**Appendix** 

# **Applications**

The following grant applications have been received for consideration:

		<u>Previous</u>	Current
		<u>Grant</u>	<u>Grant</u>
		<u>Award</u>	<u>Request</u>
		£	£
5 <sup>th</sup> Stapleford Scout Group	1	4,500	4,500*
2 <sup>nd</sup> Beeston Sea Scouts	2	2,150	2,150*
Age Concern Eastwood	3	9,000	10,000*
2 <sup>nd</sup> Kimberley Scout Group	4	7,000	7,000*
Stapleford Community Association	5	3,000	3,000*
DH Lawrence Music Festival	6	2,500	2,500
Beeston Film Festival	7	-	3,000
Bramcote Cricket Club	8	1,000	1,000*
Chilwell Community Association	9	3,150	3,150*
Stapleford Community Group	10	10,700	10,700*
Eastwood People's Initiative	11	2,500	2,500*
Phoenix Community Foundation	12	7,500	10,000*
Young Individual Boxing Competitor	13	1,250	1,000
		Total	60,500

Note\*: These requests are for primarily for grants to cover the cost of rental for Council owned premises and, as such, are non-cash grants awarded via an internal transfer in the Council's financial systems. Of these, the following applications also include requests for a grant contribution towards general running costs:

- Age Concern Eastwood £6,150
- Stapleford Community Group £2,500 (utilities only)
- Eastwood People's Initiative £750
- Phoenix Community Foundation up to £9,000 (utilities only)

# 1. 5<sup>TH</sup> STAPLEFORD SCOUT GROUP

The 5<sup>th</sup> Stapleford Scout Group was established in 1964 and is based at Stapleford House, Wesley Place in Stapleford. The Group currently has just over 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 to learn new skills, meet new people, have adventure and develop themselves.

# Financial Information

For the year ended 29 February 2024, income of £10,017 (2023: £18,754) was generated from membership fees, grants, donations and fundraising and other activities. Expenditure amounted to £10,311 (2023: £19,310) and included equipment, badges, maintenance, insurance and the cost of activities and events. Cash and bank balances as at 29 February 2024 were £13,935.

## **Grant Request**

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

2023/24	£4,500
2022/23	£4,500
2021/22	£4,500
2020/21	£4,500

For 2024/25, the 5<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> Stapleford Scout Group benefit Broxtowe residents and are complementary to the services provided by the Council.
- The activities of 5<sup>th</sup> Stapleford Scout Group provide educational and cocurricular benefits to local children and young people.
- Uniformed Groups such as 5<sup>th</sup> Stapleford Scout Group are a specific category of organisation welcomed to apply for grant aid.

# 2. 2<sup>ND</sup> BEESTON SEA SCOUTS

The 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 108 members (including 80 junior members) with the majority living in Broxtowe.

The aim of the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

# Financial Information

For the year ended 31 December 2023, 2<sup>nd</sup> Beeston Sea Scouts generated receipts of £57,508 (2022: £94,861) from grants, donations, sales and fundraising activities. Total payments amounted to £44,910 (2022: £79,764) and included premises expenses, boat maintenance, youth programme activities (i.e. camps), purchase of equipment and capitation. The cash and bank balances at 31 December 2023 increased to £181,167 (2022: £168,569).

Funds raised for the construction of a new headquarters are ring-fenced and not available for general use. Cash available for general purposes as at 31 December 2023 was £8,301, with the balance being held in the ring-fenced reserve for the new headquarters.

# **Grant Request**

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

2023/24	£2,150
2022/23	£2,150
2021/22	£2,150
2020/21	£2,150

For 2024/25 the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Beeston Sea Scouts benefit Broxtowe residents and are complementary to the services provided by the Council.

 The activities of 2<sup>nd</sup> Beeston Sea Scouts provide educational and cocurricular benefits to local children and young people.

 Uniformed Groups such as 2<sup>nd</sup> Beeston Sea Scouts are a specific category of organisation welcomed to apply for grant aid.

#### 3. 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 great 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.

#### Financial Information

For the year ended 31 March 2024, income totalling £71,194 (2023: £53,749) was generated from meals and drinks receipts, grants and donations, transport receipts, fundraising and other activities. Annual expenditure of £83,908 (2023: £70,409) 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 2024 was £70,137 (2023: £82,484).

## **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:

2023/24	£9,000
2022/23	£9,000
2021/22	£9,000
2020/21	£9,000

For 2024/25, Age Concern Eastwood has requested a grant of £10,000 towards its running costs, including the rental of the Edward Road premises of £3,850. This grant award would be for a period of one year and the rental element of £3,850 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.

## 4. 2<sup>ND</sup> KIMBERLEY SCOUT GROUP

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Kimberley Scout Group was established over 50 years ago 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 within Broxtowe.

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 utilised by the Scouts and Guides organisation, a playgroup and for other events and functions.

#### Financial Information

The latest accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024 showed receipts of £42,242 (2023: £40,644) being generated from grants, donations, subscriptions, fundraising and other activities. Payments amounted to £35,649 (2023: £54,075) which included maintenance, utilities, meetings, events and other expenses. The General Fund is represented by cash and bank balances, which at 31 March 2024 amounted to £20,395 (2023: £13,802).

#### **Grant Request**

The Council has regularly supported 2<sup>nd</sup> Kimberley Scout Group with grant aid towards its rental obligations with the grants awarded in the past four years being as follows:

2023/24	£7,000
2022/23	£7,000
2021/22	£7,000
2020/21	£7,000

For 2024/25 the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

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

- The services provided by 2<sup>nd</sup> Kimberley Scout Group benefit Broxtowe residents and are complementary to the services provided by the Council.
- The activities of 2<sup>nd</sup> Kimberley Scout Group provide educational and cocurricular benefits to local children and young people.
- Uniformed Groups such as 2<sup>nd</sup> Kimberley Scout Group are a specific category of organisation welcomed to apply for grant aid.

#### 5. STAPLEFORD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

The Stapleford Community Association was formed in 1954 and is responsible for the management and operation of the Council owned Community Centre on Cliffe Hill Avenue in Stapleford.

The aim of the Association is to provide a high quality, low cost centre for a variety of leisure, educational and community activities in Stapleford. Around 200 people of all ages use the facilities on a weekly basis with an estimated 80% being residents of the Borough.

### Financial Information

For the year ended 31 December 2023, income of £11,484 (2022: £10,674) was generated from hall lettings. Annual expenditure amounted to £17,729 (2022: £19,064) and included rent, repairs and renewals, cleaning and sundry expenses, insurance, heating and lighting, water charges and depreciation. Cash and bank balances at 31 December 2023 totalled £33,259 (2022: £38,812).

# **Grant Request**

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

2023/24	£3,000
2022/23	£3,000
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2021/22	£3,000
2020/21	£3.000

For 2024/25, Stapleford Community Association has requested a similar grant of £3,000 to cover the rental of the Community Centre on Cliffe Hill Avenue in Stapleford. 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 Stapleford Community Association benefit Broxtowe residents and are complementary to the services provided by the Council.
- Stapleford Community Association and the groups which operate from the Cliffe Hall Community Centre target the needs of vulnerable and disadvantaged sections of the community, in particular helping to combat loneliness and social exclusion within the Borough.
- Community Associations such as Stapleford Community Association are a specific category of organisation welcomed to apply for grant aid.

# 6. DH LAWRENCE MUSIC FESTIVAL

The D H Lawrence Music Festival is a music festival that promotes local songwriters and performers, brings the community together and music fans from outside of Broxtowe into Eastwood. This helps local businesses, including the venues and food establishments people visit throughout the day. The festival also promotes one of Eastwood's most important figures, D H Lawrence.

The festival runs over the course of one day, bringing around 150 individual artists into the area, performing their original music. Twelve stages at venues across Eastwood are planned for the festival this year which takes place on 6 September 2025 (to coincide with the birth date of D H Lawrence on the 11 September) and marks the tenth anniversary of the festival.

## Financial Information

As an annual festival run by independent musicians, there is no formally constituted 'group' as such which prepares financial statements for scrutiny, nor does the festival hold a separate bank account.

The applicant has provided a budget for the festival which estimates the cost of the festival at approximately £2,500. This consists primarily of promotional material, decoration throughout venues (banners and other advertising), programmes, expenses payments to artists (£1,100) and organisers' time (£350) with regards to administration and on-the-day running of the event. Officers are sufficiently assured that the 'not-for-profit' aims of the festival and the promotional nature of this local event, with its links to music and the arts, is sufficient for the request to be considered for an award under the policy.

# **Grant Request**

For the 2025 event, a grant of £2,500 has been requested by the D H Lawrence Music Festival towards / to cover the costs of promoting and organising the festival as detailed above.

The Council has previously supported the D H Lawrence Music Festival, as follows:

2023/24	£2,500
2022/23	£2,500
2021/22	£2,500

In addition to the local economic and cultural benefits, an award for the 2025 festival would be in line with the Council's Grant Aid policy for the following key reasons:

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

# 7. BEESTON FILM FESTIVAL

Beeston Film Festival is an Annual International Short Film Festival which began in 2014 and has in recent years been held at the Arc Cinema, Beeston.

Preparations for the 2025 Festival are currently underway with over 100 short films from filmmakers based in 20 countries expected to be shown to an audience of 1,000+ people.

Beeston Film Festival states that it believes in:

- A Common Global Humanity Joy is joy, laughter is laughter, heartbreak is heartbreak, fear is fear, no matter what language is being spoken, and we believe an international short film festival engages our common global humanity
- A Covenant to Filmmakers We will always review every film submission respectfully and consistently; we will seek to project selected films to the highest possible standard; we will work hard to connect filmmakers to an audience
- Diversity We celebrate a range of cinematic styles, genres, communities, and topics, and embrace cinematic rebels, truth-tellers, and innovators
- Community We strive to create a unique cinematic event for our home, for our community.

# **Financial Information**

Beeston Film Festival has provided a budget for this year's festival which anticipates total income of £9,250, primarily from submission fees and ticket sales. Total expenditure is anticipated to be £8,500, primarily on promotional materials and external services such as social media management, photography and the selection team. It is noted that much of the work for the Beeston Film Festival is performed by volunteers / interns / pro bono at an estimated value of £43,250.

Beeston Film Festival has stated its reserves as at January 2025 to be £1,450.

#### **Grant Request**

For 2025, Beeston Film Festival has requested a grant from this Council of up to £3,000 in order to provide for a 'Filmmaker Attendance Fund'. That is, if a filmmaker is nominated for a Festival award, the Filmmaker Attendance Fund will provide them with contribution of £100 (UK) or £200 (international) towards their attendance expenses.

The attendance of the award-winning filmmakers at the Festival will enable inperson events such as 'Director Q&As' and creative sharing sessions which will enhance the festival experience for filmmakers and audiences alike.

In addition to the local economic and cultural benefits, such an award would be in line with the Council's Grant Aid policy for the following key reasons:

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

# 8. 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 65-75 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 2024 for scrutiny. These show income totalling £14,045 (2023: £11,865) being mainly generated from subscriptions, match fees, bar sales, grants and other fundraising activities. Annual expenditure of £15,050 (2023: £16,710) included bar expenses, pavilion costs, pitch maintenance, pitch hire, rent, insurances and other running costs. Cash and bank balances as at 31 December 2024 are recorded as £9,950.

# **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:

2023/24	£1,000
2022/23	£1,000
2021/22	£1,000
2020/21	£1,000

For 2024/25, 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.

#### 9. 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 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. Educational space is also offered during term-time for vulnerable students.

# Financial Information

For the year ended 31 March 2024, the Chilwell Community Association generated receipts of £13,200 (2023: £11,719) almost entirely from fees. Payments amounted to £13,144 (2023: £15,412) including rent, wages, property maintenance, utilities, insurance and other miscellaneous costs. Cash and bank balances as at 31 March 2024 were £46,801. These funds are earmarked towards the enhancement of facilities at the Community 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:

2023/24	£3,150
2022/23	£3,150
2021/22	£3,150
2020/21	£3,150

For 2024/25, 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 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.

# 10. STAPLEFORD COMMUNITY GROUP

Stapleford Community Group was established in 2011 and formally constituted with a management committee from June 2013. The aim of the Group is to

improve the quality of life for local residents and to act as an advocate and representative for Stapleford residents and businesses.

The primary activities of the Group are the provision of a Community Hub, the Stapleford Food Project, a 'Jobs Fayre', housing support, family support, vocational skills training, providing volunteering opportunities and overall to provide a 'safe and warm space at the heart of the community'.

Since June 2024 the Group has been based in the Council-owned community centre at Montrose Court, Stapleford.

# Financial Information

For the year ended 31 December 2024, income of £13,990 (2023: £8,630) was generated primarily from grants and donations. Annual expenditure of £14,920 (2023: £10,020) related to equipment purchase, utilities, charitable donations, transport and other running expenses. The closing cash balance as at 31 December 2024 was £9,910.

#### **Grant Request**

Stapleford Community Group has requested a grant for £8,200 to cover the assessed rental cost for one year. In addition, a further £2,500 has been requested to assist with utilities for the centre. If approved, the rental component of the grant would be 'paid' via an internal transfer within the Council's financial systems. Accordingly, the only 'cash' element of this application is £2,500.

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

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

# 11. EASTWOOD PEOPLE'S INITIATIVE

Eastwood People's Initiative was formed in 1982 to serve Eastwood and the surrounding communities in north Broxtowe. The primary objective of the charity is the relief of poverty.

Eastwood People's Initiative fulfils this objective by providing benefits and debt advice, a letter writing service, food outreach/parcels and offering clothes and toys to those in need. The group describes themselves as 'grassroots' and able to provide a rapid response and emergency assistance.

Eastwood People's Initiative is based in the Council-owned premises at 36 Scargill Walk.

# Financial Information

For the year ended 31 March 2024, Eastwood People's Initiative generated total receipts of £32,317 (2023: £6,888), primarily from grants and donations. Annual expenditure of £21,649 (2023: £28,916) related to costs for communications/outreach, utilities and insurance. In particular, £13,600 was spent on IT support and advice.

Closing balances at 31 March 2024 were £5,391. In addition to this, Eastwood People's Initiative also holds £24,970 in an investment account.

# **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 were as follows:

2023/24	£2,500
2022/23	£2,500
2021/22	£2,500
2020/21	£2,500

For 2024/25, 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.

#### 12. PHOENIX COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

The Phoenix Community Foundation is a community group which has developed out of Phoenix Inham Football Club, a football team formed in 2015,

and was formally constituted in May 2021. Both the Foundation and Football Club are based at the Council's recreation ground at Inham Nook, Chilwell.

Since then, the Foundation has helped deliver a number of community-based initiatives, helping also towards the relief of poverty in one of the most deprived areas of the Borough, including:

- Emergency food (foodbank and parcels)
- Educational classes
- Intergenerational events to boost community cohesion
- · Parent and baby groups
- Exercise classes and sports events
- Mental Health sessions
- Refugee support

There are currently approximately 350 regular users across the above activities, the majority of whom are resident in Broxtowe.

#### Financial Information

The Foundation has provided accounts for the financial year 2024/25 to date. Over this period, the Foundation has generated total income of £2,540, much of which was a grant from this Council for a food project (£1,000), supplemented with income from a café run at the pavilion and room hire. Over the same period, expenditure totalling £1,720 was incurred, including £530 for insurance, £545 in Companies House fees and £580 relating to the food project. Current reserves are stated as £1,280.

#### **Grant Aid Request**

For 2024/25, the Phoenix Community Foundation has requested a grant of up to £10,000 to cover the market rent of £1,000 plus utilities costs for the Inham Nook pavilion. This grant would be for a period of one year. Whilst the rental element may be matched by allowances within the premises income budget, the cost of utilities (up to £9,000) will directly impact upon 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 Phoenix Community Foundation benefit Broxtowe residents and are complementary to the services provided by the Council.
- Phoenix Community Foundation targets the needs of vulnerable and disadvantaged sections of the community, in particular helping to combat loneliness and social exclusion within the Borough.
- Community Associations such as Phoenix Community Foundation are a specific category of organisation welcomed to apply for grant aid.

## 13. <u>INDIVIDUAL – BOXING COMPETITOR</u>

An application for financial support has been received from a young competitive boxer who is resident in Eastwood.

The applicant is part of a squad young boxers based at 'Revolution Gym' in Sutton-in-Ashfield which will be representing England in the Boxing Open World Championship to be held in Baja, Hungary, in May 2025. Although the gym is looking to cover the costs of the entrance fee, licence, insurance, coaches and kit, each competitor is liable for seeking their own sponsorship for attendance costs (travel, accommodation, transfers and similar).

The young competitor attended the same championships in 2024, and is looking to defend their title. The applicant has stated that, through competing in the World Championships, they wish to "bring some joy and achievement back to England, Nottinghamshire and Eastwood" and "to make young people in Eastwood aware that anything is possible."

The applicant has estimated the total cost for their attendance at the World Championships to be £1,000, for which (as in 2024) full support has been requested. Although this is a greater amount than is typically awarded to individuals (usually up to £200), Cabinet has the discretion under the Grant Aid Policy to award further sums where an individual requires the grant to contribute towards the cost of participating in a recognised international competition held outside of the United Kingdom.

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

- The policy specifically provides for support to talented individuals involved in sports or the arts who are amateurs and whose excellence is of national or international significance.
- The stated aim of the policy is to allow individuals to participate in a national or international event, or to achieve that status, to encourage and support Borough residents in competing at the highest level.