

Report of the Deputy Chief Executive

**GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS,
CHARITABLE BODIES AND INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED IN SPORTS,
THE ARTS AND DISABILITY MATTERS 2020/21**1. Purpose of Report

To consider requests for grant aid in accordance with the provisions of the Council's Grant Aid Policy.

2. Applications and Financial Position

Details of the grant application received is included in the appendix for consideration. The amount available for distribution in 2020/21 is as follows:

	£
Revenue Grant Aid Budget	168,800
Less: Estimated requirements for:	
Rent awards and other commitments (#)	38,900
Less: Grants awarded to date	115,650
BALANCE AVAILABLE FOR DISTRIBUTION	<u>14,250</u>

(#) This includes provisions in respect of the application from 2nd Kimberley Scout Group and 5th Stapleford Scout Group.

Recommendation

The Committee is asked to consider the requests and RESOLVE accordingly.

Background papers

Nil

APPENDIXApplications

The following grant applications have been received for consideration in 2020/21:

<u>Applicant</u>		<u>Grant Award 2019/20</u> £	<u>Grant Request 2020/21</u> £
2 nd Kimberley Scout Group	1	7,000	7,000*
5 th Stapleford Scout Group	2	4,500	4,500*
	Total		11,500

The total request is made up of £nil in 'cash' from the balances available, with £11,500* being covered by a provision for rents and other commitments.

Uniformed Groups Category1. 2ND KIMBERLEY SCOUT GROUP

The 2nd Kimberley Scout Group was established in 1955 and is based in Council owned premises at Kettlebrook Lodge on Eastwood Road in Kimberley. The Group continues to thrive and has over 200 members (both junior members and voluntary helpers) from Kimberley and the surrounding areas.

The aim of the Group is to provide activities within the Scout Association organisation. The Group is responsible for the maintenance and up-keep of Kettlebrook Lodge as a community venue. The facilities are currently utilised by the Scouts and Guides organisation, a pre-school playgroup, as a blood donor centre and for other events and functions. It is estimated that over 4,000 people use the facilities every year.

The latest accounts for the year ended 31 March 2020 showed receipts of £38,274 being generated from subscriptions (less capitation), donations, grants, hire of hall, fundraising and other activities. Payments amounted to £39,513, which included premises expenses (rent, heating, lighting, repairs and maintenance), cleaning and caretaking, cost of activities and fundraising events and other expenses. The General Fund is represented by cash and bank balances, which at 31 March 2020 amounted to £18,337. This money is earmarked towards repairs and improvements to Kettlebrook Lodge.

The current tenancy agreement for Kettlebrook Lodge replaced a previous peppercorn rent arrangement. As part of the Council's aim to secure market rental on its properties, the annual rent was assessed at £6,500 (increased to £7,000 from 2019/20). The 2nd Kimberley Scout Group has suggested that it would be unable to sustain a rental charge of this size.

The Council has supported 2nd Kimberley Scout Group with grant aid for many years towards its rental obligations. The grants awarded in the past four years were:

2019/20	£7,000
2018/19	£6,500
2017/18	£6,500
2016/17	£6,500

The Council also supported 2nd Kimberley Scout Group with £5,000 of capital funding in April 2018 for the full cost of replacing the boiler at Kettlebrook Lodge, with the Council's officers also providing technical support in the process of assessing the scheme and evaluating quotations.

For 2020/21 the 2nd Kimberley Scout Group has requested a grant of £7,000 to cover the market rental of Kettlebrook Lodge. This grant would be for a period of one year and would be matched by allowances within the premises income budget and therefore leave the Council's overall budget unchanged.

2. 5TH STAPLEFORD SCOUT GROUP

The 5th Stapleford Scout Group was established in 1964 and is based at Stapleford House, Wesley Place in Stapleford. The Group currently has 82 members of all ages (scouts, cubs, beavers, leaders and voluntary helpers), the majority of whom are residents of Stapleford and Bramcote.

The aim of the 5th Stapleford Scout Group is to provide activities within the scout association organisation. The Group provides an interest for local children aged between 6 and 14 years to experience new adventures, learn new team and individual skills required for scouting activities, play new games and meet new friends. The Group are also supported by the local community at regular fundraising events such as jumble sales and fairs.

For the year ended 28 February 2020, receipts of £15,600 were generated from subscriptions, grants, donations and fundraising and other activities. Annual payments amounted to £15,641 and included membership fees, equipment, premises expenses such as rent, heating, lighting, repairs and maintenance and the cost of activities and fundraising events. Cash and bank balances as at 28 February 2020 amounted to £11,982.

The 5th Stapleford Scout Group commenced their lease for first floor at Stapleford House from September 2014. The tenancy agreement reflects the Council's aim of securing economic rents on its properties, with the annual rent of the accommodation assessed at £4,500. The 5th Stapleford Scout Group only has limited financial resources and suggests that it would be unable to sustain a rental charge of this size.

The Council has regularly supported the 5th Stapleford Scout Group for many years with grant aid towards its rental obligations. The grants awarded in the past four years were as follows:

2019/20	£4,500
2018/19	£4,500
2017/18	£4,500
2016/17	£4,500

For 2020/21 the 5th Stapleford Scout Group has requested a grant of £4,500 to cover the annual market rental of the accommodation at Stapleford House. This potential grant award would be for a period of one year and would have no effect on the Council's overall budget, with the award being matched in the Council's premises income budget.