

Tuesday, 10 December 2019

Dear Councillor

Hamilton Area Committee

The Members listed below are requested to attend a meeting of the above Committee to be held as follows:-

Date: Wednesday, 18 December 2019

Time: 14:00

Venue: Committee Room 1, Council Offices, Almada Street, Hamilton, ML3 0AA

The business to be considered at the meeting is listed overleaf.

Yours sincerely

Paul Manning
Depute Chief Executive

Members

Mary Donnelly (Chair), Peter Craig (Depute Chair), Jackie Burns, Stephanie Callaghan, Andy Carmichael, Maureen Chalmers, Maureen Devlin, Allan Falconer, Graeme Horne, Martin Grant Hose, Joe Lowe, Kenny McCreary, Mark McGeever, Jim McGuigan, Davie McLachlan, Lynne Nailon, Richard Nelson, Mo Razzaq, John Ross, Bert Thomson, Josh Wilson

PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL BE A MEMBERS' AWARENESS SESSION ON EARLY LEARINING AND CHILDCARE - 1,140 HOURS EXPANSION PROGRAMME IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE MEETING

BUSINESS

1 Declaration of Interests

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

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Minutes of the meeting of the Hamilton Area Committee held on 9 October 2019 submitted for approval as a correct record. (Copy attached)

Item(s) for Noting

3 Education Scotland Report - St Peter's Primary School, Hamilton

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Report dated 2 December 2019 by the Executive Director (Education Resources). (Copy attached)

4 Presentation - Police Scotland

Presentation by Inspector Ross McCallum, Police Scotland

5 Roads Investment Plan - Progress Report

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Report dated 12 November 2019 by the Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources). (Copy attached)

Item(s) for Decision

6 Community Grant Applications

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Report dated 2 December 2019 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources). (Copy attached)

Urgent Business

7 Urgent Business

Any other items of business which the Chair decides are urgent.

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HAMILTON AREA COMMITTEE

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Minutes of meeting held in Committee Room 1, Council Offices, Almada Street, Hamilton on 9 October 2019

Chair:

Councillor Mary Donnelly

Councillors Present:

Councillor Stephanie Callaghan, Councillor Peter Craig (Depute) Councillor Maureen Devlin, Councillor Allan Falconer, Councillor Kenny McCreary, Councillor Mark McGeever, Councillor Davie McLachlan, Councillor Bert Thomson

Councillors' Apologies:

Councillor Jackie Burns, Councillor Andy Carmichael, Councillor Maureen Chalmers, Councillor Graeme Horne, Councillor Martin Grant Hose, Councillor Joe Lowe, Councillor Jim McGuigan, Councillor Lynne Nailon, Councillor Richard Nelson, Councillor Mo Razzaq, Councillor John Ross, Councillor Josh Wilson

Attending:

Education Resources

A Duff, Headteacher, Glenlee Primary and Nursery School; G Maguire, Lead Officer

Finance and Corporate Resources

G Bow, Administration Manager; G Cochran, Administration Assistant

1 Declaration of Interests

No interests were declared.

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the Hamilton Area Committee held on 14 August 2019 were submitted for approval as a correct record.

The Committee decided: that the minutes be approved as a correct record.

3 Education Scotland Report – Glenlee Primary School and Nursery Class, Hamilton

A report dated 23 September 2019 by the Executive Director (Education Resources) was submitted on the outcome of the inspection of Glenlee Primary School and Nursery Class, Hamilton made by Education Scotland.

The inspection had taken place in May 2019 as part of a national sample of primary education and the inspection letter reporting the findings had been published on 17 September 2019.

A number of particular strengths of the school had been identified in the inspection letter. The areas of improvement, agreed with the school and education authority, had been incorporated into the school's improvement plan and parents would be informed of progress. Education Scotland had imitated that they would make no further visits in connection with the inspection.

A Duff, Headteacher and G Maguire, Lead Officer, having spoken on key aspects of the report and responded to members' questions, were congratulated on the positive inspection report.

The Committee decided: that the report be noted.

Councillor Callaghan left the meeting after this item of business

4 Community Grant Applications

A report dated 23 September 2019 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted on applications for community grant.

The Committee decided: that community grants be awarded as follows:-

(a) Applicant: Larkhall Burns Club (HA/55/19)

Purpose of Grant: Outing Amount Awarded: £200

(b) Applicant: Eddlewood Bowling Club Seniors' Section (HA/58/19)

Purpose of Grant: Outing and entrance fees

Amount Awarded: £250

(c) Applicant: Hamilton Bowling Club Winter Section (HA/63/19)

Purpose of Grant: Outing Amount Awarded: £200

(d) Applicant: Larkhall Youth Group (HA/64/19)
Purpose of Grant: Specialist transport and entrance fees

Amount Awarded: £350

(e) Applicant: Hamilton Caledonian Bowling Club Seniors' Section (HA/65/19)

Purpose of Grant: Outing and entrance fees

Amount Awarded: £250

5 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.



Report

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Report to: Hamilton Area Committee

Date of Meeting: 18 December 2019

Report by: Executive Director (Education Resources)

Subject: Education Scotland Report – St Peter's Primary

School, Hamilton

1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

◆ advise of the outcome of the inspection of St Peter's Primary School, Hamilton by Education Scotland inspectors

2. Recommendation(s)

- 2.1. The Committee is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-
 - (1) that the Education Scotland Report on St Peter's Primary School, Hamilton be noted.

3. Background

- 3.1. St Peter's Primary School, Hamilton was inspected in September 2019 as part of a national sample of primary and early years' education.
- 3.2. As part of the revised approach to inspection, the Education Scotland inspectors evaluated the learning, teaching and assessment and raising attainment and achievement under the short inspection model.
- 3.3. The inspection team analysed questionnaires issued to a sample of parents, pupils and to all staff. Inspectors observed class lessons and interviewed groups of pupils, including the pupil council and staff. Members of the inspection team also met parents and members of the local community.
- 3.4. The report by Education Scotland was published on 3 December 2019.

4. Findings of Education Scotland Inspectors

- 4.1. Education Scotland made comment under the following headings:
 - learning provision
 - ♦ children's successes and achievements
- 4.2. Education Scotland found that a positive supportive ethos was evident across the school and relationships amongst staff, pupils and families were strong. Within classes, staff and children were respectful and kind towards each other. Almost all children were enthusiastic about school and behave well in class. They commented positively about the learning environment, with it being stimulating and bright. Staff have a wide variety of resources available to them, including the support of class

assistants. A satisfactory attainment level of literacy and numeracy was identified throughout the visit.

- 4.3. The particular strengths of the school were identified as follows:-
 - ◆ The headteacher has a clear understanding of the future direction of the school. She knows the children, staff and parents well. She is working with all staff to strengthen the school culture
 - ♦ Children's emotional wellbeing and resilience are being supported through the positive ethos and relationships amongst staff, pupils and families
 - ♦ Teachers provide a variety of activities for children who are happy, keen to learn and who enjoy coming to school
- 4.4. Education Scotland identified the following areas for continued improvement:-
 - Across the school teachers need to develop and agree a shared understanding of what high quality learning and teaching looks like. This should form the basis of future discussions and school planning
 - Children's voices and choices should be increased, particularly in relation to their learning. They should be more involved in choosing, planning and assessing their work to help them understand what and why they are learning
 - All staff should focus on raising children's attainment and achievement. This should be central to all initiatives and activities. Children with additional needs should have clearer and more focused plans to help increase their rate of progress
- 4.5. As well as welcoming the strengths of the school, it should be noted that the areas for continued improvement have already been incorporated into the school's improvement plan. Progress on the identified areas for improvement will be shared with parents.
- 4.6. Education Scotland have intimated that they are confident that the school will be able to take forward the areas for improvement and will make no more visits in connection with this report. The local authority will inform parents about the school's progress as part of the authority's arrangements for reporting to parents on the quality of its schools.
- 4.7. The inspection report can also be accessed by clicking the following web link https://education.gov.scot/media/1jpp5tzw/stpeterspsins031219.pdf

5. Employee Implications

5.1. None.

6. Financial Implications

6.1. None.

7. Other Implications (Including Environmental and Risk Issues)

- 7.1. There are no direct risks associated with this report which is provided for information only.
- 7.2. There are no significant sustainability issues in connection with the recommendations contained within this report.

8. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

8.1. There is no requirement to carry out an assessment in terms of the proposals contained within this report.

8.2. The content of Education Scotland reports are shared with parents and discussed at Parent Council meetings.

Tony McDaid Executive Director (Education Resources)

2 December 2019

Link(s) to Council Values/Ambitions/Objectives

- ♦ Get it right for children and young people
- Protect vulnerable children, young people and adults
- Improve achievement, raise educational attainment and support lifelong learning
- Ensure schools and other places of learning are inspirational

Previous References

♦ None

List of Background Papers

◆ Education Scotland Report - 3 December 2019

Contact for Further Information

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3 December 2019

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Dear Parent/Carer

In September 2019, a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited St Peter's Primary School. During our visit, we talked to parents/carers and children and worked closely with the headteacher and staff.

The inspection team found the following strengths in the school's work.

- The headteacher has a clear understanding of the future direction of the school. She knows the children, staff and parents well. She is working with all staff to strengthen the school culture.
- Children's emotional wellbeing and resilience are being supported through the positive ethos and relationships amongst staff, pupils and families.
- Teachers provide a variety of activities for children who are happy, keen to learn and who enjoy coming to school.

The following areas for improvement were identified and discussed with the headteacher and a representative from South Lanarkshire Council.

- Across the school, teachers need to develop and agree a shared understanding of what high quality learning and teaching looks like. This should form the basis of future discussions and school planning.
- Children's voices and choices should be increased, particularly in relation to their learning. They should be more involved in choosing, planning and assessing their work to help them understand what and why they are learning.
- All staff should focus on raising children's attainment and achievement. This should be central to all initiatives and activities. Children with additional needs should have clearer and more focused plans to help increase their rate of progress.



We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate the school's work using quality indicators from How good is our school? (4th edition). Quality indicators help schools, local authorities and inspectors to judge what is working well and what needs to be improved. Following the inspection of each school, the Scottish Government gathers details of our evaluations to keep track of how well Scottish schools are doing.

Here are Education Scotland's evaluations for St Peter's Primary School

Quality indicators	Evaluation	
Learning, teaching and assessment	satisfactory	
Raising attainment and achievement	satisfactory	
Descriptions of the evaluations are available from: How good is our school? (4 th edition), Appendix 3: The six-point scale		

A more detailed document called Summarised Inspection Findings (SIF) will be available on the Education Scotland website at:

https://education.gov.scot/education-scotland/inspection-reports/reports-page/?id=4746

What happens next?

We are confident that the school has the capacity to continue to improve and so we will make no more visits in connection with this inspection. South Lanarkshire Council will inform parents/carers about the school's progress as part of its arrangements for reporting on the quality of its schools.

Ann Floyd **HM** Inspector



Report

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Report to: Hamilton Area Committee

Date of Meeting: 18 December 2019

Report by: Executive Director (Community and Enterprise

Resources)

Subject: Roads Investment Plan - Progress Report

1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

 set out progress with roads investment activity in the Hamilton Area Committee area

2. Recommendation(s)

- 2.1. The Committee is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-
 - (1) that the progress in roads investment activity in 2019/2020 be noted.

3. Background

- 3.1. It is recognised there is a need to report progress on key priorities to the relevant Area Committee. Given that the original Roads Investment Plan 2008/2019 represented a total investment of £126 million, it was clearly a key Council initiative. Consequently, this report provides the Committee with an update on progress in the Hamilton Area Committee area in the first year after the end of the initial roads' investment period.
- 3.2. The condition of roads and pavements continues to be a significant concern for members of the public. The South Lanarkshire Household Survey of 2010 recorded a public satisfaction rating of only 18.6% with regard to the condition of roads and footways highlighting the need to continue the investment programme. A further independent survey in 2013 recorded a satisfaction rating of 24.7% for road conditions. The most recent Household Survey in 2014 identified some further progress with satisfaction levels increasing to 29%. However, this remained the lowest rating of any Council Service and it is clear that while good progress has been achieved, much work remains to be done.
- 3.3. The initial Roads Investment Plan ended in March 2019, with a further £11 million of capital "steady state" funding subsequently being committed for the current year. The Council's approved Capital Strategy commits to continuation of funding at "steady state" levels.

4. Improving the Road Network

4.1. The road network is the highest value asset owned by the Council, worth over £3 billion. With this in mind, the Council Plan identifies improvements to the road network as one of the Council's key objectives/priorities.

4.2. The total value of the works over the 12 years since 2008 is £137 million and was phased as follows:-

Year	£m per annum	Total
2008 - 2009	£6 million	£6 million
2009 - 2010	£12 million	£18 million
2010 – 2011	£12 million	£30 million
2011 - 2012	£12 million	£42 million
2012 – 2013	£12 million	£54 million
2013 – 2014	£12 million	£66 million
2014 - 2015	£12 million	£78 million
2015 - 2016	£12 million	£90 million
2016 – 2017	£12 million	£102 million
2017 – 2018	£12 million	£114 million
2018 - 2019	£12 million	£126 million
2019 - 2020	£11 million	£137 million

5. Priorities

- 5.1. Each carriageway and footway scheme identified for improvement is scored using the criteria listed below. The schemes are then ranked in order of priority to ensure those requiring attention and providing the greatest benefit are included in a programme at the earliest possible date. From 2019/2020 onwards this has been done on a Council-wide basis rather than defined budget splits for each Area Committee area.
- 5.2. This ensures priorities of greatest need across the Council area are addressed.

Carriageway Scoring System						
	Criteria Max Score Score					
1	Condition	70	70			
2	Maintenance Category	30	30			
		Maximum Total	100			

Footway/Footpath Scoring System				
	Criteria	Max Score	Weighting	Score
1	Condition	10	5	50
2	Importance/Accessibility	5	2	10
3	Claims/Defect Reports	10	2	20
4	Assistance to Other Priorities	10	2	20
			Maximum Total	100

- 5.3. This approach of treating the worst roads first is also being increasingly complemented by an "asset management" approach whereby relatively low cost interventions, such as surface dressing, are being used to seal existing road surfaces, improve skid resistance and generally prolong the life of the road.
- 5.4. Such an approach represents good value for money and a long-term outlook. However, it can generate comments that "better" roads are being treated before those which are "worse".

6. Progress to Date – 2019/2020

6.1. To 12 November 2019, in total 135 schemes have been completed throughout South Lanarkshire, including 31 in Hamilton. The remaining 4 in Hamilton are either in progress or programmed to be completed by March 2020 as shown below:-

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Carriageway Schemes						
	No. of	No. of Completed In Programmed To be %				
	Schemes		Progress		programmed	Complete
SLC	156	128	6	21	1	82.05
Hamilton	30	27	1	2	0	90.0

Footway Schemes						
	No. of	No. of Completed In Programmed To be %				
	Schemes		Progress		programmed	Complete
SLC	14	7	3	4	0	50.0
Hamilton	5	4	1	0	0	80.0

- 6.2. The schemes in the Hamilton Area for 2019/2020 are listed in Appendix 1.
- 6.3. The condition of roads is monitored nationally via the Scottish Road Maintenance Condition Survey (SRMCS). South Lanarkshire Council's results for 2018/2019 (the most recent results available) show the Council is now 9th of the 32 Councils in terms of the condition of its road network.
- 6.4. The road condition index shows a long-term trend of improvement as shown in Appendix 2. However, it should be recognised that significant works still have to be undertaken on minor and residential roads, including footways, to bring them up to a reasonable standard.

7. Employee Implications

7.1. None.

8. Financial Implications

8.1. Works are being funded via approved budgets. Carriageway condition is improving as a result of the significant investment. However, additional investment in both carriageway and footways will be required beyond 2020 if progress is to be maintained and recent improvements protected.

9. Other Implications (Including Environmental and Risk Issues)

- 9.1. Continuing to progress this investment programme will reduce the risk of third party claims and improve public satisfaction with regard to road and footway conditions.
- 9.2. There are no implications for sustainability in terms of the information contained in this report.

10. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

- 10.1. The Roads Investment Plan will improve road and footway conditions for all sections of the community.
- 10.2. There was no requirement to undertake an equality impact assessment or consultation in terms of the content of this report.

Michael McGlynn Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources)

12 November 2019

Link(s) to Council Values/Ambitions/Objectives

♦ Improve the road network, influence improvements in public transport and encourage active travel

Previous References

- ♦ Executive Committee 20 April 2008
- ♦ Hamilton Area Committee 5 December 2018

List of Background Papers

♦ None

Contact for Further Information

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Appendix 1

Roads Investment Schemes – Hamilton

2019/2020

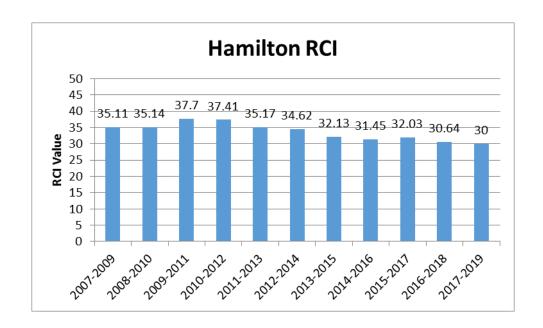
Capital Investment		
Lower Millgate, Uddingston	£92,564	Complete
Hillside Crescent/Lane/Terrace/Alness Terrace, Hamilton	£70,954	Complete
B7012 Main Street, Blantyre	£66,273.18	Complete
Albert Terrace, Hamilton	£24,168.62	Complete
B7012 Hamilton Road, Blantyre	£160,624.00	Programmed
South Avenue, Blantyre	£114,104.00	Complete
Lindams, Uddingston	£27,259.61	Complete
Cowan Wilson Avenue, Blantyre	£72,300.57	Complete
Farm Road, Blantyre	£21,227.19	Complete
Ansdell Avenue, Blantyre	£50,144.94	Complete
Ballantrae Road, Blantyre	£83,429.06	Complete
Fallside Road, Bothwell	£58,194.71	Complete
Blantyre Road, Bothwell	£84,207.17	Complete
Springfield Crescent, Blantyre	£30,513.35	Complete
Sherry Drive (Phase 2)	£47,016.18	Complete
Hillhead Crescent/Hillhead Terrace, Hamilton	£46,138	Complete
A724 Burnbank Road, Hamilton	£160,000	Programmed
B7071 Cadzow Street, Hamilton	£116,176.47	Complete
Birch Brae, Hamilton	£29,787.81	Complete
Bent Road, Hamilton	£109,960.23	Complete
A71 Ayr Road / Cornsilloch Brae	£265,462.91	Complete
New Street, Stonehouse	£39,787.19	Complete
B7019 Hamilton Street, Larkhall	£70,460.99	Complete
Hill Street/Montgomery Place, Larkhall	£61,994.31	Complete
Howard Street/Rannoch Terrace	£32,666.01	Complete
Bertram Street/Woodland Terrace, Larkhall	£76,989.93	Complete
Howie Street/Beech Terrace, Larkhall	£71,499.02	Complete
Vicars Road, Stonehouse	£34,560	In Progress
Mainsacre Drive, Stonehouse Middleton Avenue	£57,942.48	Complete Complete
	£53,221.71	Complete
Capital Carriageway Total	£2,229,627.64	
Capital Footway Schemes		
A723 Low Waters Road, Hamilton	£121,692.63	Complete
Earn Gardens, Larkhall	£22,993.00	Complete
Ness Gardens, Larkhall	£18,621.96	Complete
St Ninians Place, Stonehouse	£28,803.37	Complete
Violet Crescent, Stonehouse	£38,620.00	In progress
Capital Footway Total	£230,730.96	
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Capital Total	£2,460,358.60	

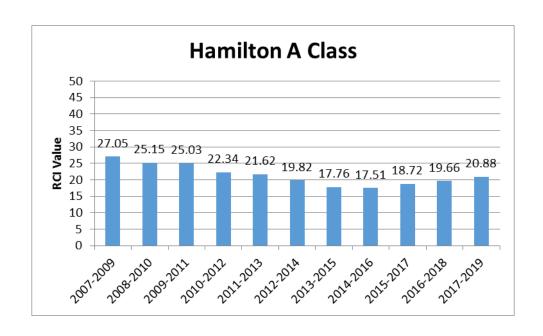
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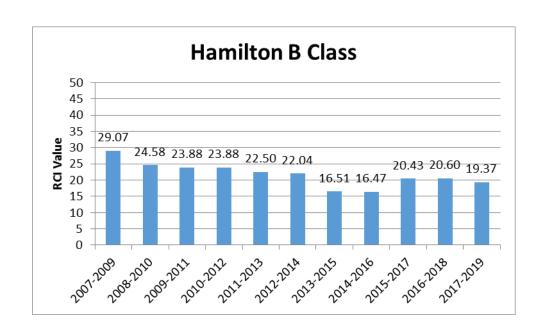
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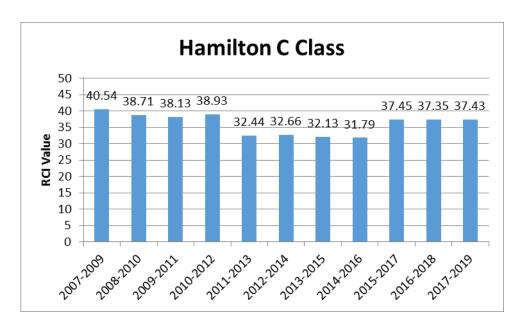
Road Condition Index 2009-2019

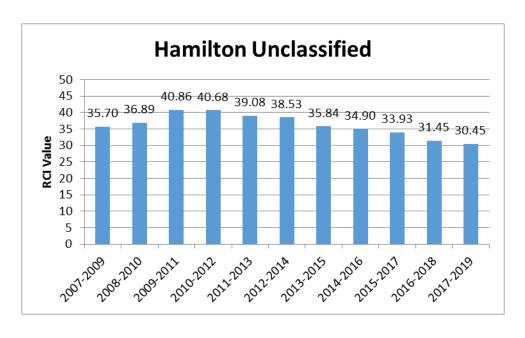
Road Condition Index 2009 -2019













Report

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Report to: Hamilton Area Committee

Date of Meeting: 18 December 2019

Report by: Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources)

Subject: Community Grant Applications

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-
 - request approval for the allocation of community grants to 8 groups in the Hamilton area from the 2019/2020 community grant budget

2. Recommendation(s)

- 2.1. The Committee is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-
 - (1) that community grants be awarded as follows:-

(a) Applicant: Hamilton Division Girlguiding Scotland (HA/61/19)

Amount Requested: £295
Purpose of Grant: Materials
Amount Awarded: £290

(b) Applicant: St John's Church Guild, Hamilton (HA/66/19)

Amount Requested: £250

Purpose of Grant: Outing and entrance fees

Amount Awarded: £250

(c) Applicant: Hillhouse Parish Church Men's Club, Hamilton

(HA/67/19)

Amount Requested: £200
Purpose of Grant: Outing
Amount Awarded: £200

(d) Applicant: St Cuthbert's Bowling Club, Hamilton (HA/68/19)

Amount Requested: £250

Purpose of Grant: Entrance fees

Amount Awarded: £250

(e) Applicant: Dalserf Village Garden Club, Larkhall (HA/69/19)

Amount Requested: £300

Purpose of Grant: Environmental project

Amount Awarded: £300

(f) Applicant: Dalserf Bowling Club (Senior Section), Larkhall

(HA/70/19)

Amount Requested: £164

Purpose of Grant: Outing and entrance fees

Amount Awarded: £160

(g) Applicant: Blantyre Community Committee (HA/71/19)

Amount Requested: £810

Purpose of Grant: Equipment, materials, administration and publicity

costs

Amount Awarded: £600

(h) Applicant: Hamilton District Arts Guild (HA/72/19)

Amount Requested: £400

Purpose of Grant: Equipment and materials

Amount Awarded: £400

3. Background

3.1. The Council operates a community grants scheme to support local constituted community groups and voluntary organisations. Applications are invited throughout the financial year.

3.2 All applications require to be supported by a constitution, audited accounts or annual income and expenditure accounts, a bank statement, and confirmation that the group/organisation will adhere to the conditions of the grant award.

4. Employee Implications

4.1. None.

5. Financial Implications

5.1. The current position of the community grant allocation for the Hamilton Area in 2019/2020 is as follows:-

Total allocation for Community Grants	£25,750
Grants previously allocated	£16,460
Community Grants recommended in this report	£2,450
Remaining balance	£6,840

6. Other Implications

- 6.1. The risk to the Council is that grant funding is not utilised for the purpose for which it was intended. This risk is mitigated by internal controls including audit procedures and a conditions of grant agreement.
- 6.2. There are no apparent implications in terms of sustainable development.

7. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

- 7.1. This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a change to an existing policy, function or strategy and therefore no impact assessment is required.
- 7.2. All the necessary consultation with the community groups has taken place.

Paul Manning Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources)

2 December 2019

Link(s) to Council Values/Ambitions/Objectives

 Accountable, effective, efficient and transparent. Work with communities and partners to promote high quality, thriving and sustainable communities

Previous References

♦ Hamilton Area Committee, 9 October 2019

List of Background Papers

♦ Individual application forms

Contact for Further Information

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