

## Appendix 1:

### Your Nottinghamshire, Your Future: Local Improvement Scheme - An Integrated Funding Strategy

#### Our approach

Nottinghamshire is a place people are proud to call home. Its countryside, historic market towns and villages are precious, with strong and vibrant communities at the heart of everything the Council does.

The Council wants its towns and villages to be vibrant places where younger and older people appreciate, support and benefit from each other's knowledge and experience.

The Council wants local people to feel more in control of work taking place to improve their communities as well as empowering people to remain independent for as long as they can.

#### Shaping the future

The way in which we live our lives is changing at an unprecedented rate and this is a fantastic opportunity to support local communities in making Nottinghamshire a great place to live, work, visit and relax.

Through the careful stewardship of our Local Improvement Scheme funding the Council wants to help develop strong and resilient communities by:

- Focusing on helping people to help themselves through encouraging volunteering and involvement in local organisations and charities.
- Working in partnership to protect communities from crime and anti-social behaviour so people can be more confident about their safety.
- Promoting healthier lifestyle choices.
- Protecting and developing the local environment and heritage.

#### Key principles

We will be guided in the choices and decisions we make by a set of principles:

**A Member Led approach** – ensuring that elected members in their roles as community leaders take a strategic lead on decision making.

**A Corporate approach** – decisions are aligned to the Council's priorities.

**Recognition of the VCS** – valuing the enormous contribution made across the county.

**Centralised administration** – a streamlined process for the administration of the Local Improvement Scheme Integrated Fund across the Council.

**Proportionality at all stages** – a simple application, 1 or 2 payments each year, monitoring simplified.

**Making better use of IT** – application & monitoring processes.

**Using resources well** – spending money wisely.

#### **Supporting creativity and innovation**

**Longer agreements** – where possible revenue awards to be for a period of 3 years to enable the VCS to forward plan.

**A maximum award of £30,000** – for revenue funding per year per application.

**A maximum award of £50,000** – for capital funding per year per application.

#### **Partnership working applications are encouraged**

**Revenue grants** – should contribute towards provision, not to directly purchase key services, making the Local Improvement Scheme Integrated Fund distinct from commissioning.

**Capital grants** – must be delivered within 2 years of application being approved.

**Annual Small Grants fund** – will be available to support individuals and activities such as talented athletes and summer play-schemes.

## Types of funding available

Local Improvement Scheme Integrated Funding provides a unique and powerful tool to support and contribute to people and communities being better prepared for future challenges.

The Council is encouraging innovative and creative applications which support the priorities of 'Your Nottinghamshire – Your Future'.

Funding is available for revenue and capital support as described here. This strategy should be read in conjunction with our Guide to the Local Improvement Scheme Integrated Fund, Priority Descriptions and Local Improvement Scheme Integrated Fund Terms and Conditions.

All funding will be aligned to the Council's Strategic Plan. The priorities of particular relevance are outlined below.

## Capital

Capital funding is available to help various groups, organizations and volunteers deliver community-based improvement schemes.

This can help fund schemes that deliver a new asset or improve an existing asset, such as land, buildings, play equipment etc. The asset we help to fund or improve will also need to remain in public use for more than a year after we've funded the scheme.

More detailed guidance is available on our webpage.

## Revenue

Revenue funding is available to community and voluntary groups – to contribute towards provision, not to directly purchase key services.

More detailed guidance is available on our webpage.

## Small Annual Fund

The small annual fund is a specifically targeted fund and available to:

- Individuals – specifically, talented young athletes,
- Summer play schemes,
- A priority approved by elected members.

More detailed guidance is available on our webpage.

## **FUNDING PRIORITIES**

<b>Priority</b>	<b>Theme</b>	<b>Examples</b>	<b>Outcomes anticipated</b>	<b>Type of grant available</b>
A great place to live, work, visit and relax	Communities, Environment & Place	Community-based improvement schemes, e.g. war memorials, gateway signs and youth facilities.	To help deliver local economic and community benefits.	Capital / Annual
People live in vibrant and supportive communities	<p>Connected communities</p> <p>Building community resilience and cohesion</p> <p>Promoting independence</p> <p>Information, advice and support networks</p> <p>Infrastructure support</p>	<p>Supporting volunteering – helping people have stronger links with their communities.</p> <p>Promoting independence – increased confidence and self-worth.</p> <p>Community transport – affordable mobility solutions improving quality of life.</p> <p>Information and advice – promoting independence and resilience.</p> <p>Community cohesion.</p> <p>Work with Community Safety Partnerships.</p>	<p>Communities playing an active role in supporting good support systems and social networks.</p> <p>People better placed to help themselves and each other.</p> <p>People can support themselves through a better use of digital technology or through community networks.</p> <p>Age Friendly communities are supported to tackle loneliness and isolation.</p>	Revenue

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People are Healthier	Promoting healthier lifestyles	<p>Sport development and involvement including participation and volunteering.</p> <p>Maintenance of physical / emotional / mental wellbeing, e.g. falls prevention.</p> <p>Improve the quality of creative arts for residents.</p> <p>People are equipped with skills to support self-management and independence, e.g. exercise.</p>	<p>People are encouraged to be more active.</p> <p>Healthy life expectancy.</p> <p>Physical and emotional wellbeing improves.</p>	Revenue
People live independently for as long as possible		<p>Live at Home Schemes.</p> <p>Social / Neighbourhood networks.</p>	<p>People remain independent for longer in their own communities.</p>	Revenue
People can access the right care and support at the right time		<p>Provision of information and advice to promote and improve independence, resilience and quality of life.</p>	<p>People are healthy and independent.</p> <p>Age Friendly communities are supported to tackle loneliness and isolation.</p>	Revenue
Families prosper and achieve potential	Young people are safe and happy	<p>Providing children and young people with early help and support.</p> <p>Good quality targeted youth services.</p> <p>Play Forum Support.</p> <p>Talented Athletes.</p> <p>Summer Play Schemes.</p>	<p>Improved physical and mental health.</p> <p>Young people enjoy a happy, safe and prosperous life.</p>	Revenue / Capital