

# Report

# 5

Report to:	<b>Clydesdale Area Committee</b>
Date of Meeting:	<b>5 April 2011</b>
Report by:	<b>Executive Director (Corporate Resources)</b>

Subject:	<b>Grants to Voluntary Organisations</b>
----------	--

## 1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ request formal approval of grants to 8 local voluntary organisations which meet the criteria for receiving financial support.

## 2. Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) that the proposed allocation of grant to the 8 organisations as detailed in paragraph 4.2 be approved.

## 3. Background

3.1. On 8 July 2009, the Executive Committee approved a report extending the responsibility of Area Committees to include the formal approval of grants to local voluntary organisations. At its meeting on 23 February 2011, the Executive Committee approved the overall grants funding package for 2011/2012, and it is now for the Area Committee to approve local grants to those organisations operating in its local area.

## 4. Current Position

4.1. The Council has received applications from 8 voluntary organisations operating in the Clydesdale Area Committee area, as listed in the table below, which meet the criteria for receiving financial assistance.

4.2 In line with the report submitted to the Executive Committee, it is proposed that grants be made to the organisations based on levels of funding which the groups had received in previous years as follows:-

<b>Voluntary Organisation</b>	<b>Recommended Amount</b>
Lanark YMCA	£ 5,292
Stanmore Playscheme	£ 2,450
Biggar Youth Project	£ 2,940
Cargill House Club	£ 4,900
Carnwath Community Youth Group	£ 2,940
Tarbrax and District Under 5's Nursery	£ 588
Kirkmuirhill and Blackwood Youth Forum	£ 6,860
Lesmahagow Resource Centre	£ 7,056
<b>Total</b>	<b>£33,026</b>

## **5. Employee Implications**

- 5.1. There are no employee implications associated with the recommendations made in this report.

## **6. Financial Implications**

- 6.1. The financial implications associated with the recommendation(s) contained in this report can be met from the Corporate Resources' Revenue Budget 2011/2012.

## **7. Other Implications**

- 7.1. The risk in providing grant funding to voluntary organisations is ensuring that the use of public money is being monitored and scrutinised effectively. To mitigate those risks an effective audit process has been developed in line with "following the public pound" guidance.

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

- 8.1. The report takes account of the outcome of a detailed Impact Assessment process.
- 8.2 All the necessary consultation has taken place with each group and other Council Resources as appropriate.

**Robert McIlwain**

**Executive Director (Corporate Resources)**

23 March 2011

## **Link(s) to Council Objectives/Improvement Themes /Values**

Work together to improve the quality of life for everyone in South Lanarkshire

## **Previous References**

Executive Committee of 8 July 2009 (Paragraph 10 refers)

Executive Committee of 23 February 2011 (Paragraph 11 refers)

## **List of Background Papers**

Voluntary Grant applications and supporting documentation received from voluntary groups

## **Contact for Further Information**

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

contact: - Gordon Bow, Administration Adviser

Ext: 4719 (Tel: 01698 454719)

E-mail: [gordon.bow@southlanarkshire.gov.uk](mailto:gordon.bow@southlanarkshire.gov.uk)