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REPORT TO: Members' Library Service

DATE: 06 April 2023

BY: Executive Director – Place per Head of Communities

SUBJECT: **Funding for Communities 2023/24**

1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 In terms of para 10.2 of the Council's Scheme of Delegation, the Head of Communities has authority to approve the award of grants to individuals and organisations within the community, in line with the budget allocation for this. This report continues the One Council approach to partnership funding bringing together funding to Community Councils and Area Partnerships, advising on grant awards to community and partner organisations from partnership funds budgeted for by East Lothian Council in the financial year 2023/24.
- 1.2 The total of allocated funding by Communities to support such organisations in 2023/24 financial year is £2,925,795 arising from the cross-service officer recommendations contained within Appendix 1, 2 and 3 of this report.
- 1.3 Note that the funding allocation to community organisations from Children's and Adult Services and from the Health and Social Care Integration Joint Board are presented in separate reports to Members' Library Services, to complete confirmation of all partnership funding allocated by East Lothian Council in 2023/24.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The Head of Communities, having reviewed all the applications and funding proposals from partners and services, has determined the funding awards as appended to the report as part of her delegated authority through deciding the level of grants to individuals and organisations (Section 10.2 of the Scheme of Delegation).
- 2.2 The funding recommendations for 2023/24 are as follows:
 - i) Allocation of Community Council Administration Grants, Insurance and Local Priority Scheme budget, totalling £132,280 (Appendix 1).

This includes a £500 administration and secretariat award for the Association of East Lothian Community Councils.

ii) An allocation of One Council Partnership Funding to community groups and organisations totalling £1,543,515 (Appendix 2). This sum includes £333,925 for the contracted welfare advice service delivered by the East Lothian Advice Consortium.

iii) Note that the allocated budgets devolved to the six Area Partnerships is £1,250,000 (Appendix 3).

2.3 A contribution of £130,599 from the Communities budget is made to Police Scotland towards the cost of 3 FTE Community Police Officers in East Lothian, noting that, to maintain this level of deployment, this allocation increases annually aligned to Police Scotland pay and employment costs; any increase in costs for 2023/24 remain to be confirmed by Police Scotland.

2.4 Note that £15,000 from the Communities budget is directed to fund sports grants administered by the Council's Active Business Unit within the Sports, Countryside and Leisure Service.

3. BACKGROUND

3.1 The range of activities supported by the voluntary/3rd sector and other community organisations throughout East Lothian make a significant contribution to the vibrancy, health and well-being of East Lothian communities.

3.2 The awards as outlined in this report will enable organisations to maintain their commitment to partnership working with the Council to support communities to build resilience and capacity, contributing to ongoing COVID recovery and renewal during 2023/24.

3.3 Applications for One Council Partnership Funding grants are evaluated to ensure strategic fit; that grant funding is streamlined, co-ordinated and targeted to support delivery of the East Lothian Partnership Local Outcome Improvement Plan strategic priorities, in conjunction with supporting delivery of the East Lothian Integration Joint Board's Health & Social Care Strategic Plan, the East Lothian Recovery and Renewal Plan, the East Lothian Partnership's Children and Young People's Services Plan, East Lothian Council's Transforming Services for Children Programme and the East Lothian Council Plan.

3.4 The overarching intention of partnership funding is to support reducing inequalities across East Lothian's communities and population. In addition the pandemic and the cost of living challenges have impacted on many peoples' wellbeing and exacerbated hardship with community groups and organisations providing vital supports in response.

3.5 The One Council Partnership Fund is managed by the Council's Place Directorate and specifically, by the Connected Communities Service; the Connected Communities Managers provide a direct link for the Area Partnership, Community Councils and funded organisations in their locality, supporting the

development, monitoring and evaluation of local projects and service level agreements.

- 3.6 To assist and encourage all partners in their efforts to secure additional funding support from the 'external' funding market, information has been made available on the Council's website at: <https://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/info/210623/funding>. This advice is intended to enable partner community organisations to become more financially resilient and sustainable, and to reduce dependency on Council funding over time, given the known financial pressures facing the Council in the years ahead.
- 3.7 Applicants to the One Council Partnership Fund are also advised to refer to Volunteer Centre East Lothian (VCEL), East Lothian's third sector interface partner, for advice on funding opportunities and governance arrangements in support of the voluntary and third sector: <https://www.volunteereastlothian.org.uk/> Some applicants have been declined Once council Partnership funding as they have received funding from alternative sources, such as the new third sector Health and Wellbeing fund, administered by VCEL.
- 3.7 Work will be undertaken with the Council's Communications team to showcase some of the projects supported by One Council Partnership Fund grants.

4. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The allocation of partnership funding as outlined in this report will assist the Council to achieve the aims of the East Lothian Plan (and associated plans), the Integration Joint Board's Health & Social Care Strategic Plan and the Council Plan and further demonstrate the successful partnership working arrangements across the county, to help reduce inequalities and meet Partnership and Council strategic priorities.
- 4.2 The Council's financial challenges over the coming years have necessitated a clear focus on increasing the resilience of community organisations, to help them develop sustainable business models and reduce reliance on annual Council funding. Applicants have been encouraged to explore alternative funding streams and to approach VCEL, the Third Sector Interface for East Lothian, which is funded by Scottish Government to provide advice to third sector organisations on governance issues and support to secure external funding.
- 4.3 During 2023/24 the Council will continue to explore furtherance of a participatory budgeting approach to grant funding, seeking to engage community views in determining local funding priorities. Work is also underway to re-align some of the One Council Partnership Fund specialist projects supporting targeted services, to enable more direct oversight by the appropriate Council Services, to agree strategic priorities and ensure complementarity. For example the 2023/24 funding awarded to the Musselburgh-based First Step early years and parental support project will be overseen by the Council's Education & Children's Services and the East Lothian Sexual Abuse Service (provided by Edinburgh Rape Crisis) being overseen and managed by the Health and Social Care Partnership. The budget for funding these services will be transferred to the appropriate services from 2024/25.

- 4.4 Further work will be undertaken during 2023/24 to arrange for the direct management of funding for specialist services by the most appropriate Council service.

5. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Financial: The detailed financial implications have been assessed in conjunction with Corporate Finance and the recommendations contained within this report will be accommodated within the approved Communities 2023/24 service budgets.
- 5.2 Personnel: None
- 5.3 Other: None.

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Appendix 1 Support to Community Councils 2023/24

Appendix 2 One Council Partnership Funding 2023/24

Appendix 3 Area Partnerships Devolved Budgets 2023/24

Appendix 4 Integrated Impact Assessment

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Appendix 1 - Support to East Lothian Community Councils 2023/24

Name of Organisation	2023/24 Admin Grant	Insurance premium *	2023/24 Local Priorities	Area	2023/24 Grant Awarded	Funding Source	Purpose of Grant
Cockenzie & Port Seton	£808	£86	£6,240	Cockenzie & Port Seton	£7,048	Connected Communities	Empowering communities
Dunbar	£1,100	£86	£10,200	Dunbar	£11,300	Connected Communities	Empowering communities
Dunpender	£647	£86	£3,940	Dunpender	£4,587	Connected Communities	Empowering communities
East Lammermuir	£528	£86	£2,170	East Lammermuir	£2,698	Connected Communities	Empowering communities
Garvald & Morham	£469	£86	£920	Garvald & Morham	£1,389	Connected Communities	Empowering communities
Gifford	£511	£86	£1,700	Gifford	£2,211	Connected Communities	Empowering communities
Gullane	£837	£86	£6,610	Gullane	£7,447	Connected Communities	Empowering communities
Haddington	£1,212	£86	£11,880	Haddington	£13,092	Connected Communities	Empowering communities
Humbie, E & W Saltoun & Bolton	£521	£86	£1,830	Humbie, E & W Saltoun & Bolton	£2,351	Connected Communities	Empowering communities
Longniddry	£633	£86	£3,510	Longniddry	£4,143	Connected Communities	Empowering communities
Macmerry & Gladsmuir	£541	£86	£2,330	Macmerry & Gladsmuir	£2,871	Connected Communities	Empowering communities
Musselburgh & Inveresk	£1,790	£86	£19,740	Musselburgh & Inveresk	£21,530	Connected Communities	Empowering communities
North Berwick	£981	£86	£8,690	North Berwick	£9,671	Connected Communities	Empowering communities
Ormiston	£587	£86	£2,920	Ormiston	£3,507	Connected Communities	Empowering communities
Pencaitland	£579	£86	£2,830	Pencaitland	£3,409	Connected Communities	Empowering communities
Prestonpans	£1,098	£86	£10,420	Prestonpans	£11,518	Connected Communities	Empowering communities
Tranent & Elphinstone	£1,251	£86	£12,620	Tranent & Elphinstone	£13,871	Connected Communities	Empowering communities
Wallyford	£666	£86	£3,930	Wallyford	£4,596	Connected Communities	Empowering communities
West Barns	£482	£86	£1,340	West Barns	£1,822	Connected Communities	Empowering communities
Whitecraig	£529	£86	£2,190	Whitecraig	£2,719	Connected Communities	Empowering communities
	£15,770	£1,720	£116,010		£131,780		

* Now paid directly to Community Councils/amount included in the Admin grant (Column B)

Association of Community Councils

Total funding =

£500

£132,280

Appendix 2 - One Council Partnership Funding 2023/24

Name of Organisation	2022/23	2023/24	Area	2023/24	Strategic
	Awarded	Applied		Awarded	Priority
Access to Industry WITHDRAWN	Declined	£43,150	N/A	£0	N/A
Amisfield Preservation Trust	£12,500	£15,215	All of East Lothian	£10,000	Growing Economy, People & Communities
Battle of Prestonpans [1745] Heritage Trust	N/A	£50,500	Preston Seton Gosford	£27,500	Growing Communities and Capacity
Borders Scrapestore	£5,000	£7,500	All of East Lothian	£3,000	Growing Communities and Capacity
Breastfeeding LENS Limited	N/A	£25,400	N/A	£0	N/A
Bridge Centre Motorcycle project	£22,000	£29,000	All of East Lothian	£22,000	Growing Economy, People & Communities
Bridges Project	£88,850.00	£76,124	All of East Lothian	£69,000	Growing Economy, People & Communities
Can Do	Declined	£26,557	All of East Lothian	£26,557	Growing People & Communities
Carefree Kids East Lothian	£17,000	£17,000	All of East Lothian	£17,000	Growing Economy, People, Communities & Capacity
CHANGES East Lothian	Declined	£29,049	N/A	£0	N/A
Coastal Communities Museum Trust	£7,500	£10,000	North Berwick Coastal	£7,500	Growing Economy, Communities & Capacity
Countess After School Club	N/A	£16,384	N/A	£0	N/A
Dadswork	£50,000	£80,495	All of East Lothian	£50,000	Growing People, Communities & Capacity
Dalkeith and Monktonhall Brass Band	N/A	£3,400	N/A	£0	N/A
Dunbar Harbour Trust	£20,000	£20,000	Dunbar & East Linton	£20,000	Growing Communities and Capacity
East Lothian Foodbank	£15,000	£29,500	All of East Lothian	£15,000	Growing Economy, Communities & Capacity
East Lothian Indoor Bowling Club	£7,000	£9,000	All of East Lothian	£5,000	Growing Communities and Capacity
East Lothian Play Association	£8,700	£24,356	All of East Lothian	£8,700	Growing People
East Lothian Roots & Fruits	£35,000	£39,000	All of East Lothian	£35,000	Growing Communities and Capacity
East Lothian Swim Team	£12,000	£15,000	All of East Lothian	£12,000	Growing People & Communities
East Lothian U3A	£1,000	£1,500	All of East Lothian	£1,000	Growing People & Communities
Edinburgh Rape Crisis Centre	£20,000	£35,000	All of East Lothian	£20,000	Growing People
Enjoy Leisure	Declined	£3,766	N/A	£0	N/A
Family Journeys	£7,125.00	£62,443	N/A	£0	N/A
Fashion School	£12,000	£19,500	All of East Lothian	£12,000	Growing Economy, People
First Step Community Project	£208,000	£208,000	Musselburgh	£208,000	Growing People & Capacity
Fraser Centre Community Trust	£5,000	£20,000	Fa'side/Tranent	£5,000	Growing Economy, People & Communities
Friday Friends	£9,500	£14,868	All of East Lothian	£9,500	Growing Economy, People & Communities
Haddington Bridge Centre	£15,000	£15,737	Haddington & Lammermuir	£15,000	Growing People, Capacity & Communities
Haddington Citizens Advice Bureau	N/A	£42,612	N/A	£0	N/A
Haddington Garden Trust	£5,000.00	£12,000	Haddington & Lammermuir	£4,000	Growing People,Capacity & Communities
Haddington Table Tennis Club	N/A	£1,514	West of the county	£1,514	N/A
HALLHILL	£77,560	£83,500	Dunbar & East Linton	£77,560	Growing People, Capacity & Communities
Harlawhill Day Care Centre	N/A	£13,200	N/A	£0	N/A
Headway East Lothian	Declined	£16,500	N/A	£0	N/A
Heavy Sounds	£40,000	£45,760	West of the county	£40,000	Growing People, Capacity & Communities
Herbspace	£7,380	£16,145	North Berwick & Costal	£5,000	Growing People, Capacity & Communities
Into Work	£34,000	£32,324	All of East Lothian	£32,324	Growing Economy, People
KARELE	Declined	£23,000	N/A	£0	N/A
Lamp of Lothian Trust	£20,000	£28,200	Haddington & Lammermuir	£20,000	Growing Economy, People
Lothian Disability Sport	£2,000	£4,000	All of East Lothian	£2,000	Growing People, Capacity
Lower Impact Living (Lil)	£5,000	£19,805	All of East Lothian	£5,000	Growing Economy
Milan Senior Welfare Organisation	N/A	£13,240	All of East Lothian	£10,000	Growing People, Capacity
Musselburgh Athletic Football Club	N/A	£3,060	Musselburgh	£2,000	Growing People and Capacity
Musselburgh Sea Cadets	N/A	£7,500	Musselburgh	£5,500	Growing People and Capacity
MYPAS	Declined	£20,080	All of East Lothian	£10,000	Growing People and Capacity
Natural Connections (Heugh Community Garden)	Declined	£12,000	Fa'side/Tranent	£6,000	Growing People and Capacity
New Beginnings Club East Lothian	£7,500	£11,700	All of East Lothian	£7,500	Growing People, Communities & Capacity
North Berwick Harbour Trust	Declined	£3,000	N/A	£0	N/A
North Berwick in Bloom	N/A	£3,000	N/A	£0	N/A
Ocean Vertical	N/A	£13,800	N/A	£0	N/A
Our Community Kitchen	£8,000	£9,750	Haddington & Lammermuir	£8,000	Growing Economy, People, Communities & Capacity
Pennypit Community Development Trust	£99,000	£99,000	Preston Seton Gosford	£99,000	Growing People, Communities & Capacity

Pennypit Special Needs Youth Club	£9,500	£13,400	All of East Lothian	£9,500	Growing People, Communities & Capacity
People Know How	£10,000	£10,000	All of East Lothian	£10,000	Growing People, Capacity
Preston Athletic Football Club	£10,500	£10,500	Preston Seton Gosford	£10,500	Growing People, Capacity and Communities
RIDGE (The) SCIO	£30,000	£172,955	Dunbar & East Linton	£30,000	Growing People & Communities
Saltire Team Gymnastics	N/A	£3,080	N/A	£0	N/A
Skate of Mind	Declined	£3,400	N/A	£0	N/A
Stepping Out	£10,000	£17,760	All of East Lothian	£10,000	Growing Economy, People & Communities
Team United	£21,435	£30,200	All of East Lothian	£21,435	Growing People & Communities
Venturing Out	£24,800	£39,520	All of East Lothian	£20,000	Growing People, Communities & Capacity
Volunteer Centre East Lothian	£50,000	£97,946	All of East Lothian	£50,000	Growing Communities and Capacity
West Barns Bowling Club	N/A	£4,300.00	Dunbar & East Linton	£1,500	Growing Communities and Capacity
Whitecraig Village Hub	£2,000.00	£3,000.00	Musselburgh	£2,000	Growing People & Communities
Winterfield Golf Club	£17,500.00	£17,500.00	Dunbar & East Linton	£17,500	Growing Economy, People & Communities
Fisherrow Trust	£30,000.00	£30,000.00	Musselburgh	£35,000	Growing Economy, People, Communities & Capacity
East Lothian Advice Consortium	£333,925.00	£333,925.00	All East Lothian	£333,925	Growing People, Communities & Capacity
RECHARGE	£28,000.00	£28,000.00	Fa'side	£28,000	Growing People & Communities
North Berwick Youth Project	£30,000.00	£30,000.00	North Berwick & Coastal	£30,000	Growing Economy, People & Communities
		£2,284,469	Approved 2023/24 Total	£1,543,515	

<i>Appendix 3 - Area Partnerships Devolved Budgets 2023/24</i>				
Area	General	Roads	Amenities*	Total
Musselburgh	£100,000	£50,000	£100,000	£250,000
Preston Seton Gosford	£50,000	£50,000	£100,000	£200,000
Haddington & Lammermuir	£50,000	£50,000	£100,000	£200,000
Fa'side	£50,000	£50,000	£100,000	£200,000
Dunbar & East Linton	£50,000	£50,000	£100,000	£200,000
North Berwick Coastal	£50,000	£50,000	£100,000	£200,000
	£350,000	£300,000	£600,000	£1,250,000

* influential spend, agreeing priorities for the deployment of Landscape & Countryside workforce and machinery