

## Report of the Deputy Chief Executive

**GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS,  
CHARITABLE BODIES AND INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED IN SPORTS,  
THE ARTS AND DISABILITY MATTERS 2020/21**

1. Purpose of Report

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

This report was due to be presented at the Finance and Resources Committee dated 2 April 2020.

2. Applications and Financial Position

Details of the grant application received is included in the appendix for consideration. The amount available for distribution in 2020/21 is as follows:

	<u>£</u>
Revenue Grant Aid Budget	168,800
Less: Estimated requirements for:	
Citizen's Advice Broxtowe	73,750
Rent Awards and Other Commitments	49,900
Less: Grant Awards to Date	0
<b>BALANCE AVAILABLE FOR DISTRIBUTION</b>	<b>45,150</b>

A joint application for grant aid from Voluntary Action Broxtowe (VAB) and Rushcliffe Community Voluntary Service (RCVS) is considered elsewhere on this agenda.

Members are reminded that they will need to suitably constrain grant awards in 2020/21 if the budget is not to be exceeded. The total amounts requested across the two reports total £9,200. The additional sums requested in this report, when compared to the previous year, would amount to £2,200 if all applications are fully supported.

**Recommendation**

**The Committee is asked to consider the request in appendix 1 and RESOLVE accordingly.**

Background papers

Nil

## APPENDIX

Applications

The following grant applications have been received for consideration in 2020/21:

<u>Applicant</u>		<u>Grant Award 2019/20</u> £	<u>Grant Request 2020/21</u> £
VAB/RCVS	*	7,000	7,000
1360 (Stapleford) Squadron Air Cadets	1	Nil	2,200
		<b>Total</b>	<b>9,200</b>

\* Note that the joint application for grant aid from Voluntary Action Broxtowe (VAB) and Rushcliffe Community Voluntary Service (RCVS) is considered elsewhere on this agenda.

Uniformed Groups Category1. 1360 (STAPLEFORD & SANDIACRE) SQUADRON AIR CADETS

A grant application has been received from the 1360 (Stapleford & Sandiacre) Squadron Air Cadets. The squadron was formed in 1941 and is based on Ilkeston Road in Stapleford. Although serving Stapleford and Sandiacre, the squadron also has cadets from Trowell, Toton and Beeston. Overall, there are currently 58 regularly attending cadets, nine staff and a padre, with around 52 living in Broxtowe. Over the years, many thousands of people will have directly benefitted from the squadron.

The main activities of the squadron are youth activities, including flying and gliding, target shooting, adventure training, sports, Duke of Edinburgh's award and leadership training. The squadron also attends carnivals and events, providing the 'light blue footprint' of the RAF in the community.

The squadron is now planning a trip to the Normandy beaches to educate the cadets about the events of 1944 and how those events have impacted the world to this day. The benefits will directly impact the cadets and how they see the world. Upon return from such a poignant place, the cadets will have greater compassion and respect for what true bravery and sacrifice means. The cost of the trip is dependent on the number of attendees, currently with 22 cadets and five staff, the costs is £10,536.

The squadron has requested grant aid of £2,200 (£100 per cadet) towards this cost. The remaining cost will be split between a subsidy of £500 from the squadron committee, a donation from Cleve Lodge in Long Eaton (£500) and payment by the cadets themselves.

The squadron provided their financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2019 for scrutiny. Annual receipts of £18,940 were generated from cadet subscriptions, social and fund raising activities and other receipts and donations. Annual payments of £15,736 included divisional subscriptions, cadet camp, events and other activities. The overall cash and bank balances as at 31 March 2019 amounted to £17,624.

This is the first application that the Council has received from the 1360 (Stapleford & Sandiacre) Squadron Air Cadets and for 2020/21 the squadron has requested a grant of £2,200 towards the cost of a proposed trip to Normandy.

Any grant award would be provisional on the trip going ahead, in light of any likely travel restrictions imposed as a result of the coronavirus outbreak.