

## 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.

2. Applications and Financial Position

Details of the grant application received is included in appendix 1 for consideration. The amount available for distribution in 2020/21 is as follows:

	£
Revenue Grant Aid Budget	168,800
Less: Estimated requirements for:	
Rent awards and other commitments (#)	45,900
Less: Grants awarded to date	106,850
<b>BALANCE AVAILABLE FOR DISTRIBUTION</b>	<b><u>16,050</u></b>

(#) This includes provisions in respect of the application from Toton Coronation Hall Community Association.

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 'cash' grants requested in this report are £1,800. The additional sums requested in this report, when compared to the previous year, would amount to £1,800 if all applications are fully supported.

**Recommendation**

**The Committee is asked to:**

- 1. Consider the request in appendix 1 and RESOLVE accordingly; and**
- 2. NOTE the grants awarded under delegated authority in appendix 2.**

Background papers

Nil

## APPENDIX 1

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>
		£	£
Toton Coronation Hall Community Association	1	7,000	7,000*
Eastwood Athletic Football Club	2	Nil	1,800
		<b>Total</b>	<b>8,800</b>

The total request is made up of £1,800 in 'cash' from the balances available with £7,000\* being covered by a provision for rents and other commitments.

Community Associations Category1. 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.

The aim of the Community Association is to provide the best possible social meeting place for Toton and the surrounding area. A variety of groups utilise the facilities for educational, recreational, leisure and sporting activities, including playgroups, keep fit clubs, uniform groups, senior citizen's groups, dance classes, drama and theatrical group, martial arts clubs, family groups and parties. It is estimated that 200 people of all ages use the facilities on a weekly basis, with the majority being residents of the borough.

A new Committee was formed in March 2017 to oversee the operation of the Community Association. There has since been continued refurbishment of the Coronation Hall including redecoration, health and safety improvements, new curtains and blinds, stage curtains, new cooker and fridge and replacement furniture. The refurbishment has attracted a theatrical group to use the facilities for rehearsal and to provide tuition.

TCHCA has provided its annual accounts for the year ended 31 July 2020 for scrutiny. Annual income amounted to £17,723 from hall hire and grant aid. Expenditure of £19,599 included central heating repair (£2,988), repairs and refurbishment works, rent, utilities and cleaning. Cash and bank balances as at 31 July 2020 were £10,628. TCHCA indicated that reserves are earmarked towards the refurbishment and improvement of the premises.

The current tenancy agreement for the Coronation Hall replaced the earlier arrangement of charging a peppercorn rent. As part of the Council's aim to

secure economic rents on its premises the annual rental is £7,000. TCHCA has suggested that it would be unable to sustain the tenancy with a rental charge of this size.

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:

2019/20	£7,000
2018/19	£7,000
2017/18	£7,000
2016/17	£7,000

For 2020/21, Toton Coronation Hall Community Association has requested grant aid 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.

## **Sports Club**

### **2. EASTWOOD ATHLETIC FOOTBALL CLUB**

Eastwood Athletic Football Club (EAFC) was formed in 2013 and is based at Hall Park on Mansfield Road in Eastwood. The club is run by volunteers, with all coaches having the appropriate certification and DBS checks as required by the Football Association. The club currently has around 200 members including 160 junior members and eleven teams from Eastwood and the surrounding areas.

The principal aim of EAFC is to provide football and coaching for children and young adults, delivered in a social and competitive environment. The club seeks to help local young people feel as valued members of a team and community. It provides structured activities in evenings and at weekends. The club sees success as rewarding and encourages positive thinking and physical fitness. The club offers opportunities to learn sport to the local children and young people regardless of ability or socio-economic background and it supports those with financial constraints. Many members live in the more deprived area of Eastwood South, with some children coming from single parent families or from families who are struggling financially.

EAFC is family run and sees itself as more than a football club. The children and young adults see it as a place to come where they can meet new friends, keep active and feel part of a football family. The club's welfare officer has a degree in social work and tries to reach children through football. She supports them with the building of confidence and assisting with any mental health needs. This support extends to siblings and their family members.

EAFC would also like to improve its offering further for young players by purchasing new kit, footballs and training equipment. The club has requested funding for training equipment to facilitate the eleven teams (balls, cones, bibs

etc.) and 20 managers'/coaches jackets. This will enable the club to present a more professional look when coaching and hosting games.

EAFC is an ambitious club working to a long-term plan and is striving towards providing a well-run inclusive service for the local community. It has indicated that it would like to work with the Council to secure a long-term lease on the Council owned premises at Hall Park. The club has requested grant aid towards the cost of adapting one of the changing rooms to accommodate girls football. This will include the purchase of new seating, mirrors, shelves/hooks, sanitary machines and bins. The funding would provide private changing areas for girls along with suitable sanitary wear and waste disposal systems. Any proposals would be agreed with the Council being responsible for the overall repairs and maintenance of the building. These facilities are as required by the Football Association but are currently not available to the girls that play sport and use these facilities.

EAFC provided its accounts for the 2019/20 season for scrutiny. Total income amounted to £10,600 from subscriptions and fundraising. Expenditure totalled £10,300 which mainly related to pitch hire, match and league fees, referees' expenses, winter training venue, affiliations, insurance and other running costs. Cash and bank balances were around £3,000.

The Council has previously supported Eastwood Athletic Football Club with grant aid towards its activities with the last award being in 2017/18 for £250.

For 2020/21, Eastwood Athletic Football Club has requested total grant aid of £1,800 towards the cost of upgrading of the female changing facilities (£1,200) and the purchase of additional equipment and training jackets (£600).
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## APPENDIX 2

**DELEGATED AWARDS**

A summary of the grants awarded under delegated authority since April 2020 is included below. The Council's policy in respect of grant aid to voluntary organisations is to award the amount requested by the organisation or the maximum specified whichever is the lower. Additional consideration is given to groups who can demonstrate that they are meeting the particular needs of disadvantaged sections of the community.

All requests under £250 are considered under delegated authority, in consultation with the Chair of this Committee. This includes applications from individuals involved with sport and the arts.

This Committee determines all requests for grants in excess of the £250 maximum.

**Groups**

Group	Total Members	Total Broxtowe Residents	Grant Award in 2019/20	Grant Award in 2020/21	Purpose of Grant Award
5 <sup>th</sup> Beeston Rainbows	22	21	None	£100	Replenishing craft materials and contributing towards the annual census.