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Broxtowe Youth Homelessness

Broxtowe Youth Homelessness is a registered charity that was established in 1984, which supports young people (16-25) within the Borough and the wider Nottinghamshire area who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. The charity's services and activities include:

- Emergency Parcel Scheme
- Free training opportunities
- Homelessness prevention workshops delivered in secondary schools
- Housing advice and referrals into accommodation

In addition, Broxtowe Youth Homelessness can provide ongoing one-to-one support for young people in crisis or at risk of losing their home including mental health, substance misuse and unemployment.

Broxtowe Youth Homelessness states that it *“provides a lifeline to young people at risk of homelessness, helping them to secure safe housing, develop life skills, and avoid becoming part of the long-term homeless population. By doing so, we help to alleviate hunger and poverty, reduce pressure on local housing and emergency services, improve the wellbeing, safety, and life chances of vulnerable young people and Contribute to a safer, more resilient community where young people are supported rather than marginalised.”*

Approximately 350 young people access the services provided by Broxtowe Youth Homelessness each year, with around 33% of these being residents of Broxtowe. All services are provided free of charge.

Financial Information

Broxtowe Youth Homelessness has provided its most recent accounts for scrutiny. Total income for the year ended 31 March 2025 was £154,780 (2024: £188,500) consisting primarily of a significant grant from the Big Lottery Fund (£115,000), bank interest and other smaller grants and donations. Total expenditure was £173,430 (2024: £180,150) and comprised primarily of payroll costs (£131,520), rent and related office expenditure.

Total funds as at 31 March 2025 were £119,450 (2024: £138,100). It is the policy of the charity to build up and retain an amount representing between six and nine months of its running costs to ensure continuity and the ability to meet commitments during periods of uncertainty in funding.

Grant Request

Broxtowe Youth Homelessness has requested a grant of up to £1,643 to replace its current CCTV system at its premises at Church Walk in Stapleford. The charity states that *“the new installation will include high-quality external cameras, modern recording equipment and an intercom device”* and that such an upgrade is *“essential*

to ensure the ongoing safety of vulnerable young people, staff, and volunteers who use our facilities.”

Members should note that the Grant Aid Policy provides that “*although it is typical for [capital] grants to be awarded at the 25% or 50% level the final decision rests with the relevant Committee, which has the discretion to award a grant at a higher or lower level.*” The amount requested by Broxtowe Youth Homelessness would cover 100% of the cost of a new CCTV system.

Such a grant award would be in line with the Grant Aid Policy for the following key reasons:

- The services provided by Broxtowe Youth Homelessness benefit the people of Broxtowe and are complementary to those services provided by the Council.
- The activities of Broxtowe Youth Homelessness target the needs of vulnerable sections of the community, helping to reduce social isolation and loneliness.