

ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report seeks approval to provide grant funding and enter into grant funding agreements in relation to the community projects. Funding has been allocated within the Council's general fund budget 2018-19.

2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the Committee:-

- 2.1 Approves the provision of grant funding for community projects for 2018-19 as set out in the Financial Implications section (4.1) of this report.
- 2.2 Agrees that a grant funding agreement should be made with each of these projects confirming funding for 2018-19.
- 2.3 Delegates authority to the Head of Commercial and Procurement Services in consultation with the Chief Officer - Finance to approve the terms and conditions of the grant funding agreements.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Council has historically provided funding to a number of organisations to deliver community learning and development activities. The services provided by the funded projects included childcare, youth work, adult learning, community development and capacity building. Funding has also been provided to CFINE (Community Food Initiatives NE) to provide access to healthy affordable food in priority areas.

- 3.2 It was agreed at the Communities, Housing and Infrastructure committee on 18 March 2015 that the funded projects would move to a three year funding cycle, with funding being confirmed for each financial year in line with the Council's budget setting process. These initial three year agreements expired on 31 March 2018. With the new Target Operating Model, which has Commissioning as a key theme, it is proposed that 1 year of funding is agreed to allow us to take account of any changes to our commissioning approach.
- 3.3 Officers have been working with the projects to align their funded activities with the Local Outcome Improvement Plan and new locality plans. Monitoring and reporting is in accordance with Following the Public Pound procedures, and funding agreements have been prepared by colleagues in Legal. New reporting processes are being implemented with six monthly and annual reporting of output and outcomes aligned to those set out within funding agreements. These performance reports will be assessed by officers.
- 3.4 Further work will be undertaken through the coming year with locality partnerships to define their role in reviewing funded projects' alignment with the locality plans and performance.
- 3.5 The activities and outputs provided by the projects, and the outcomes they are contributing to, are summarised below.
- 3.6 **Aberdeen Lads Club** provides support to residents living in the Tillydrone and surrounding areas. Eligible service users are children, young people, families and adults living in the above areas who are actual or potential learners, with a focus on individuals and groups experiencing barriers as a result of economic circumstance, social isolation, limited confidence, low self-esteem or lack of educational opportunity. Services provided include Adult Learning, Community Capacity Building, Early Years and Out of School Care and Youth Work.
- 3.7 Specific outputs include:
- Morning Nursery class for 2-3 year olds five sessions a week term-time, 10 children per session
 - Morning Nursery class for 3-5 year olds 5 sessions a week term-time, 12 children per session
 - Afternoon Nursery class for 2-3 year olds - five sessions a week during term-time, 10 children per session
 - After school club, for children 5-12 years old - five sessions a week during term-time, 45 children per session
 - Junior Youth Club for children 5-12 years old - two sessions per week during term-time, up to 60 children per session
 - Senior Youth Club for young people 12-18 years old - two sessions per week during term-time, 20+ children per session
 - Holiday Activity Club for children 5-12 years old four sessions a week during Easter, Summer and October school holidays (7 weeks), 35 children per session.
 - Youth Drumming Group, one session per week during term-time.

- Partnership/Support local youth to engage in Street Soccer Project, one session a week.
- Community Café, operates 5 days a week term-time
- Support to individuals on a range of issues including housing, benefit advice, social care, alcohol issues, money advice or drug addiction.
- Support to volunteers including employment advice and training
- Support to local residents to engage in community planning and development
- Support to local residents to engage in local community groups e.g. Tillydrone Network, Tillydrone Development Trust, Riverbank Parent Council etc.
- Support to local residents to become part of the Voluntary Management Committee that runs Aberdeen Lads Club, including training opportunities and 6 meetings a year.

3.8 The project works to priorities 2+3 in the CLD Strategic Plan.

2. Collaborate to contribute to Improved Life Chances.
3. Empower communities and communities of interest through effectively building their capacity to engage as partners in shaping and delivering services and to engage fully in decision making processes.

3.9 The activity contributes to the following outcomes in the Locality Plans:

- Communities are inclusive and safe
- Improve health and wellbeing with increased access to healthy food
- Improve play and public spaces and access to fit for purpose community facilities
- Improve employment opportunities

3.10 **Fersands Community Project** provides support to residents living in the Ferrier, Sandilands, Fountain and Woodside areas. Out of school care is not restricted by area. Eligible service users are children, young people, families and adults living in the above areas who are actual or potential learners, with a focus on individuals and groups experiencing barriers as a result of economic circumstance, social isolation, limited confidence, low self-esteem or lack of educational opportunity. Services provided include Adult Learning, Community Capacity Building, Out of School Care and Youth Work.

3.11 Specific outputs include:

- Summer playscheme with 45+ children attending
- Sixteen summer activity day sessions total attendance of 70 children and young people
- Six residential camps total attendance of 54 children/young people
- Free meals provided during holidays 125
- Two junior youth group weekly term time, 11 per session
- Four senior youth groups weekly, total weekly attendance of 32
- Three weekly classes for children (dance, art, ninja) total weekly attendance 42

- Breakfast club term time with 12 children per session
- In partnership with Printfield Project, after school club for pupils from Woodside and Kittybrewster schools, 20 children per session.
- Ten day swimming club for 15 children.
- 5 weekly thematic groups for young people (music, sport, job club) total weekly attendance 39
- Seven adult learning groups, total weekly attendance 50
- Support to individuals on range of issues including housing, care, alcohol, money or drug issues provided to a minimum of 50 people from April - March.
- Support to volunteers including employment advice and training
- Support to local residents to engage in locality planning and development including Woodside network with average of 3 meetings per month
- Support to local residents to become part of the Committee that runs the project and local magazine including training and 2 meetings per month from April to March.
- Support advice information & translation assistance to residents
- Food support services

3.12 The project works to priorities 2+3 in the CLD Strategic Plan.

2. Collaborate to contribute to Improved Life Chances.
3. Empower communities and communities of interest through effectively building their capacity to engage as partners in shaping and delivering services and to engage fully in decision making processes.

3.13 The activity contributes to the following outcomes in the Locality Plans:

- Communities are inclusive and safe
- Improve health and wellbeing with increased access to healthy food
- Improve play and public spaces and access to fit for purpose community facilities
- Improve employment opportunities

3.14 **Fersands Family Centre** is run by Fersands Community Project and provides the following outputs:

- Two nursery classes weekdays, 12 children per session
- Two's group three times a week, 8 children per session
- Toddlers group twice a week, 8 children per session
- Babies group once a week, 7 babies per session
- Kindergym once a week, 10 children per session
- Range of parent groups
- Support to individual parents as required

3.15 This activity contributes to the following outcomes in the Locality Plans:

- Communities are inclusive and safe

- Improve play and public spaces and access to fit for purpose community facilities

3.16 **Middlefield Community Project** provides support to residents living in the Middlefield area. Eligible service users are children, young people, families and adults living in the above area who are actual or potential learners, with a focus on individuals and groups experiencing barriers as a result of economic circumstance, social isolation, limited confidence, low self-esteem or lack of educational opportunity. Services provided include Adult Learning, Community Capacity Building, Early Years and Out of School Care, and Youth Work.

3.17 Specific outputs include:

Childcare:

- Fee paying nursery – 5 full days x 50 weeks
- 1 pre-school nursery – 3 hours, 5 days x 40 weeks, places for 12 children
- 1 ante pre-school nursery – 3 hours, 5 days x 40 weeks, places for 12 children
- • 1 ante pre-school nursery - 2 ½ hours, 3 days x 40 weeks, places for 10 children
- 2's nursery - 2 hours, 2 days x 40 weeks, places for 8 children
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- Crèches – 2 mornings per week introducing children to nurseries and by arrangement or separate crèches supporting adult learning provision.

Work with Parents/Family Learning:

- Parent/carers advice sessions and parent & toddler sessions - 6 families per session
- Confidence Building and Assertiveness - 6 participants per course
- Swimming group - 25 weeks for 5 vulnerable families
- Away Day for 15 families with 0-8 year old children to build links for adult learning

Under 11's work:

- Two junior youth groups weekly term-time, total weekly attendance 28 children.
- Two residentials with children from primary groups 1-6, total attendance 36 children
- Hopscotch holiday, 12 children attending
- Play schemes (Easter school holidays for 4 days, Summer school holidays for 9 days, October school holidays for 4 days plus Family Day for 70 children)

Youth Work:

- Five days from 2pm-6pm then 7pm-9.45pm all year (40 hours per week)

- Five sessions of senior youth work weekly, supporting 140 young people with total weekly attendance of 60 young people. (*Joint funded by FSF)
- One residential for young people per year plus 24 day trips during school holidays
- One trip during Easter and trips during Summer school holidays
- Youth Committee - youth flat meetings with the groups attending (6 times per year)
- Outreach work with young people 36 sessions.
- Summer and October residential with young people, total attendance 20 young people

Adult Learning:

- Active Living Group once a week (with crèche) for 20 weeks, 10 women per session
- Arts Group - 8 women per session (term time)
- Women's group once a week term time (with crèche) – 7 participants per session
- Healthy Living group over 24 weeks - 8 women (no crèche)
- Run 'First Aid for Under Fives Course for 6 parents.

Community Development/Capacity Building:

- Support to individuals and families on range of issues including housing, care, alcohol, money or drug issues provided to a minimum of 60 people per year
- Support 25 volunteers including employment advice and training. This includes a residential training event.
- Support to local residents to become part of the Committee that runs the project including a training, planning and evaluation event and 11 meetings from April - March
- Contribute to partnership and community initiatives to support local residents by attending meetings and supporting development of services including:
 - Northfield Total Place (includes potential for involvement in specific projects)
 - Northfield Learning Partnership
 - Middlefield Park Development
 - C-Fine Partnership - supporting 60 families per month

3.18 The project works to priorities 2+3 in the CLD Strategic Plan.

2. Collaborate to contribute to Improved Life Chances.
3. Empower communities and communities of interest through effectively building their capacity to engage as partners in shaping and delivering services and to engage fully in decision making processes.

3.19 The activity contributes to the following outcomes in the Locality Plan:

- Increase community involvement and participation
- Improve access to/provision of community facilities and resources
- Improve opportunities for people

3.20 **Printfield Community Project** provides support to residents living in the Woodside and Hilton areas. Out of school care is not restricted by area. Eligible service users are children, young people, families and adults living in the above areas who are actual or potential learners, with a focus on individuals and groups experiencing barriers as a result of economic circumstance, social isolation, limited confidence, low self-esteem or lack of educational opportunity. Services provided include Adult Learning, Community Capacity Building, Out of School Care and Youth Work.

3.21 Specific outputs include:

- Four crèches per week, 7 children per session.
- In partnership with Fersands and Fountain Project an after school club for pupils from Woodside and Kittybrewster schools, 20 children per session.
- School holiday activities for 5-16 year olds, total attendance of 50 participants.
- Four youth groups weekly term time for children and young people, total weekly attendance of 30.
- Three adult learning classes, 6 participants per session.
- Support to individuals on a range of issues including housing, care, alcohol, money or drug issues provided to a minimum of 55 people from April - March.
- Support to 20 volunteers including employment advice and training
- Support to 30 local residents to engage in community planning and development.
- Support to local residents to become part of the Committee that runs the project including training and 10 meetings from April to March.
- Support to 4 volunteers to organise and develop the Project Charity Shop.
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3.22 The project works to priorities 2+3 in the CLD Strategic Plan.

2. Collaborate to contribute to Improved Life Chances.
3. Empower communities and communities of interest through effectively building their capacity to engage as partners in shaping and delivering services and to engage fully in decision making processes.

3.23 The activity contributes to the following outcomes in the Locality Plan:

- Communities are inclusive and safe
- Improve health and wellbeing with increased access to healthy food
- Improve play and public spaces and access to fit for purpose community facilities
- Improve employment opportunities

3.24 **St Machar Parent Support Project** provides support to residents living in the St Machar and Northfield Academy catchment areas. Eligible service users are children, young people, families and adults living in the above areas who are actual or potential learners, with a focus on individuals and groups experiencing barriers as a result of economic circumstance, social isolation, limited confidence, low self-esteem or lack of educational opportunity. Services provided include Parent Support, Adult Learning, Community Capacity Building.

3.25 Specific outputs include:

- Undertake six parenting programmes running for 10-12 weeks each, supporting 30 parents in total through group work and one to ones.
- A summer programme for families
- Provide support to individuals and families on a range of issues including housing, care, alcohol, money or drug issues provided to a minimum of 30 individuals or families July-March. This will include some families and individuals who receive ongoing guidance and support through regular meetings and counselling.
- Provide daily support to pupils at break and lunchtimes average of 35 pupils weekly.
- Provide support to pupils to attend range of learning activities provided by other agencies. Minimum of 25 pupils.
- Provide support to local people and agency users to build their capacity through joining the project management committee. This will include, at least twice annually, training and 7 meetings from July-March.
- Provide support to young parents through running young parents groups in the area served.
- Exam support to pupils identified by school staff, including home visits as funding sourced.

3.26 The project works to priorities 2+3 in the CLD Strategic Plan.

2. Collaborate to contribute to Improved Life Chances.
3. Empower communities and communities of interest through effectively building their capacity to engage as partners in shaping and delivering services and to engage fully in decision making processes.

3.27 This activity contributes to the following outcomes in the Locality Plan:

- Improve outcomes for families with most complex needs
- Develop bespoke and targeted inclusion and attainment initiatives to tackle disengagement at S1 and improve positive destinations from St Machar Academy.
- Improve health and wellbeing with increased access to healthy food
- Improve employment opportunities

3.28 **CFINE Community Food Support** maintain and develop Community Food Outlets, provide food for those in food poverty, coordination, information and networking between organisations involved in food bank work. They also distribute free food provided by FareShare, fresh, in date and good to eat surplus from the food industry that would otherwise go to waste.

3.29 Specific outputs include:

- Sale of fruit/veg/pulses at Community Food Outlets - £80,000
- Value of enterprise sales - £300,000
- Number of volunteers at Community Food Outlets - 60
- Number of Community Food Outlets – 65
- Free food distributed – 400 tonnes
- Number of organisations receiving FareShare - 120

3.30 This activity contributes to the following outcomes in the Locality Plans:

- Improve health and wellbeing with increased access to healthy food
- Develop sustainable food provision for those in greatest need via locally based outlets
- Work together to create opportunities for free/affordable food
- Develop community food provision to help tackle food insecurity

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The total budget for the funded projects for 2018-19 is £649,828. This amount is contained within the approved budget for the service; however the expenditure for these projects is required to be approved by Committee. The projects have been funded at comparable levels for a number of years. The funding for each organisation is as follows:

Aberdeen Lads Club	£123,957
Fersands Community Project	£138,433
Fersands Family Centre	£94,244
Middlefield Community Project	£104,766
Printfield Community Project	£65,812
St Machar Parent Support Project	£112,416
CFINE Community Food Support	£10,200

4.2 This report asks the committee to approve the allocation of the expenditure as set out above. Any delay to the payments could result in cash flow difficulties for these organisations.

4.3 The Chief Officer – Finance shall ensure that the terms and conditions of the grant funding agreements are reviewed and agreed by Finance.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The cumulative levels of funding for these organisations mean they fall into Tier 3 under the Council's Local Code of Practice for Bodies and Following the Public Pound.

5.2 The Commercial and Procurement Legal Team shall be instructed by the Head of Commercial and Procurement to assist with the preparation of the grant funding agreements.

6. MANAGEMENT OF RISK

	Risk	Low (L), Medium (M), High (H)	Mitigation
Financial	The recommendation seeks to ensure that the Council's resources are allocated in a planned and proactive manner to meet identified priority needs.	L	Financial regulations apply and FtPP procedures are in place. A single monitoring framework is being implemented including improved reporting to monitor the effectiveness of meeting Locality Plan priorities.
Customer	The funded projects provide services that are preventative and addressing inequalities within the City. There is an increasing need for support for people in crisis situations, which is also being delivered for some of our most vulnerable citizens. There is a risk that funded projects will be dissatisfied with the change to a one-year funding arrangement.	L L	Implementing the recommendation will ensure this support continues. The reason for this change will be explained to the projects and officers will support projects to ensure future proposed activities and outcomes are in line with the LOIP and locality plans.
Reputational	The funded projects are valued and appreciated within local communities for the support they provide residents and the positive impact they have. Many beneficiaries and volunteers	L	Implementing the recommendation will ensure this support continues.

	would be negatively impacted, and services significantly reduced, if funding was unavailable.		
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7. OUTCOMES

Local Outcome Improvement Plan Themes	
	Impact of Report
<p>Prosperous Economy <i>Inclusive economic growth - A skilled workforce for the future that provides opportunities for all our people. We will significantly improve the city through regeneration of our communities and ensuring a vibrant economy. Develop and implement Locality Plans for those communities experiencing socio economic disadvantage</i></p>	<p>The funded projects provide adult learning, youth work, community capacity building, volunteering opportunities. 123 people were supported back into work and over 400 people received money advice and income maximisation support. Over 300 volunteers contributed 50,000 volunteering hours, worth £686,500.</p> <p>The Community Projects are supporting the development and implementation of locality plans and aligning their activities and reporting with the priorities in the plans. They contribute to several priorities, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communities are inclusive and safe • Improve health and wellbeing with increased access to healthy food • Improve access to/provision of community facilities and resources • Improve play and public spaces and access to fit for purpose community facilities • Improve accessibility to high quality, fit for purpose facilities within the Locality • Improve outcomes for families with most complex needs • Improve employment opportunities
<p>Prosperous People <i>Children have the best start in life - children in Aberdeen City are healthy, happy and safe, and enjoy the best possible childhood. We will improve health supports and outcomes for families, children and young people. Children are safe and</i></p>	<p>Fersands Family Centre provides nursery and Me2 sessions for 34 children a week. Fersands Community Project provides youth work, including music, art and holiday activities to over 100 young people, St Machar Parent Support Project supports over 150 parents and 90 young people with additional support needs, Printfield Community Project provides training and out of school care provision for 70 people, Aberdeen Lads Club provides Early Years nurseries, Out of School Care and Youth clubs to support parents who are returning</p>

<p><i>responsible - children and young people are safe from all forms of harm. We will improve multi agency support for vulnerable children and young people.</i></p>	<p>to work, CFINE proves 40-50 work experience placements for vulnerable adults.</p>
<p>Prosperous Place <i>People friendly city – a city where people choose to invest, live and visit. Sustainable food provision in Aberdeen, tackling food poverty, developing community food skills and knowledge and delivering sustainable food provision.</i></p>	<p>The funded projects operate community food outlets and provide approximately 60 food parcels each, per week, for those in need, they also support groups and individuals to access community cooking classes. CFINE distributes 405 tonnes of free food per year, equivalent to 964,285 meals, and worth £1.5m. They support 63 community food outlets in priority areas.</p>

8. IMPACT ASSESSMENTS

Assessment	Outcome
<p>Equality & Human Rights Impact Assessment</p>	<p><i>EHRIA completed</i></p>
<p>Privacy Impact Assessment</p>	<p><i>Not required</i></p>
<p><u>Children's Rights Impact Assessment/Duty of Due Regard</u></p>	<p><i>Not applicable</i></p>

9. BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

10. APPENDICES (if applicable)

None

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