

# Report

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| Report to:       | <b>East Kilbride Area Committee</b>                         |
| Date of Meeting: | <b>12 May 2021</b>  |
| Report by:       | <b>Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources)</b> |

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| Subject: | <b>Community Grants Update</b> |
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## 1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ♦ provide an update on community grants the East Kilbride Area Committee area

## 2. Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) that the content of the report be noted.

## 3. Background

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

3.2. The main aims of the community grants scheme are to:-

- ♦ fund activities and projects which bring community benefit
- ♦ involve people in the community by bringing them together to enjoy educational, recreational, leisure and other community activities or to improve the local environment

3.3. Support can be provided for a range of activities including administration and publicity costs, purchase of equipment and materials, annual outings and entrance fees, start-up costs and special events.

## 4. Employee Implications

4.1. None.

## 5. Financial Implications

5.1. There have been no community grant applications, to date, for the East Kilbride Area Committtee area in 2021/2022.

5.2. On the basis that the playscheme grants detailed in a separate report on this agenda amounting to £2,800 are approved, the remaining balance for allocation throughout the year is £22,950.

6.3. There is currently approximately £0.060 million of unspent money in the 2020/2021 community grants budget which is distributed by Area Committees. Area Committees have expressed that, in this unusual year due to the pandemic, they would not want groups to lose access to those funds. The Executive Committee on 28 April 2021 considered a proposal that the unspent balances be carried forward at the end of the financial year to be managed as part of the year end final transfer to reserves.

6.4 Formal approval to carry forward those unspent monies will be recommended in the 2020/2021 year-end report to be submitted to the Executive Committee on 23 June 2021. In relation to this Area Committee, the unspent monies in 2021/2022 amounted to £41,790 (£16,040 carried forward from 2020/2021 plus the 2021/2022 allocation of £25,750).

## **7. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications**

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

## **8. Other Implications**

8.1. The risk to the Council is that grant funding is not utilised for the purpose of which it was intended. This risk is mitigated by internal controls including audit procedures and conditions of grant agreement.

## **9. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements**

9.1. 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.

9.2. All the necessary consultation with the community groups has taken place.

**Paul Manning**

**Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources)**

28 April 2021

## **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**

- ◆ None

## **List of Background Papers**

- ◆ None

## **Contact for Further Information**

If you would like to inspect the background papers or want further information, please contact:-

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