

Report

Report to:	Hamilton Area Committee
Date of Meeting:	27 May 2020
Report by:	Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources)

Subject:	Playscheme Grant Applications 2020/2021
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ request approval for the allocation of the following playscheme grants in the Hamilton area for 2020/2021

2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Committee is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

(1) that playscheme grants be awarded as follows:-

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| (a) | Applicant: | Childcare in the Community, Hamilton
(PS/HA/1/20) |
| | Amount Awarded: | £600 |
| (b) | Applicant: | Blameless SCIO, Hamilton (PS/HA/2/20) |
| | Amount Awarded: | £600 |
| (c) | Applicant: | Whitehill Universal Connections, Hamilton
(PS/HA/3/20) |
| | Amount Awarded: | £600 |

3. Background

3.1. The Council's community grants scheme includes provision for funding playschemes operating over the Summer, October and Easter school holiday periods. Applications have been invited from individual playschemes for 2020/2021.

3.2. The recommendations reflect the Council's decision to allocate grant funding on the following basis:-

- ◆ £600 to playschemes that operate over the Summer, October and Easter periods
- ◆ £400 for summer period only
- ◆ £100 for each of the October and Easter periods

3.3. Playschemes provide activities for children during school holidays and the Council provides financial support for running costs. Due to the current uncertainty in relation to COVID-19, and the impact that this has had on the ability of playschemes to operate over the summer period, contact has been made with each playscheme organiser.

3.4. Each playscheme organiser has intimated that, subject to further Government guidance, it is their intention to operate over the summer period. In terms of the award of grant for the October 2020 and Easter 2021 school holiday periods, it is recommended that £100 be awarded for each period.

3.5. The Council also makes financial provision for individual playschemes to receive, as appropriate, travel passes from Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT).

4. Employee Implications

4.1. None.

5. Financial Implications

5.1. The overall total approved by the Executive Committee to support Playschemes and Community Grants in the Hamilton area in 2020/2021 was £25,750. The proposed grants amounting to £1,800 recommended for playscheme grants in this report for approval, will be met from the Area Committee's playscheme and community grant budget, leaving £23,950 to administer community grants for the remainder of 2020/2021.

5.2. Should playschemes be unable to operate over the summer period, the grant awarded for this purpose will require to be returned.

6. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications

6.1. There are no implications for climate change, sustainability or the environment in terms of the information contained in this report.

7. Other Implications

7.1. The risk associated with grant support is that the resources provided are not utilised for the purposes for which they were intended. This is mitigated by information received from the application form, the sign off of a Conditions of Grant form and by the implementation of an audit process.

8. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

8.1. 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.

8.2. All the necessary consultation with each group has taken place. Appropriate consultation has also taken place with other Council Resources.

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Link(s) to Council Values/Ambitions/ Objectives

- ◆ Improve the quality of life of everyone in South Lanarkshire

Previous References

South Lanarkshire Council – 26 February 2020

List of Background Papers

- ◆ Individual playscheme grant application forms

Contact for Further Information

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