.
3. Stephen House is a Georgian town house in the centre of Retford. The building is owned by BLDA and over the years it has been developed to provide a modern well equipped facility that provides stimulating and fun activities for LD adults.
4. In addition to the opportunity to socialise Stephen House gives their users the opportunity to develop skills ranging from information technology to food preparation, all aimed at promoting independence.
5. Over 100 LD adults attend the building each week, helped to attend by the use of BLDA's mini-bus service and NCC transport services. LD adults attend from all across Bassetlaw and attendance provides important social contact for those attending and in many cases valuable respite for carers and families.
6. Many LD adults also have physical disabilities and in order for those attending Stephen House to access the first floor facilities (IT Suite/TV Lounge) the use of a lift is required.
7. The current lift is now over 10 years old. When purchased this lift cost £13,000 and over the past 3 to 4 years over £6,500 has been spent on repair and maintenance.
8. The latest call out and repair on 1 March 2013 identified major component wear at the final limits, with the likelihood of further breakdown meaning the lift would be beyond repair.

9. The current lift supply and maintenance company have provided a quote and specification for a replacement lift and this is for £17,000. A new lift would be more energy efficient and provide a number of safety features not currently incorporated in the existing lift.

Other Options Considered

10. BLDA over the past few years has seen a deficit of income against expenditure and the loss of some rental income will see this pattern repeated in 2012/13. Their current cash reserves are in the region of £25,000 which is adequate as a safety net and to cover ongoing commitments – such as mini-bus maintenance and future replacement. A bill of £17,000 would place the organisation in a very vulnerable position in terms of sustainability.
11. Given there are sufficient funds in the Grant Aid Budget and the urgent nature of this application no other option is put forward.

Reason(s) for Recommendation(s)

12. To allow the continued delivery of activities and services to Learning Disabled Adults in Bassetlaw.

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.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

14. That Members:

- Approve a loan of up to £17,000 to replace the existing lift at BLDA Stephen House Retford. On condition that a minimum of two and preferably three quotes are obtained to secure the most competitive and long term lift solution is obtained.
- A loan repayment schedule will be agreed once the BLDA financial reserves reach £40,000.

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Constitutional Comments (NAB 3.04.13)

Grant Aid Sub Committee has authority to approve the recommendation set out in this report.

Financial Comments (RWK 28/03/2013)

The proposed loan of up to £17,000 to BLDA can be funded from the 2013/14 budget allocation for grant aid.

Background Papers

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Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

Bassetlaw Divisions



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

NOTTINGHAM CREDIT UNION

Purpose of the Report

1. The purpose of this report is to seek approval to commit up to £22,000 in grant aid funding to Nottingham Credit Union [NCU] for 2013/14

Information and Advice

2. Credit Unions have operated in Nottinghamshire since the early 1990s established first in the City, eg Fair Goose in Forest Fields/Hyson Green and Red Lion in Bulwell. In the wider county, credit unions have developed more slowly with the first credit union, Worksop and District, established in 2000.
3. In recent years the city based credit unions merged to form NCU, a larger single credit union being more sustainable. In 2010 NCU extended its common bond (the area in which it is allowed to operate) to cover the county of Nottinghamshire and has since merged with
 - Cashfields (covering Ashfield)
 - Oakleaf (the County Council's credit union)
 - Sherwood Forest (formerly Maun Valley covering the Mansfield area)
4. These mergers have been encouraged and facilitated (financially) by Nottinghamshire County Council. £40,000 was awarded to NCU in 2010 through the economic development budget to enable the merger to take place. The 2 Shires Credit Union (incorporating Worksop and District) continues to serve the Bassetlaw area.

Membership and Coverage

5. Membership of NCU in the county is growing and planned activity in Newark and Sherwood and Mansfield will increase membership even further. The membership breakdown, below, reflects the presence of credit unions in the City since the early 1990s.
6. In October 2012, an additional 75 members were signed up in Mansfield, the highest number of new registrations in the District recorded to date. This is largely down to the presence of a 'pop-up' credit union counter in the Mansfield CAB offices in the town centre. NCU expect to double membership here within two years and quadruple in four

becoming a self-sustaining branch of the credit union. In Newark and Sherwood £45,000 funding has just been approved by the District Council to roll out credit union services to the district.

7. The current NCU membership is:

District	Membership as at 1st Jan 2010	% of total	Membership as at 30th Nov 2012	% of total	Increase (%)
Ashfield	61	2%	155	3%	154%
Bassetlaw	2	0%	11	0%	450%
Broxtowe	172	4%	335	6%	95%
Gedling	133	3%	339	6%	155%
Mansfield	9	0%	401	7%	4356%
Newark and Sherwood	13	0%	85	1%	554%
Rushcliffe	97	2%	181	3%	87%
County	487	12%	1,507	25%	209%
City of Nottingham	3,335	86%	4,288	72%	29%
Others*	77	2%	192	3%	149%
Total	3,899	100%	5,987	100%	54%
* Membership of NCU is restricted to those who live or work in the City of Nottingham or Nottinghamshire, or people who are tenants of certain Housing Associations, plus their family members living at the same address. 'Others' currently consists of work in areas (77); HA tenants (^); no longer qualifying (76) and members for whom no contact details are available (33).					

Nottingham Credit Union Services

8. NCU offers a number of savings accounts and affordable loans, the benefits may be summarised as follows:

- Saving regularly with a credit union is particularly beneficial for people on low incomes by offering them access to affordable loans. NCU offers low cost, unsecured personal loans. Larger loans are available to members who have previously borrowed and have a good repayment record. Loans include life insurance, there are no set up fees, no repayment penalties or hidden charges. Some members, particularly young parents, develop a sound financial understanding and no longer require loans.
- Using Nottingham Credit Union for a loan makes sound financial sense. For example to borrow £500 over 6 months monthly repayments would be £89.97 and the total interest paid £39.80 (reducing to £35.41 if repaid weekly).
- By comparison, in terms of short term loans Wonga is one of the market leaders. The closest comparison with the above loan they could offer is £400 over 30 days costing £125.48 in interest and fees.

The Request from NCU

9. NCU has requested funding support, preferably in the form of a grant, from both Nottinghamshire County Council and Nottingham City Council. This is because the organisation estimates that to maintain its current position and achieve projected growth they have a shortfall of £200,000. The initial request put to both Councils was for £100,000 to be granted to the organisation.
10. Nottingham City Council has agreed in principle to grant £65,000 to NCU, subject to Nottinghamshire County Council also contributing a grant to NCU. If £65,000 were to be granted by each Council, this would equate to £15.15 per member for City area residents and £43.13 per member for County area residents.
11. NCU's strategy is to become self sustaining; earned income is growing and accounted for 42% of income in 2011 and is projected at 56% for 2012. However securing sustainability, projected for 2016 in accordance with its adopted plan, assumed continued revenue funding from DWP of £104,000 per year which has now been unexpectedly withdrawn.
12. NCU is committed to continuing its services, but without additional revenue funding over the next two years it will have to reduce services and operating overheads. This will put the credit union back a number of years in terms of growth and sustainability. NCU need to plan now to keep the service going until they become viable hence the funding request to the County and City Councils.

Financial position

13. Increasing the number and amount of loans is vital to the credit union becoming financially sustainable. NCU have made good progress with this showing an increase in earned income of over £125,000 in 2011 compared to 2010. Grant income remained at the same level and the challenge for NCU is to continue growing their loan income to replace that lost from grants.
14. NCU are endeavouring to reduce costs where possible. Initiatives to reduce costs further are being put in hand and at a Special Board meeting in August 2012 cuts of 15% in staffing costs were agreed. NCU employs 18 staff, many part time, corresponding about to 14 FTE and has a large number of volunteers.

Other Options Considered

15. If NCC did not approve grant aid funding, Nottingham Credit Union would continue to operate without financial support from the County Council. However the impact of reduced budgets would be significant in that it would:
 - increase the likelihood of bad debts. Experience has shown that if no local collection point is available this leads to an increase in members defaulting;
 - reduce access for residents to affordable loans. As demonstrated above responsible borrowing through a credit union could save families hundreds of pounds;
 - restrict the opportunity to develop further services. NCU are exploring "jam jar" accounts where money is deposited in a CU account and key bills are paid first.

Residents in receipt of universal credit will be able to use these accounts and avoid defaulting on rent and council tax etc;

- undermine the steps taken in the last two years to grow by merging Nottinghamshire credit unions and increasing earned income

These could be regarded as a necessary consequence of a drop in grant funding.

16. NCC approve grant funding NCU jointly with Nottingham City Council. A maximum of £65,000 from each Council should ensure that NCU remains on the path to sustainability and will be able to grow its services in Nottinghamshire.
17. However, given that County membership is 25% of the total membership a reduced amount in proportion with membership levels should be considered. Calculated as follows:
 - City residents constitute 75% of membership, and Nottingham City Council are contributing £65,000 – this represents £866.66 for each 1% of membership.
 - County residents constitute 25% of membership, so the County Council contribution should be - £866.66 x 25 = £21.666.
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Reason(s) for Recommendation(s)

18. To support the development and sustainability of NCU and ensure that Nottinghamshire residents continue to benefit from its services.

Statutory and Policy Implications

19. 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)

20. That Members approve a contribution of up to £22,000 from the Grant Aid Budget.

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Constitutional Comments (NAB 03.04.13)

Grant Aid Sub-Committee has authority to approve the recommendation set out in this report.

Financial Comments (RWK 28/03/2013)

The proposed grant of up to £22,000 can be funded from the 2013/14 budget allocation for grant aid.

Background Papers

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Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

ALL

**REPORT OF THE TEMPORARY GROUP MANAGER SAFER AND
ENGAGED COMMUNITIES****SELF HELP NOTTINGHAM****Purpose of Report**

1. The purpose of this report is to inform Members of the work of Self Help Nottingham and to seek approval for a commitment to provide grant aid funding for 2013/14 and 2014/15.

Advice & Information

2. Self Help Nottingham [SHN] has been working in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire for over 30 years supporting new and existing self help groups for people who are living with health and wellbeing issues which present challenges for dealing with everyday life.
3. Historically, the organisation has worked predominantly in the Greater Nottingham area and the south of the county funded by health (PCT). For many years SHN was supported by the county council through a secondment which ended in 2008. The organisation then received grant aid which supported the work of SHN to be extended to the north of the county. Following the review of grant aid funding in 2011 SHN were not successful.
4. The impact of losing the grant aid in 2011 has been reduced service provision to the north of the county and stretched capacity to undertake the full level of the service to support health and social care professionals to engage with local groups. Demand for services has steadily increased over the last 5 years as the group's capacity to deliver particularly in the north of the county has reduced.

Wider context to SHN

5. In 2008, SHN received innovation funding from the Department of Health to replicate the services that they provide in Nottinghamshire to the rest of the country. This project has brought national interest to SHN's work and has been identified as a model of best practice by the Department of Health and the national QIPP team (DH 2012).
6. The model which has developed to support self-help groups is now central to the provision of self care support to people living with long term health conditions (especially the frail elderly and people living with co-morbidities) and one which is now widely accepted as part of a new delivery model for long term conditions being developed by the Department of Health and the Kings Fund.

7. The group's success nationally is wholly as a result of the quality of the service that has been provided to groups in Nottinghamshire for 30 years. However, it is now struggling to reach areas of the county where there are high level of health inequalities.
8. SHN are especially keen to maintain their support to new and emerging independent alcohol and drug recovery self-help groups which were initially pump primed by the county PCT in 2011 and which have supported the creation of new groups in Ollerton and Mansfield.
9. SHN are keen to develop their best practice support to groups that impact on the county councils priorities detailed in the health and wellbeing strategy and are requesting Grant Aid to contribute to the funds we receive from the CCGs (formally the PCT) which will improve the level of service to the north of the county.

The need for self-help groups in Nottinghamshire

10. SHN supports a wide spectrum of self help groups across the county but especially provides assistance to groups for people living with long term health conditions, mental health issues and drug and alcohol addiction.
11. In Nottinghamshire there are currently over 86,000 people (13% of the population) experiencing common mental illnesses. Often this is in addition and often a consequence of living with a long term health condition such as diabetes or COPD.
12. With a higher than average population of older people living in Nottinghamshire, there is a significant financial cost of health and social care services for older people living with multiple causes of ill health and disability.
13. The impact of an aging population across the county is significant and is expected to increase as the proportion of older people living in the county exceeds 31% by 2020.
14. Whilst the prevalence of older people living with one or more long term condition is high in Nottinghamshire, the levels of long term conditions in general is close to the national average. However there are significant hot spots of increased levels of diabetes, COPD and cardiovascular disease which require particular attention to reduce impact on the health and social care economy.
15. In 2010, Nottinghamshire PCT provided pump priming funding to support the development of new independent alcohol recovery support groups across the county and city. This work has been highly successful and SHN is supporting a growing number of SMART recovery groups in the county. This work supports the reduction of alcohol and drug misuse across the county and provides people in recovery with a choice of support as well as promoting recovery and uptake of services.
16. SHN has been identified as an exemplar organisation by the Department of Health in delivering systemised support to people wishing to self care. Actively taking responsibility for your own health and wellbeing is a central part of self help group activity. Members are able to manage their own health and wellbeing better and evidence suggests that they use health and social care services more discerningly as a result.
17. Self help groups offer the opportunity for people to come together to share their experience in doing so they ultimately foster independence and personal responsibility.

18. Some of the key benefits of self help groups are:

- People have greater choice and control over how they get support to stay healthy and live independently.
- People are empowered to make positive choices and decisions about their lives
- People are actively engaged in patient and citizen participation across health and wellbeing in the county
- Increase in awareness and understanding of healthy lifestyle choices and self-management.
- Behaviour change that will ultimately improve health and wellbeing outcomes and reduce health inequalities through evidence-based, cost effective, systematic self-management interventions.
- Improvements in emotional well being, reduced anxiety and depression
- Changes in health related behaviour- increased levels of exercise, dietary control etc

Other Options Considered

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

Statutory and Policy Implications

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Reasons for Recommendation

21. Approval of grant aid funding will enable SHN to provide a service in Nottinghamshire which includes:

- specialist information and guidance to self-help groups- including, training, information packs, newsletters and practical support
- information and advice to individuals who are seeking to join or establish a self help group
- support and training to groups to increase their capacity to respond to issues of equality and diversity.
- support and information to professionals who wish to help develop or refer service users to self help groups
- provision of networks and mechanisms of support to strengthen and enhance self help activity throughout the county
- provide consistent information about self help groups for professionals and the public – including the production of the Countywide Directory of Self Help Groups which is available to all GP's within the county electronically and which can be integrated in to new and existing support directories in the future.

Recommendation

22. That Members approve the following grant aid to Self-Help Nottingham:

- £20,000 in 2013/14
- £17,848 in 2014/15

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Constitutional Comments (NAB 28.03.13)

The grant aid sub-committee has authority to approve the recommendation set out in this report by virtue of its terms of reference.

Financial Comments (RWK 28/03/2013)

The proposed grant(s) of £20,000 to Self Help Nottingham in 2013/14 and £17,848 in 2014/15 can be funded from the 2013/14, and 2014/15 revenue budget allocations for grant aid.

Background Papers and Published Documents

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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>
April 2013				
Disability Nottinghamshire	Presentation on work of group	Information	Cathy Harvey	
Domestic Violence	Reallocation of grant aid	Decision	Chris Walker	Rachel Adams
Bassetlaw Learning Disability Association	Consideration of application for funding a lift	Decision	Cathy Harvey	Paul Roberts
Nottingham Credit Union	Funding of £22,000 to support the groups work in Nottinghamshire	Decision	Cathy Harvey	
Self Help Nottingham	Request for funding to support self help groups in Nottinghamshire	Decision	Cathy Harvey	
July 2013				
Grant Aid Audit	Outcome of grant aid audit and progress on recommendations	Information	Cathy Harvey	
Grant Aid Budget Priorities for 2013/14	Proposals for the use of any unallocated budget	Decision	Cathy Harvey	Paul Roberts
Working with the 'Big Lottery'	Update on progress and recommendations for the allocation of grant aid	Decision/ Information	Cathy Harvey	Mick McGrath
Grant Aid Annual Report	A snapshot of ways in which grant aid has been allocated	Information	Cathy Harvey	Joanne Fletcher-Nesbeth

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Arts and Sports Grant Aid Funding Allocations 2013/14	Update on how funding allocated	Information	Sue Cullen	Kevin Tennant
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Volunteering	Implementing NCC's Volunteering Strategy	Information	Cathy Harvey	Paul Roberts
Grant Aid Budget	Update on spend and predicted out-turn for 2014/15	Information	Cathy Harvey	
Grant Aid Budget priorities for 2014/15	Proposals for use of any unallocated budget	Decision	Cathy Harvey	
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January 2014				
May 2014				

15 April 2013

Agenda Item: 9

REPORT OF CORPORATE DIRECTOR, POLICY, PLANNING AND CORPORATE SERVICES

WORK PROGRAMME

Purpose of the Report

1. To consider the Committee's work programme for 2013/14.

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.

Jayne Francis-Ward
Corporate Director, Policy, Planning and Corporate Services

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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

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