

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 2026/271. Purpose of Report

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

2. Recommendation

Cabinet is asked to CONSIDER the request and RESOLVE accordingly.

3. Detail

Details of the grant application received are included in the **Appendix** for consideration. The amount available for distribution in 2026/27 is as follows:

	£
Revenue Grant Aid Budget	168,800
Broxtowe Lotto Fund	23,700
Less: Provision for Rent and Related Expenses	(53,050)
Less: Grants Awarded	(105,950)
Balance Available for Distribution	<u>33,500</u>

4. Key Decision

This report is not a key decision as defined under Regulation 8 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.

5. Updates from Scrutiny

Not applicable.

6. Financial Implications

The comments from the Interim Deputy Chief Executive and Section 151 Officer were as follows:

Any grant awards will be met from the grant aid budget shown above. Members are reminded that they will need to suitably constrain grant awards in 2026/27 if the budget is not to be exceeded. The total 'cash' grants requested in this report are £5,200 with the additional sums requested in this report, when compared to the previous year, amounting to £3,200 if the applications are fully supported.

7. Legal Implications

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

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.

8. Human Resources Implications

Not applicable.

9. Union Comments

Not applicable.

10. Climate Change Implications

There are no climate change implications identified in relation to this report.

11. Data Protection Compliance Implications

This report does not contain any OFFICIAL(SENSITIVE) information and there are no Data Protection issues in relation to this report.

12. Equality Impact Assessment

As this is not a change to policy an equality impact assessment is not required.

13. Background Papers

Nil.

Appendix

Applications

The following grant application has been received for consideration:

		<u>Previous</u> <u>Grant</u> <u>Award</u> £	<u>Current</u> <u>Grant</u> <u>Request</u> £
Kimberley Swimming Club	1	2,000	1,200
Eastwood Community Football Club CIC	2	-	4,000
			<u>5,200</u>

1. KIMBERLEY SWIMMING CLUB

Kimberley Swimming Club delivers high-quality coaching that enables swimmers of all ages to achieve their full potential in a safe, supportive and inclusive environment. The club offers a huge sense of team spirit where swimmers, coaches and parents feel they are part of something meaningful. The club currently has 176 members of which 109 live in Broxtowe.

Since the closure of Kimberley Leisure Centre, the club has had no permanent base for its activities and has been obliged to make use of facilities outside of the Borough in Heanor, Ilkeston, Harvey Haddon and Bulwell, leading to a general increase in costs.

Financial Information

In the year ending 30 September 2025, Kimberley Swimming Club generated income of £51,257, primarily from pool sessions, membership fees, gala fees and other fundraising activities. Total expenditure for the year was £64,648, primarily consisting of pool hire, lifeguard costs, gala costs and purchase of trophies. Total funds held at 30 September 2025 were £29,823 (2024: £41,865).

The club has stated its current cash reserves to be approximately £28,000.

Grant Request

For 2026/27 Kimberley Swimming Club has requested a grant of £1,200 to assist with the costs of the annual club championships, which “give every swimmer the chance to compete in a fun, friendly and supportive environment while celebrating personal achievements.

This is the second application that has been received from Kimberley Swimming Club in recent years, with £2,000 having been awarded in 2025/26 as a contribution to general operating costs.

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

- The services provided by Kimberley Swimming Club benefit Broxtowe residents and are complementary to the services provided by the Council.
- The activities of Kimberley Swimming Club provide educational and co-curricular benefits to local children and young people.

2. EASTWOOD COMMUNITY FOOTBALL CLUB CIC

Eastwood Community Football Club CIC (Eastwood CFC) is based at Coronation Park in Eastwood and provides community football opportunities including structured coaching, training sessions, competitive fixtures, and inclusive sporting activities for local residents.

The club makes football accessible and affordable while supporting physical health, mental wellbeing, confidence and personal development by providing affordable, structured football in a safe and supportive community environment. Residents benefit from regular physical activity, qualified coaching, skill development and positive social connections.

The club is planning for a new women's team which it intends to create a pathway into organised football for women and girls who are under-represented in the sport. The proposed women's team has 17 participants of which 12 live in Broxtowe.

Financial Information

As at 30 September 2024, Eastwood CFC held current assets of £281,201 (2023: £236,550), current liabilities of £177,965 (2023: £112,712) and longer-term liabilities of £62,239 (2023: £75,649).

The club has stated its current cash reserves to be approximately £1,500, intended to provide modest operational resilience and support existing activities and commitments.

Grant Request

For 2026/27, Eastwood CFC has requested a grant of £4,000 to assist with the costs of establishing and running the new women's team. This includes a contribution towards the cost of the football kit and the provision of 70 hours of structured coaching over 35 weeks.

This is the first application received from Eastwood CFC in recent years.

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

- The services provided by Eastwood CFC benefit Broxtowe residents and are complementary to the services provided by the Council.
- The activities of Eastwood CFC provide educational and co-curricular benefits to local children and young people, with this project in particular helping to raise participation in a sporting area which is currently underrepresented by women.