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This report outlines the allocation of the Fairer East Lothian Fund for 2013-2014.

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**REPORT TO:** Members' Library Service

**MEETING DATE:**

**BY:** Executive Director (Support Services)

**SUBJECT:** Allocation of awards from the Fairer East Lothian Fund 2013-2014

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## **1 PURPOSE**

- 1.1 To present the allocations of the Fairer East Lothian Fund 2013-2014

## **2 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 Members are asked to note the award of the Fairer East Lothian Fund (FELF) to the organisations identified in appendix 1 of this report.

## **3 BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 The report to Cabinet (12<sup>th</sup> March 2013) on Partnership Funding from the Chief Executive's Office 2012/13 set out the background to the FELF and recommended a process for distributing FELF2013-2014. After allocating funding from FELF 2013/14 to Musselburgh and District CAB and Haddington CAB to be mainstreamed within their respective Service Level Agreements a total of £343,000 remained to be allocated from FELF.
- 3.2 In order to maintain the work that was begun by FELF funded projects in 2011, each project was reviewed and recommendations made to ensure that each project continued to contribute to the outcomes set out in the draft Tackling Poverty Strategy and offer good value for money. £304,529 of the Fund has been awarded to projects which work towards the following outcomes:
- People in East Lothian will have better access to advice and information including debt and money advice
  - Fewer people in east Lothian will be financially excluded and all vulnerable groups will have access to advice and services that increase financial capability
  - People furthest from the labour market develop work ready skills

- Families have the support they need to thrive
- 3.4 A sum of £15,000 has been set aside as match funding to support the development of the East Lothian Rights and Advice Forum and related work to develop an online referral system and single source of information about information, rights and advice services available locally. A joint application with Voluntary Action East Lothian has been made to the Big Lottery Fund to support the development of the Forum over the coming two years.
- 3.5 £23,471 of the FELF remains unallocated. Work is currently underway to scope development of a Digital Inclusion Project to support individuals ahead of the 'digital by default' system of administering Universal Credit. A working group is considering proposals and applications to various funding streams including, 'Making Advice Work' (Scottish Legal Aid Board) and 'Support and Connect' (BIG Lottery). Some FELF funding can be used to provide match funding and increase the likely success of any future applications. The Welfare Reform Task Group is also considering other potential uses for this funding, including work in relation to financial inclusion and capability.

#### **4 POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 The allocation of Fairer East Lothian Funding will help the Council to achieve the desired outcome in the Single Outcome Agreement 'Fewer people will experience poverty in East Lothian'.

#### **5 EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

- 5.1 An Equalities Impact Assessment was undertaken on the allocation of the Fairer East Lothian Fund in 2013-14.

#### **6 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 Financial – the grants recommended for the 7 projects totals £304,529 which can be contained within the budget for the Fairer East Lothian Fund 2012/13
- 6.2 Personnel – none
- 6.3 Other – none

#### **7 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 7.1 Report to Cabinet (13<sup>th</sup> March 2013) on Partnership Funding from the Fairer East Lothian Fund, Safer East Lothian Fund and Miscellaneous Grants
- 7.2 Appendix 1: Allocations to FELF Projects 2013-14

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## Appendix 1: FELF project allocations and related outcomes

Organisation	Project Name	Outcome	Amount awarded
<b>Increasing access to advice</b>			
Action Group	EL Income Maximisation Project	Access to Advice	£18,329
Changeworks and CAB's	Fuel Poverty Prevention/ Financial Capability Project	Access to Advice	£34,000*
Carers of East Lothian	Financial Support for Older People and their Carers	Access to Advice	£77,000
<b>Total</b>			<b>£129,329</b>
<b>Increasing access to employment/ employability</b>			
Intowork	Intowork East Lothian	Employment	£34,000
The Bridges Project	Way2Work Project	Employment	£95,000
East Lothian Council	NOWEL Project	Employment	£10,200
East Lothian Council	Supporting Vulnerable Parents	Supporting Families	£36,000
<b>Total</b>			<b>£175,200</b>
<b>Total allocated</b>			<b>£304,529</b>

\* Pending final project submission