

Report of the Portfolio Holder for Resources and Personnel Policy

**GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS,
CHARITABLE BODIES AND INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED IN SPORTS,
THE ARTS AND DISABILITY MATTERS 2022/23**

1. Purpose of Report

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

2. Recommendation

Cabinet is asked to CONSIDER the requests and RESOLVE accordingly.

3. Detail

Details of the grant applications received are included in the appendix for consideration. The amount available for distribution in 2022/23 is as follows:

	<u>£</u>
Revenue Grant Aid Budget	168,800
Less: Estimated requirements for: Rent Awards and Related Commitments	22,300
Less: Grant Awards to Date	154,195
OVERCOMMITTED BUDGET	(7,695)

Members will recall from an earlier meeting that the overcommitted grant aid budget is being financed by a withdrawal from General Fund balances.

Details of the grant applications received are included in the appendix for consideration. Although the amount available for distribution in 2022/23 has now been exhausted, all bar one of the grant applications presented in this report are wholly covered by the above noted provision for rent awards and related commitments. Accordingly, should Members wish to approve all grant applications presented in this report, the additional overspend would total £5,303.

4. Financial Implications

The comments from the Head of Finance Services were as follows:

The grant aid budget is now fully exhausted. The total grant amount requested in this report is £27,603, of which £22,300 is already provided for in the rent provision above. The remaining £5,303 'cash' grant, if approved, would need to be financed with a further unplanned withdrawal from General Fund Reserves.

5. Legal Implications

The Council is empowered to make grants to voluntary organisations by virtue of Section 48 Local Government Act 1985 (as well as other legislation). Having an approved process in line the legislation and the Council's Grant Aid Policy will ensure the Council's compliance with its legal duties.

6. Human Resources Implications

Not applicable.

7. Union Comments

Not applicable.

8. Data Protection Compliance Implications

There are no Data Protection issues in relation to this report.

9. Equality Impact Assessment

As there is no change to policy an equality impact assessment is not required.

10. Background Papers

Nil.

APPENDIX

Applications

The following grant applications have been received for consideration in 2022/23:

		<u>Grant Award 2021/22</u> £	<u>Grant Request 2022/23</u> £
Chilwell Community Association	1	3,150	3,150
Eastwood People's Initiative	2	2,500	2,500
5 th Stapleford Scout Group	3	4,500	4,500
2 nd Beeston Sea Scouts	4	2,150	2,150
Age Concern Eastwood	5	9,000	9,000
Bramcote Cricket Club	6	1,000	1,000
Greasley Gathering	7	1,000	2,000
Transform Training	8	Nil	3,303
		Total	<u>27,603</u>

As noted above, all these requests aside from items 7 and 8 (from the Greasley Gathering and Transform Training respectively) are covered within the provision for rent awards and related commitments.

1. CHILWELL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

The Chilwell Community Association was set up with its own Constitution in January 2002 and is responsible for the day-to-day management and development of the Council premises at Chilwell Community Centre on Inham Road in Chilwell.

The aim of the Association is to provide facilities at a reasonable cost to enable local community groups and individuals to use the premises for a variety of purposes including a holiday club for local children and occasional events. The main user of the facility is the Nottinghamshire County Council Library Service and this provides an important resource and meeting place for the community.

Financial Information

For the year ended 31 March 2022, the Chilwell Community Association generated receipts of £14,151 (2021: £13,088) from grant aid and fees. Payments amounted to £9,995 (2021: £9,468) including rent, wages, property maintenance, utilities, insurance and other miscellaneous costs. Cash and bank balances as at 31 March 2022 had increased to £40,988 (2021: £36,832). These funds are earmarked towards the enhancement of facilities at the Community Centre, including the provision of additional facilities at the Centre, and to provide initial financial support to newly formed groups using the Centre in order for them to become established for long-term use.

Grant Request

The Council has previously supported Chilwell Community Association with grants towards its premises rental. The grants awarded in the past four years were as follows:

2021/22	£3,150
2020/21	£3,150
2019/20	£3,150
2018/19	£3,150

For 2022/23, the Association has requested a similar grant of £3,150 to cover the market rent of the Chilwell Community Centre. This 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.

Such an award would be in line with the Council's Grant Aid policy for the following key reasons:

- The services provided by Chilwell Community Association benefit Broxtowe residents and are complementary to the services provided by the Council.
- The activities of Chilwell Community Association target the needs of vulnerable and disadvantaged sections of the community, in particular helping to combat loneliness and social exclusion within the Borough, as well as providing educational and co-curricular benefits to local children.
- Community Associations such as Chilwell Community Association are a specific category of organisation welcomed to apply for Grant Aid.

2. EASTWOOD PEOPLE'S INITIATIVE

Eastwood People's Initiative is a registered charity that was formed in 1982 that serves Eastwood and the surrounding communities in north Broxtowe.

The objectives of the charity are for the relief of poverty, sickness and distress amongst the unemployed, those with low incomes, the homeless and individuals with a drugs dependency in the surrounding area. The charity also aims to advance the education and promote the benefit of local people.

Eastwood People's Initiative offers practical help and emotional support for any individual, with particular regard to people on low income or unemployed. The charity provides benefits advice and support, jobsearch and CV preparation support, short courses and also basic items such as clothing and bedding. Liaison and partnership working with other local initiatives such as the Durban House Hub and Connected Nottinghamshire is engaged with or planned.

Financial Information

For the year ended 5 April 2022, Eastwood People's Initiative generated total receipts of £30,118 (2021: £14,103) from grants and donations. Annual expenditure of £18,399 (2021: £13,447) related to costs for rent, ICT, telephone and utilities costs, office equipment, professional/legal fees and other operating costs including the provision of the job club.

Cash at bank and in hand at 5 April 2022 totalled £12,088. In addition to this, Eastwood People's Initiative also holds approximately £64,000 in an investment account, representing the balance of a capital receipt from the sale of a bungalow on Seymour Road in 2018/19.

Grant Request

The Council has regularly supported Eastwood People's Initiative with grants towards its operating costs. The grants awarded in the past four years being as follows:

2021/22	£2,500
2020/21	£2,500
2019/20	£2,500
2018/19	£2,500

For 2022/23, Eastwood People's Initiative has requested a similar grant of £2,500 to cover the market rent and buildings insurance (£1,750) and other associated premises costs (£750). Such an award would be in line with the Council's Grant Aid policy for the following key reasons:

- The services provided by Eastwood People's Initiative benefit Broxtowe residents and are complementary to the services provided by the Council.
- The activities of Eastwood People's Initiative target the needs of vulnerable and disadvantaged sections of the community.
- Caring Organisations such as Eastwood People's Initiative are a specific category of organisation welcomed to apply for Grant Aid.

3. 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 just under 100 members of all ages (scouts, cubs, beavers, leaders and voluntary helpers), the majority of whom are residents of Broxtowe.

The aim of the 5th Stapleford Scout Group is to provide activities within the scout association organisation. The Group provides a safe and fun environment for children aged between 6 and 18 (with the opening of the new Explorer section) to learn new skills, meet new people, have adventure and develop themselves.

Financial Information

For the year ended 28 February 2022, receipts of £13,501 (2021: £11,780) were generated from subscriptions, grants, donations and fundraising and other activities. Annual payments amounted to £9,504 (2021: £8,322) and included equipment, capitation, 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 2022 were £14,886.

Grant Request

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:

2021/22	£4,500
2020/21	£4,500
2019/20	£4,500
2018/19	£4,500

For 2022/23 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. Such an award would be in line with the Council's Grant Aid policy for the following key reasons:

- The services provided by 5th Stapleford Scout Group benefit Broxtowe residents and are complementary to the services provided by the Council.
- The activities of 5th Stapleford Scout Group provide educational and co-curricular benefits to local children and young people.
- Uniformed Groups such as 5th Stapleford Scout Group are a specific category of organisation welcomed to apply for Grant Aid.

4. 2ND BEESTON SEA SCOUTS

The 2nd Beeston Sea Scouts was established in 1928 and is based at Lilac Grove in Beeston. The group serves the South West Nottinghamshire Scout District, including Attenborough, Beeston South, Beeston Rylands and the west of Nottingham City. It currently has 110 members (including 80 junior members) with the majority living in Broxtowe.

The aim of the 2nd Beeston Sea Scouts is to provide scouting activities, under the policy and rules of the Scout Association, with the speciality of water based activities such as canoeing, kayaking, rowing and sailing. The main activities of the group attempt to develop young people in life skills in many areas of physical, social and mental development, training young people to be good citizens.

Financial Information

For the year ended 31 December 2021, 2nd Beeston Sea Scouts generated receipts of £240,050 (2020: £65,073) from subscriptions, grants, donations and fundraising activities. Total payments amounted to £138,824 (2020: £37,258) and included premises expenses, such as heating and lighting and repairs and renewals, boat maintenance, youth programme activities (i.e. camps), purchase of equipment and capitation. The cash and bank balances at 31 December 2020 increased to £153,473 (2020: £52,247).

The increase in the cash and bank balances is primarily due to a successful funding drive for the construction of a new headquarters for the group, including one particularly generous one-off donation. Funds raised for the construction of the new headquarters are ring-fenced and not available for general use. Cash available for general purposes as at the date of the current application (19 December 2022) was £12,874, with £145,891 held in the ring-fenced reserve for the new headquarters.

Grant Request

The Council has regularly supported the 2nd Beeston Sea Scouts with grant aid towards its rental obligations. The grants awarded in the past four years were as follows:

2021/22	£2,150
2020/21	£2,150
2019/20	£1,750
2018/19	£1,750

For 2022/23 the 2nd Beeston Sea Scouts has requested a grant of £2,150 to cover the market rental of the Lilac Grove premises. This grant award would be for a period of one year and would have no effect on the Council's overall budget, with the potential award being matched by allowances within the premises income budget. Such an award would be in line with the Council's Grant Aid policy for the following key reasons:

- The services provided by 2nd Beeston Sea Scouts benefit Broxtowe residents and are complementary to the services provided by the Council.
- The activities of 2nd Beeston Sea Scouts provide educational and co-curricular benefits to local children and young people.
- Uniformed Groups such as 2nd Beeston Sea Scouts are a specific category of organisation welcomed to apply for Grant Aid.

5. AGE CONCERN EASTWOOD

Age Concern Eastwood is a registered charity, established in 1970, that is based at The Colin Dyson Centre on Edward Road in Eastwood (premises

owned by the Council). The group generates its membership from Eastwood and the surrounding area. Around 70 clients use its services with the majority being Broxtowe residents aged 60 years or over.

Age Concern Eastwood provides welfare facilities to local elderly residents. Its clientele includes some disabled users, others who are suffering with dementia and those who may be isolated. The group aims to provide a quality meeting place, companionship, socialising, entertainment and advice for its elderly users by offering a wide variety of activities such as a luncheon club, social events and activities, arts and crafts and festive parties.

The charity provides its own volunteer driver service as transport for its more isolated members, with the National Lottery 'Awards for All' scheme having provided some funding to help with expenses related to this. Small grants have also been received from Nottinghamshire County Council and Eastwood Town Council.

Financial Information

For the year ended 31 March 2022, income totalling £76,026 (2021: £25,258) was generated from grants and donations (including £28,140 from the Nottinghamshire County Council Covid Rescue scheme, £9,000 from this Council and £10,500 from the Nottinghamshire County Council Local Improvement Scheme), meals and drinks receipts, transport receipts, fundraising and other activities. Annual expenditure of £61,739 (2021: £10,321) mainly related to wages, transport, equipment, repairs and renewals, meals and catering, rent, utilities, insurance and other general running costs. Cash at bank and in hand as at 31 March 2022 increased to £99,030 (2021: £84,743).

Grant Request

The Council has supported Age Concern Eastwood for many years with grants towards its premises (including rental) and transport costs. The grants awarded in the past four years were as follows:

2021/22	£9,000
2020/21	£9,000
2019/20	£9,000
2018/19	£9,000

For 2022/23, Age Concern Eastwood has requested a grant of £9,000 towards its running costs, including the rental of the Edward Road premises. This grant award would be for a period of one year and would have no effect on the Council's overall budget, with the potential award being matched by allowances already made within the grant aid budget.

Such an award would be in line with the Council's Grant Aid policy for the following key reasons:

- The services provided by Age Concern Eastwood benefit Broxtowe residents and are complementary to the services provided by the Council.
- The activities of Age Concern Eastwood target the needs of vulnerable and disadvantaged sections of the community, in particular helping to combat loneliness and social exclusion within the Borough.
- Caring Organisations such as Age Concern Eastwood are a specific category of organisation welcomed to apply for Grant Aid.

Members should note that the grant aid policy would normally require that all 'cash' grant awards of £5,000 or above to be subject to a Service Level Agreement.

6. BRAMCOTE CRICKET CLUB

Bramcote Cricket Club was founded in 1858 and is based at Bramcote Hills Park on Ilkeston Road in Bramcote. Bramcote Cricket Club provides an opportunity to play and watch cricket. The club currently runs a number of league cricket teams and offers coaching for junior teams.

The Club is open to anyone interested in playing or coaching cricket and currently has around 50-60 members, the majority of whom live in Broxtowe. In addition, a further 100 juniors regularly attend the club to play and practice, as do other visiting clubs from around the Borough.

Financial Information

Bramcote Cricket Club provided its financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022 for scrutiny. These show income totalling £10,462 (2021: £14,921) being mainly generated from subscriptions, match fees, bar sales, grants and other fundraising activities. Annual expenditure of £15,967 (2021: £13,496) included bar expenses, pavilion costs, pitch maintenance, pitch hire, rent, insurances and other running costs. Cash and bank balances as at 31 December 2022 are recorded as £15,802 (2021: £21,275).

Grant Request

The Council has supported Bramcote Cricket Club for many years with grants towards its premises costs (including rental) and the occasional capital grant towards facilities and equipment. The grants awarded in the past four years were as follows:

2021/22	£1,000
2020/21	£1,000
2019/20	£1,000
2018/19	£865

For 2022/23, Bramcote Cricket Club has requested a similar revenue grant of £1,000 towards the total cost of its annual rent obligations. This award would be for a period of one year and would be matched by allowances within the

premises income budget, leaving the Council's overall budget unchanged. Such an award would be in line with the Council's Grant Aid policy for the following key reasons:

- The services provided by Bramcote Cricket Club benefit Broxtowe residents and are complementary to the services provided by the Council.
- The activities of Bramcote Cricket Club target the needs of vulnerable and disadvantaged sections of the community, in particular helping to combat loneliness and social exclusion within the Borough.

7. GREASLEY GATHERING

A grant application has been received from the organising committee of the Greasley Gathering for assistance towards the costs of a free family fun-day multi-venue event in the parish of Greasley to be held on 29 May 2023 to celebrate the Bank Holiday Weekend.

The Greasley Gathering event has been taking place since 2013, having been born out of the late Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations. The event is hugely popular with over 1,000 people attending. At previous Gatherings there have been attractions from all across the parish including local pubs, Colliers' Wood, Beauvale Priory and Greasley Church and Craft Fair. The group organises transport (London buses) to enable everyone to get around the other venues.

Financial Information

The financial statements provided by The Greasley Gathering for scrutiny relate to the event held on 5 June 2022 (following a two-year hiatus due to the Covid-19 pandemic). These show generated receipts of £4,614 relating to grants (including £1,000 from this Council), donations, stallholders and event day takings. The total spend was £4,780 for entertainment, transport hire, refreshments, printing and advertising. The resultant small deficit (£166) was taken from cash and bank balances which reduced to £1,505.

The Greasley Gathering anticipates grants for this year's event from Greasley Parish Council and from Nottinghamshire County Council. Though the amounts are not yet confirmed, it is expected that these will be in the range of £350-£800 in total.

Grant Request

The Council have supported the Greasley Gathering for many years with grant aid towards its running costs. The grants awarded in the past four years were as follows:

2021/22	£1,000
2020/21	£nil*
2019/20	£nil*
2018/19	£1,000

*Cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

For 2022/23 the Greasley Gathering has requested a grant of £2,000 to assist with the costs incurred in running the event. Such an award would be in line with the Council's Grant Aid policy for the following key reasons:

- The Greasley Gathering benefits Broxtowe residents, enhancing their quality of life, and is complementary to the services provided by the Council.
- The Greasley Gathering helps to combat loneliness and social exclusion within the Borough.

8. TRANSFORM TRAINING

Transform Training Limited ('Transform Training') is a registered charity, incorporated in March 2014, which works in various venues in local communities in Nottinghamshire, Nottingham City and surrounding areas to provide emotional education and wellbeing support, primarily with children and young people but also with adults who support children and young people.

Transform Training works to improve the life skills, emotional education, mental health and the wellbeing of children and young people who are disadvantaged or excluded in their community. Transform Training develops their self-confidence and ability to make their own choices and participate in society as independent, mature and responsible individuals.

Transform Training runs projects for young people who are refugees and migrants, young people who are sexually or criminally exploited, have mental health needs or social anxiety and young people with learning disabilities.

Financial Information

Transform Training has provided its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2022 for scrutiny. These show income totalling £154,769 (2021: £220,411) being mainly generated from grants and donations, including £40,000 from HK Regional Grant, £27,297 from BBC Children in Need, £17,937 from the Youth Endowment Fund and £7,633 from this Council. Annual expenditure of £204,049 (2021: £195,280) related primarily to staff costs, contractors and sessional fees for specific projects undertaken. Cash and bank balances as at 31 March 2022 are recorded as £2,014 (2021: £51,294).

Grant Request

For 2022-23, Transform Training has requested a grant of £3,303 as a contribution towards the TLC 'Potassium' programme. This is an intensive support programme for ten young people in Broxtowe that have been identified by the police as those who are key players in the current anti-social and criminal behaviour that is happening in the community. This is targeted to

provide a meaningful intervention which will, in turn, lower anti-social crime incidents in Broxtowe.

A full costing of the Potassium programme has been received, which indicates that the total cost is £6,803, being mostly made up of the cost of two specialist youth workers (£2,150) video production (£1,870), room hire (£768) and a 15% contribution to core costs, admin and supervision (£887). Of this, £3,500 has already been allocated secure funding from this Council's Community Safety budget. This application for £3,303 is therefore for the balance of the costs anticipated.

Such an award would be in line with the Council's Grant Aid policy for the following key reasons:

- The programme proposed by Transform Training would benefit Broxtowe residents and would be complementary to the services provided by the Council.
- The activities of Transform Training target the needs of disadvantaged sections of the community, in particular helping to combat social exclusion and anti-social behaviour within the Borough, as well as providing direct supportive benefits to local young people.