

Appendix

Applications

The following grant applications have been received for consideration:

		<u>Previous</u> <u>Grant</u> <u>Award</u> £	<u>Current</u> <u>Grant</u> <u>Request</u> £
2 nd Beeston Sea Scouts	1	2,150	2,150*
Stapleford Community Association	2	3,000	3,000*
Beeston Film Festival	3	3,000	3,000
Bramcote Cricket Club	4	1,000	1,000*
Eastwood People's Initiative	5	2,500	2,500*
Phoenix Community Foundation	6	10,000	13,000*
Toton Coronation Hall Community Association	7	7,000	7,000*
Broxtowe Women's Project	8	13,000	13,000*
Age Concern Eastwood	9	10,000	9,000*
Hope Nottingham	10	12,000	12,000
The Helpful Bureau	11	17,000	18,124
Beeston Rylands Community Association	12	8,500	10,000
			93,774

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 'cash grant' contribution towards general running costs:

- Eastwood People's Initiative - £750
- Broxtowe Women's Project - £10,000
- Age Concern Eastwood - £5,150

1. 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 109 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.

Financial Information

For the year ended 31 December 2024, 2nd Beeston Sea Scouts generated receipts of £124,657 (2023: £57,508) from grants, donations, sales and fundraising activities. Total payments amounted to £97,403 (2023: £44,910) and included premises expenses, boat maintenance, youth programme activities (e.g. camps), purchase of equipment and capitation. The cash and bank balances at 31 December 2024 increased to £208,422 (2023: £181,167).

Funds raised for the construction of a new headquarters are ring-fenced and not available for general use. Cash available for general purposes at 31 December 2024 was £2,000 (2023: £8,301), with the balance being 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:

2024/25	£2,150
2023/24	£2,150
2022/23	£2,150
2021/22	£2,150

For 2025/26, 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.

2. 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 2024, income of £13,625 (2023: £11,484) was generated primarily from hall lettings. Annual expenditure amounted to £13,408 (2023: £17,729) 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 2024 totalled £33,951 (2023: £33,259).

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:

2024/25	£3,000
2023/24	£3,000
2022/23	£3,000
2021/22	£3,000

For 2025/26, 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.

3. 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 next Festival in summer 2026 are currently underway. Although details are in the early stages of planning, for the 2025 Festival around 60 filmmakers attended 20 sessions, with over 800 bookings being taken.

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 draft budget for the 2026 Festival. Excluding the contributions of volunteers and other 'in-kind' support, total income is expected to be £15,350 generated largely from film submission fees and sponsorship. Total expenditure is anticipated at £14,300, with the majority of this being promotional materials and activity and events costs such as catering, awards and travel.

Beeston Film Festival has stated its current reserves to be £5,050.

Grant Request

For the next festival, Beeston Film Festival has requested a grant aid of up to £3,000 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 in-person events such as 'Director Q&As' and creative sharing sessions which will enhance the festival experience for filmmakers and audiences alike.

A similar award was made by this Council for the 2025 festival which enabled the attendance of 27 (including seven international) filmmakers.

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.

4. 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 70 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 and outside 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 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:

2024/25	£1,000
2023/24	£1,000
2022/23	£1,000
2021/22	£1,000

For 2025/26, 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.

5. 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 advice and support
- Clothing, bedding and food to those in need
- Jobsearch and CV assistance
- Short courses.

In so doing, Eastwood People's Initiative works with other local groups including the Durban House Hub and Connect.

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.

As the accounts available are over 12 months old, an update as to current balances has been provided. As at the time of this application, working reserves have been stated as £10,680, with a further £15,600 being held in the 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:

2024/25	£2,500
2023/24	£2,500
2022/23	£2,500
2021/22	£2,500

For 2025/26, 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.

6. 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)
- Community Café
- Mental Health advice 'drop-in'
- Sporting activities for children and young people

There are currently approximately 400 regular users across the above activities, the majority of whom are resident in Broxtowe and under 18.

Financial Information

The Foundation has provided accounts for the 2025 year to date. Over this period, the Foundation has generated total income of £676 (2024: £2,501) consisting primarily of income from a café run at the pavilion and room hire. Over the same period, expenditure totalling £1,188 (2024: £1,720) was incurred, including £570 for insurance, £375 in Companies House fees and smaller miscellaneous expenses. Current reserves are stated as £700 (2024: £1,220).

Grant Aid Request

For 2025/26, the Phoenix Community Foundation has requested a grant of up to £13,000 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.

The Council has regularly supported Phoenix Community Foundation with grants towards its rent and utilities costs. The grants awarded since their occupation of the Inham Nook pavilion being:

2024/25	£10,000
2023/24	£7,500
2022/23	£3,900 (part year)

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.

7. TOTON CORONATION HALL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

The Toton Coronation Hall Community Association ('TCHCA') is responsible for the management and operation of the Coronation Hall on Portland Road in Toton which opened in 1953 and is owned by this Council.

The Hall offers dancing, Zumba, Fitsteps, karate and a sewing group, as well as being available for private parties and other small functions.

Financial Information

TCHCA has provided its annual accounts for the year ended 31 July 2025 for scrutiny. Annual income amounted to £20,256 (2024: £18,943), comprising almost entirely of rental income for the hall and Grant Aid (£7,000) from this Council. Expenditure of £17,955 (2024: £24,638) included rent (£7,000), utilities (£5,553), heating repairs (£2,966) and insurance (£474). Cash and bank balances at 25 September 2025 were £12,603. TCHCA has indicated that reserves are earmarked towards upkeep and general repairs.

Grant Aid Request

For 2025/26, Toton Coronation Hall Community Association has requested a grant of £7,000 to cover the market rental of the Coronation Hall. This grant award would be for a period of one year, 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 TCHCA benefit Broxtowe residents and are complementary to the services provided by the Council.
- TCHCA and the groups which operate from Coronation Hall 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 TCHCA are a specific category of organisation welcomed to apply for Grant Aid.

The Council has previously supported TCHCA with grant aid towards its premises rental with the grants awarded in the past four years being as follows:

2024/25	£7,000
2023/24	£7,000
2022/23	£7,000
2021/22	£7,000

8. BROXTOWE WOMEN'S PROJECT

Broxtowe Women's Project (BWP) is a support, advice and advocacy charity for women, children and young people affected by domestic abuse, predominantly covering Broxtowe. BWP aims to empower women to regain domestic control and lead independent, fulfilling, safe and positive lives. BWP nurtures children and young people affected by domestic abuse to build resilience and understand healthy relationships and emotions. In addition, BWP challenges the stigma associated with domestic abuse, advocates for women and their families, raises awareness and campaigns for an end to domestic abuse.

Over time, BWP has grown and developed a range of services. These include:

- Women's Outreach
- Drop-in Support Services
- Helpline
- Wellbeing Programmes
- Developing Employability Skills and Support
- Children's and Young People's Service
- Family Wellbeing
- Person Centred Counselling
- The Survivor Programme – Training
- Legal and Court support
- Volunteering

- Food/poverty/crisis parcels and support
- Awareness Raising and Campaigning
- Signposting to a range of other support services
- Partnership working
- Business training and support packages
- Lead campaigns that help to reduce and end domestic abuse

BWP are the only domestic abuse charity in the UK to achieve the White Ribbon Accreditation and are currently leading the Broxtowe White Ribbon campaign alongside this Council's Community Safety and Housing Teams, Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue and Nottinghamshire Police.

Financial Information

BWP has provided its accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025 for scrutiny. Total income for the year was £295,821 (2024: £362,938) comprising primarily of grants and donations and other small sundry amounts including fees and shop trading income. Total expenditure for the year was £311,902 (2024: £355,859) which included wages and salaries, consultancy fees, advertising and other sundry expenses including rent, room hire, training, utility costs and communications.

Please note that the comparative data for 2024 referred to above relates to the fifteen-month period 1 April 2023 to 30 June 2024 as BWP moved its year-end date to 30 June during that accounting period. Total unrestricted reserves at October 2025 have been stated as £62,000.

Grant Aid Request

For 2025/26, BWP has requested grant aid of £13,000 to help meet its core operating costs (£10,000) and its rental obligations in respect of a Council-owned property in Eastwood (£3,000) where BWP operates a charity shop. As the charity shop is within Council-owned premises, £3,000 of this would be 'paid' via an internal transfer within the Council's financial systems. Accordingly, the total cash grant payable would be £10,000.

The Council has supported BWP for many years, with the grants awarded in the past four years being as follows:

2024/25	£13,000
2023/24	£8,000
2022/23	£8,000
2021/22	£8,000

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

- The services provided by BWP benefit Broxtowe residents and are complementary to the services provided by the Council.
- BWP targets the needs of vulnerable and disadvantaged sections of the community. Caring Organisations such as BWP are a specific category of organisation welcomed to apply for grant aid.

Members should note that the grant aid policy requires that grant awards of £5,000 or above may be subject to a Service Level Agreement.

9. 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 other conditions and those who may be isolated. This is achieved through the following activities:

- Luncheon club
- Dancing and seated exercise
- Vocalists
- Bingo
- Transport service
- Mental Health support

Financial Information

For the year ended 31 March 2025, income totalling £80,409 (2024: £71,194) was generated from meals and drinks receipts, grants and donations, transport receipts, fundraising and other activities. Annual expenditure of £85,299 (2024: £83,908) 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 at 31 March 2025 was £65,156 (2024: £70,137).

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:

2024/25	£10,000
2023/24	£9,000
2022/23	£9,000

2021/22

£9,000

For 2025/26, Age Concern Eastwood has requested a grant of £9,000 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.

10. HOPE NOTTINGHAM

Hope Nottingham is project that is operated from Hope House at the Boundary Road Community Centre in Beeston with approximately 1,100 individuals benefitting from the service each year.

Hope Nottingham aims to enable local communities to work together to overcome poverty, be it food, financial or social poverty, through a network of 14 volunteer-supported foodbanks across Nottingham in partnership with Trussell Trust. One of the foodbanks is in the Community Hub in Beeston. The charitable objects of Hope Nottingham are the relief of poverty, sickness and distress and to advance the Christian faith.

Hope House in Beeston is open six days a week, offering a warm space, free drop-in café, friendship group, youth café, toddler group, an allotment that supports a food-club (low priced fresh surplus food) and a monthly 'pay what you can' community meal. In addition, to support local residents with skills development and one to one support, Hope Nottingham offers weekly (term time) ESOL and Literacy groups and runs three job clubs in Broxtowe at Hope House, Beeston Library and Stapleford Library.

Financial Information

Hope Nottingham has provided the latest accounts for the year ended 30 June 2024 for scrutiny. The charity separates its accounts between restricted fund and unrestricted funds.

Total income generated amounted to £915,271 (2023: £875,751) which mostly related to grants and donations. Significant restricted and unrestricted grants (in addition to those from this Council) were received from Nottingham City Council (£207,000), The Trussell Trust (£88,858), the UK Government Cost of Living Fund (£75,000), Garfield Weston (£30,000) and Nottinghamshire County Council (£21,440), in addition to private individual donations totalling £158,542.

Total expenditure amounted to £823,542 (2023: £755,643) which included salaries and associated employer costs (£295,570) for an average of 12 employees with no employee receiving more than £60,000 during the period, and miscellaneous premises expenses and other operating costs.

Total funds as at 30 June 2024 were £476,971 (2023: £385,242) including unrestricted funds of £304,613 (2023: £283,240). Total cash at bank and in hand was £478,046 (2023: £372,233).

As the formal financial statements of Hope Nottingham are over 12 months old, an update has been provided as to the current position of the organisation. Hope Nottingham has stated its current level of unrestricted reserves to be approximately £195,000.

Grant Aid Request

For 2025/26, Hope Nottingham has requested a grant of £12,000 towards the general cost of operating the projects. Such an award would be in line with the Council's Grant Aid policy for the following key reasons:

- Hope Nottingham is based within Broxtowe.
- The services provided by Hope Nottingham benefit Broxtowe residents and are complementary to the services provided by the Council.
- Hope Nottingham targets the needs of disadvantaged sections of the community.

The Council has regularly supported Hope Nottingham, with the grants awarded in the past four years being as follows:

2024/25	£12,000
2023/24	£12,000
2022/23	£12,000
2021/22	£10,000

Members should note that the grant aid policy requires that grant awards of £5,000 or above may be subject to a Service Level Agreement.

11. THE HELPFUL BUREAU

The Helpful Bureau (THB) is a registered charity and not for profit organisation currently based on Derby Road in Stapleford. Originally established in 1978, THB formally registered as a charity from 2001.

THB provides services which support and encourage older and/or disabled residents to live safely and independently in their own homes including befriending, practical services, social activities, transport scheme and support services. Its work, including positive signposting, supports people to make choices about their lives. The activities provide opportunities for people to socialise and keep active, helping people to feel less isolated and maintain both physical and mental wellbeing; preventing costly interventions. The charity has approximately 2,000 clients, the majority being residents of Broxtowe over the age of 60.

Financial Information

The Helpful Bureau has submitted its Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2024 for scrutiny. The charity splits its accounts between restricted and unrestricted funds. Total income generated in the year amounted to £272,847 (2023: £197,886), including £150,659 as unrestricted funds, from fees and services (£105,836), donations and fundraising. Restricted grants totalling £122,188 were received in from the National Lottery Community Fund (£40,426) Nottinghamshire County Council (£31,944) and other institutional funders. Total expenditure was £272,011 (2023: £215,791), including £51,007 from the unrestricted fund, and related to wages (£195,081, split between restricted and unrestricted funds for an average of 15 employees), rent and services and other running costs.

Total bank balances at 31 March 2024 were £76,999 (2023: £78,234), with Total Funds declared at £88,157 including £74,310 as unrestricted funds.

As the formal financial statements of THB are over 12 months old, an update has been provided as to the current position of the organisation. THB has stated its current level of reserves to be approximately £67,500.

Grant Request

For 2025/26, The Helpful Bureau has requested a grant of £18,124 towards the operating costs of providing its 'Autumn Years' activities. These primarily relate to the staff costs for the activities co-ordinator, a cook, and premises costs totalling £28,867, less fees and sales income of £10,743.

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

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

The Council have supported The Helpful Bureau for several years with the grants awarded in the past four years being as follows:

2024/25	£17,000
2023/24	£9,500
2022/23	£9,000
2021/22	£10,000

Members should note that the grant aid policy requires that grant awards of £5,000 or above may be subject to a Service Level Agreement.

12. BEESTON RYLANDS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Beeston Rylands Community Association ('BRCA') runs two community hubs in the Beeston Rylands area at Leyton Crescent and the Plessey Centre. In so doing, BRCA provides a location for groups, including local Community Interest Companies, which target and support the most disadvantaged in the community to improve health and wellbeing across the Rylands area.

In particular, BRCA enables support for older people, people with disabilities and mobility issues which may prevent them accessing services which are not available in the local area. BRCA also works with the Hong Kong community, helping with resettlement, employment training and other activities.

Financial Information

The draft accounts submitted by BRCA state that for the year ended 31 March 2025, BRCA generated income of £77,603 (2024: £83,095) primarily from hall hire (£34,030) sales and fees (£21,635) and grants and donations (£19,423). Total expenditure amounted to £84,152 (2024: £97,281) which included staff costs (£53,568), activities and trips (£10,345) and utilities (£9,798). Total bank balances as at 31 March 2025 were £2,341 (2024: £8,890).

Grant Request

For 2025/26, Beeston Rylands Community Association has requested an increased grant of £10,000 to assist with general operating costs, including

utilities and wages. This is an increase from the previous year's grant of £8,500, which was the first grant awarded to the Association.

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

- The services provided by Beeston Rylands Community Association benefit Broxtowe residents and are complementary to the services provided by the Council.
- The activities of Beeston Rylands 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.
- Community Associations such as Beeston Rylands Community Association are a specific category of organisation welcomed to apply for Grant Aid.

Members should note that the grant aid policy requires that grant awards of £5,000 or above may be subject to a Service Level Agreement.