

REPORT TO: Cabinet

MEETING DATE: 9 April 2013

BY: Executive Director (Support Services)

SUBJECT: Policy & Partnerships - Partnership Funding
Recommendations 2013/14

1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To report on the applications received from various organisations seeking financial assistance for 2013/2014 and to obtain Cabinet approval for the recommendations, as set out in Appendix 1 attached.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The voluntary effort in East Lothian has a huge impact upon the wellbeing of individuals and communities. The recommendations contained in this report will enable organisations to continue with the excellent work and services that they currently provide. Cabinet is, therefore, asked to:-
- (i) Approve the recommendations for individual awards, as set out in Appendix 1, which total £969,685;
 - (ii) Remit officers to continue to review all grants awarded during financial year 2013/2014;
 - (iii) Note that it is a condition of all grant awards that organisations provide reports on progress, expenditure and outcomes achieved; and
 - (iv) Note that a Short Life Working Group is examining grant and financial assistance provided across all Council services, with a view to developing a more structured approach to grant and partnership funding administration to ensure that the Council secures Best Value and embraces best practice following the principles contained in the *Code of Guidance on Funding External Bodies and Following the Public Pound*.

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Policy & Partnerships Service annually receives a significant number of applications from organisations seeking financial assistance to support either project costs or ongoing revenue costs associated with their activities.
- 3.2 Demand for financial assistance year on year far exceeds budgetary provision. The recommendations contained in this report and attached as Appendix 1 are determined following careful assessment of the known activities of each organisation and, in particular, attention is focussed upon the quality of service and the contribution that the organisation or initiative provides to the vibrancy and wellbeing to the communities and citizens of East Lothian. In addition, attention is paid to applications that contribute to the Single Outcome Agreement and the Council Plan.
- 3.3 A Short Life Working Group has been established in the Council, led by the Head of Policy & Partnerships and comprising representatives from all Council functions that have an interest in grant administration. The purpose and scope of the Group is to review partnership funding arrangements across the Council, with a view to rationalising arrangements to ensure that the Council follows best practice, as contained within the Guidance produced by the Accounts Commission and COSLA.
- 3.4 The primary focus of the Short Life Working Group is to:-
- Establish a single portal for all applicants approaching the Council for grant assistance/financial assistance.
 - Create a set of documentation to be consistently applied across all grant and external funding arrangements.
 - Seek to ensure that, in considering recommendations for financial awards, primary consideration is given to activities that focus upon prevention activity, e.g. early intervention initiatives; alignment with the Single Outcome Agreement; alignment with the Council Plan priorities; targeting community infrastructure weaknesses that emerge from Local Area Partnerships intelligence; mobilising as effectively as possible constrained and limited resources; and ensuring that funding activity aligns very clearly with the Council's drive towards Local Area Management arrangements.
- 3.5 The outcome of the Working Group's deliberations will be reported to the Council's Cabinet in due course for consideration.

4 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The range of activities supported by the voluntary sector and other organisations throughout East Lothian make a significant contribution to the vibrancy and health of the East Lothian community; in particular, the Single Outcome Agreement, Council Plan and Business Group and Business Unit Plans within Policy & Partnerships functions.

5 EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 5.1 The report, at this stage, has not been Equality Impact Assessed. However, future arrangements for partnership funding activity will be the subject of Equality Impact Assessment across all Council grant and financial assistance awards.

6 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 **Financial** - The 2013/2014 Partnership Funding budget available for grant awards has been calculated having taken account of mandatory and discretionary rate relief provided to charitable organisations. The recommendations for financial awards, as set out in [Appendix 1](#), can be contained within the 2013/2014 Policy & Partnerships budget. It should, however, be noted that the Partnership Funding budget is required to secure Efficiency Workforce Management savings target as approved in the Council budget, which may require a contribution from this balance to secure efficiency savings.
- 6.2 **Personnel** - There are no personnel implications arising from this report at this stage.
- 6.3 **Other** – None.

7 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 7.1 Pro forma applications submitted by bodies seeking funding.
- 7.2 Special Council Budget Meeting Report & Minute of 12 February 2013.

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APPLICATIONS FOR PARTNERSHIP FUNDING 2013/2014

ORGANISATION	CAT	12/13 AWARD	13/14 REQUEST	13/14 RECOMM.	COMMENT
Bronx Boxing Gym	1	Nil	£500	£500	Costs associated with sending 15 Juniors to USA to visit and train with local Boxing Clubs.
Cockenzie & Port Seton Bowling & Recreation Club	1	Nil	£18,500	£10,000	Costs associated with replacement of locker room roof and refurbishment of toilets.
Deantown Bowling Club & Community Association	1	Nil	£500	£350	Contribution towards replacement storage shed.
Dunbar Community Tennis Centre	1	Nil	£4,000	Nil	Contribution towards fencing repair costs. To be addressed through other ongoing funding activity.
Dunbar United Football Club	1	Nil	£5,000	£3,000	Operational costs.
East Lothian Cage Bird Society	1	£300	£300	£300	Costs associated with Annual Show.
East Lothian Indoor Bowling Club	1	£6,000	£6,000	£6,000	Operational costs.
East Lothian Junior Golf League	1	£1,000	£1,750	£1,000	Costs associated with the County Championships 2013, travel costs and coaching costs.
East Lothian Swim Team	1	Nil	£2,250	£2,250	Operational costs.
East Lothian Yacht Club	1	Nil	£3,000	£2,000	Operational costs.
Fidra Lions Hockey Club	1	£920	£1,554	£1,000	Operational costs.
Fisherrow Yacht Club	1	Nil	£1,760	£1,000	Operational costs.
Gullane Tennis Club	1	Nil	£918	£500	Improvement of practice wall area.
Lothian Colts Football Club	1	Nil	£250	£200	Contribution towards purchase of equipment.
Musselburgh Old Course Golf Club	1	Nil	£800	£500	Costs associated with Junior coaching team competitions.
Musselburgh Rugby Football Club	1	£10,000	£10,000	£10,000	Operational costs.
North Berwick Rugby Football Club	1	Nil	£105,000	£10,000	Contribution towards costs associated with completion of internal clubhouse development Phase 2. External funding has been secured by the Club; therefore, financial assistance of up to £10,000 being sought from ELC.
North Berwick Tennis Club	1	Nil	£5,000	£3,000	Contribution towards upgrade of pavilion.
Preston Athletic Football Club	1	Nil	£6,000	£6,000	Contribution towards maintenance and rent of Temporary Unit at Pennypit.
Scottish Sidecar Racing Club	1	Nil	£6,000	£5,000	Contribution towards 30th Anniversary memorial event.
Stenton Bowling Club	1	Nil	£612	£600	Costs associated with clubhouse refurbishment.
Winterfield Golf & Sports Club	1	£6,500	£8,000	£17,500	Operational costs (includes payment of £11,150 previously made by Healthy Living Service which has now transferred to the Partnership Funding budget.

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<u>Additional Activities/Projects Supported by Partnership Funding Budget</u>					
Nil.					
East Lothian Swim Team	1	£10,000	£10,000	£10,000	Three-year SLA contribution for Swimming Development Officer.
New Year Sprint	1	£3,000	£3,000	£3,000	Guarantee Against Loss.
Sports Award Scheme	1	£10,000	N/A	£10,000	Individual awards.
CATEGORY 1 TOTAL				£103,700	
Aberlady Conservation & History Society	2	Nil	£25,000	£10,000	Contribution towards Aberlady Streetscape & Heritage Access Project.
Belhaven Best Dunbar Traditional Music Festival	2	£700	£2,000	£1,000	Operational costs.
Coastal Communities Museum Shadow	2	Nil	£500	£500	Operational costs.
Dalkeith & Monktonhall Colliery Brass Band	2	£1,000	£3,580	£1,000	Operational costs.
Dunbar Art Club	2	Nil	£250	£250	Operational costs.
Dunbar Lyric Group	2	£2,500	£3,000	£2,500	Operational costs.
The Garleton Singers	2	£1,500	£1,500	£1,500	Operational costs.
Haddington Music Initiative	2	£1,700	£2,000	£1,700	Operational costs.
Lamp of Lothian Trust	2	£20,000	£30,500	£20,000	Operational costs.
Lamp of Lothian Trust	2	£8,500	£15,000	Nil	Costs associated with the Lammermuir Festival 2013. Funded from Economic Development Festivals Budget.
Music in Hospitals	2	£1,700	£3,000	£1,700	Provision of concerts in East Lothian Care Homes/Day Centres.
Musselburgh Amateur Musical Association	2	£3,000	£4,300	£3,000	Operational costs.
North Berwick Highland Games	2	£2,500	£5,000	£3,000	Operational costs.
North Light Arts	2	Nil	£3,500	£2,000	Operational costs.
Ormiston Horticultural Society	2	£200	£200	£200	Contribution towards costs associated with annual flower show and plant sale.
Peter Potter Gallery	2	£10,000	£30,000	£15,000	Operational costs.

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<u>Additional Activities/Projects Supported by Partnership Funding Budget</u>					
Arts, Drama, Music Awards	2	£1,700	N/A	£1,700	Individual awards.
Dunbar Pipe Band	2	£6,500	Not Specified	£6,500	Operational costs.
Fringe by the Sea	2	£2,550	Not Specified	£2,550	Operational costs.
John Muir Birthplace Trust	2	£8,500	Not Specified	£8,500	Operational costs.
3 Harbours Arts Festival	2	£4,250	Not Specified	£4,250	Operational costs.
CATEGORY 2 TOTAL				£86,850	
Anti Bullying East Lothian (ABEL)	3	£79,000	£79,000	£79,000	SLA - Operational costs.
Borders Scrap Store	3	£7,140	£8,000	£7,140	Operational costs.
The Bridge Centre	3	£15,000	£15,000	£15,000	Operational costs.
Carefree Kids	3	£5,000	£5,000	£5,000	Operational costs.
Gullane Community Association Village Hall	3	Nil	£2,500	£2,000	Contribution towards upgrade/refurbishment of Disabled Toilets.
Lammermuir Community Transport	3	Nil	£5,000	£3,000	Operational costs.
Sandcastle Playgroup	3	Nil	£500	£300	Playgroup resources and equipment.
St Martin's RC Primary School	3	Nil	£850	£500	Establishment of P5 Youth Club to assist pupils in the community, at a younger age, to develop relationships before moving on to secondary school; aid the transition for small primary schools; and develop skills for life.
Stoneyhill Community Centre	3	£25,000	£30,000	£25,000	Operational costs.
Stoneyhill Playgroup	3	£2,000	£2,000	£2,000	Operational costs.
Whittingehame/Biel Water Hogweed Initiative	3	Nil	£500	£500	Eradication of giant hogweed and two other invasive species in Whittingehame/Biel Water.
<u>Additional Activities/Projects Supported by Partnership Funding Budget</u>					
Dunbar Harbour Trust	3	£17,300	N/A	£17,300	SLA - Operational costs.
Dunbar Community Development Company (Hallhill)	3	£52,560	N/A	£52,560	SLA - Operational costs.
East Lothian Playschemes	3	£4,600	Not Specified	£4,600	Operational costs.

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East Lothian Roots & Fruits	3	£5,100	Not Specified	£5,100	Operational costs.
East Lothian Young Carers	3	£45,000	Not Specified	£45,000	Operational costs.
First Step	3	£184,700	N/A	£184,700	SLA - Operational costs.
Fisherrow Trust	3	£30,000	N/A	£30,000	SLA - Operational costs.
Haddington Garden Trust	3	£10,200	Not Specified	£10,200	Operational costs.
Pennypit Trust	3	£74,400	N/A	£74,400	SLA - Operational costs.
CATEGORY 3 TOTAL				£563,300	
Archaeology Scotland	4	Nil	£1,500	£1,000	Operational costs.
University of the Third Age - East Lothian	4	£1,000	£1,000	£1,000	Accommodation hire costs.
CATEGORY 4 TOTAL				£2,000	
The Bridge Centre Motorcycle Project	5	£22,000	£25,000	£22,000	Contribution towards annual salary cost of the project's full-time Senior Project Worker.
Friday Friends	5	£4,500	£5,000	£4,500	Contribution towards part-time Project Administrator salary.
Friday Friends - Jericho Café	5	£5,000	£5,000	£5,000	Operational costs.
Lothian Association of Youth Clubs	5	£850	£1,000	£1,000	Operational costs.
North Berwick Youth Project/Dry Bar Association	5	£30,000	£40,000	£30,000	Operational costs.
Scottish Seabird Centre	5	£12,750	£20,000	£12,750	Contribution towards core support for Education Project.
Volunteer Centre East Lothian	5	£3,500	£3,500	£3,500	Costs associated with Inspiring Volunteering Awards 2013.
<u>Additional Activities/Projects Supported by Partnership Funding Budget</u>					
John Muir Award	5	£8,500	Not Specified	£8,500	VDEL - Grow Your Own project.
Volunteer Development East Lothian	5	£6,125	Not Specified	£6,125	Operational costs and premises rent.
Uprising East Lothian	5	£14,000	£10,000	£10,000	Operational costs.

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Appendix 1

ORGANISATION	CAT	12/13 AWARD	13/14 REQUEST	13/14 RECOMM.	COMMENT
CATEGORY 5 TOTAL				£103,375	
Pennypit Special Needs Youth Club	6	£32,160	£36,650	£32,160	Operational costs.
<u>Additional Activities/Projects Supported by Partnership Funding Budget</u>					
Muirfield Riding Therapy	6	£3,000	Not Specified	£3,000	Operational costs.
Star Youth Club	6	£2,500	Not Specified	£2,500	Operational costs.
Stepping Out	6	£6,800	Not Specified	£6,800	Operational costs.
CATEGORY 6 TOTAL				£44,460	
Voluntary Action East Lothian (VAEL)	7	£66,000	£66,000	£66,000	Year 2 of 3 Year funding agreement as approved by ELC.
<u>Additional Activities/Projects Supported by</u>					
Nil.					
CATEGORY 7 TOTAL				£66,000	
			GRAND TOTAL	£969,685	
1 Sport & Recreation					
2 Arts/Culture					
3 Community Associations/Village Halls					
4 National Organisations					
5 Youth Organisations					
6 Special Needs					
7 Community Improvement Initiatives					