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Date of meeting Monday, 9th December, 2013
Time 7.00 pm
Venue Committee Room 2, Civic Offices, Merrial Street,
Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffordshire, ST5 2AG
Contact Louise Stevenson

Grants Assessment Panel

AGENDA

PART 1 – OPEN AGENDA

- 1 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** (Pages 1 - 2)
To agree as a correct record, the minutes of the meeting held on 17 September 2013.
- 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
To receive declarations of interest from Members on items included in this agenda
- 3 Community Chest** (Pages 3 - 8)
- 4 Small Grants** (Pages 9 - 20)
- 5 Cultural Grants** (Pages 21 - 36)
- 6 URGENT BUSINESS**
To consider any business which is urgent within the meaning of Section 100B (4) of the Local Government Act 1972

Members: Councillors Bannister, Mrs Burnett, Mrs Heames, Mrs Johnson, Mrs Peers, Rout, Miss Walklate, Mrs Williams and Mrs Winfield (Chair)

Members of the Council: If you identify any personal training/development requirements from any of the items included in this agenda or through issues raised during the meeting, please bring them to the attention of the Democratic Services Officer at the close of the meeting.

Meeting Quorums :- 16+= 5 Members; 10-15=4 Members; 5-9=3 Members; 5 or less = 2 Members.

Officers will be in attendance prior to the meeting for informal discussions on agenda items.

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Public Document Pack Agenda Item 1

GRANTS ASSESSMENT PANEL

Tuesday, 17th September, 2013

Present: Councillor Mrs Joan Winfield – in the Chair

Councillors: Mrs Burnett and Miss Walklate

Officers: Theresa Mason – Culture and Arts Manager
Louise Stevenson – Scrutiny Officer
Robin Wiles - Partnerships Officer (Community Development)

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Bannister, Eagles, Mrs Heames, Mrs Johnson, Mrs Peers and Mrs Williams.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 10 June 2013 be agreed as a correct record.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

4. COMMUNITY CHEST

The Panel considered a report informing it of Community Chest applications processed for the financial years April 2013 to March 2014.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

5. SMALL GRANTS

Consideration was given to fifteen applications for a Small Grant, including one deferred from the previous meeting.

There was also consideration of a new approach to Grant Appeals. This followed a report that had been received at the previous meeting on 10 June 2013, where it had been suggested that the Panel adopt the Corporate Complaints, Comments and Compliments Policy 2008. Under the current procedures, the Panel would hear their own appeals and could be seen as not being objective.

RESOLVED:

(a) That the following grants be approved:

Organisation	£
North Staffs LinkLine	2500
Audley Allotments Association	750
Landau Ltd	1200
Newcastle-u-Lyme Lions Club	500
Gifted Workshops CIC	1000
Peter Pan Nursery	<u>2000</u>
	7950

(b) That in respect of the grant awarded to Peter Pan Nursery for Children with Special Needs, officers would work with the applicants to discuss the situation in respect of subsidised places, with the option of some of the grant being deployed to support subsidised places.

(c) That the application made by Green Age (at Blore Heath Farm) be deferred to the Panel's next meeting on 9 December 2013, to which Green Age will be invited to attend to provide further information on the costings for the activities they provide.

(d) That the Panel adopt the Corporate Complaints, Comments and Compliments Policy 2008 for future grant appeals

6. **CULTURAL GRANTS**

Consideration was given to four applications for a Cultural Grant.

RESOLVED:

That the following grants be approved:

Organisation	£
Gifted Workshops CIC	1000
Staffordshire Knights Youth Marching Band	500
Newcastle Town Centre Partnership	1500
Arts Keele	<u>1400</u>
	4400

7. **URGENT BUSINESS**

There was no urgent business considered.

COUNCILLOR MRS JOAN WINFIELD
Chair

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME BOROUGH COUNCIL

**EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT TEAM'S REPORT TO THE
GRANTS ASSESSMENT PANEL**

Monday 9th December 2013

1. **HEADING** Community Chest
- Submitted by:** Sara Shuker
- Portfolio:** Resources & Efficiency
- Ward(s) affected:** All Wards affected

Purpose of the Report

To inform Members of Community Chest applications processed at the time of writing this report for the period April 2013 to March 2014

Recommendations

**Panel note the applications received & processed to date.
Panel to consider application from Madeley Parish Council**

Reasons

Grants Assessment Panel's remit is to receive reports on Community Chest, and, if appropriate, determine whether applications meet the Council's Corporate Priorities and merit an award.

1. **Background**

- 1.1 46 Applications have been received for the financial year 2013/14 from 14 Locally Based Bodies: -
- A total of £24,355.25 has been granted from £33,229.07 applied for
 - 32 received full grants applied for and 8 received partial grant, 2 received no grant, 1 application was withdrawn, 2 are awaiting further information and 1 requires a panel decision
 - Madeley Parish Council application for Older Persons Christmas party on Sunday 15th December 2013 for a total of £964.00, there are 150 places, the rural run around mini bus will be collecting residents from their home to ensure as many people have access to the celebrations.

2. **Issues**

2.1 1 Application has been received for a Panel decision from Madeley Parish Council

3. **Options Considered** (if any)

N/A

4. **Proposal**

4.1 Panel note the information on grants awarded to date in 2013/14.

4.2 Panel to consider application from Madeley Parish Council.

5. **Reasons for Preferred Solution**

6. **Outcomes Linked to Sustainable Community Strategy and Corporate Priorities**

6.1 All applications approved cover a range of the Sustainable Community Strategy and Corporate Priorities

7. **Legal and Statutory Implications**

N/A

8. **Equality Impact Assessment**

N/A

9. **Financial and Resource Implications**

9.1 A breakdown of current budgets for the Locally Based Bodies 2013/14

10. **Major Risks**

N/A

11. **Key Decision Information**

12. **Earlier Cabinet/Committee Resolutions**

13. **Recommendations**

13.1 Panel note the applications received & processed to date.

13.2 Panel to consider application from Madeley Parish Council

14. **List of Appendices**

15. **Background Papers**

15.1 Applications made from April 2013 to March 2014

15.2 Application from Madeley Parish Council

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No.	REF.	PANEL?	Organisation/Project.	Deferred.	Date completed	Applied for.	Granted.	Full or part	Total spend	Budget	Left	amount that can be carried forward	lose	Report Form rec'd	
Audley	1 APC 1314 01		Audley Allotments Association/Secure Fencing for Audley Allotments		12.09.13	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	F							
									£1,000.00	£ 3,720.00	£ 2,720.00				
BB&W	2 BB&W 1314 01 3 BB&W 1314 02		Betley & District Village Hall/Steps from hall to stage Madeley First responders/Vehicle replacement		05.08.13 18.11.13	£500.00 £480.00	£250.00 £240.00	P P							
									£ 490.00	£ 1,117.62	£ 627.62				
C&HC									£0.00	£ 1,081.28	£ 1,081.28				
Chesterton	4 CCF 1314 01 5 CCF 1314 02 6 CCF 1314 03 7 CCF 1314 04 8 CCF 1314 05 9 CCF 1314 06 10 CCF 1314 07 11 CCF 1314 08		3rd Chesterton Guides/Girlguiding activities Sugarcraft/Sugarcraft Recreational Art and craft group/Recreational art and craft group Salvation Army Parent & Toddler Group/Parent&Toddler The Crown Red Street FC/The crown red street fc Sporting Communities/Rugby World Cup Fit to Dance/Fit to Dance. Red Street Scout Group/10th Birthday Camp.		05.08.13 05.08.13 05.08.13 05.08.13 12.09.13 22.10.13 30.10.13 24.10.13	£500.00 £540.00 £1,000.00 £1,000.00 £846.00 £620.00 £712.00 £1,368.00	£500.00 £540.00 £1,000.00 £1,000.00 £846.00 £620.00 £712.00 £0.00	F F F F F F F Z							
									£5,218.00	£ 5,580.00	£ 362.00				
Clayton	12 CCC 1314 01 13 CCC 1314 02		Midsummer Mayhem/Midsummer Mayhem Newcastle Baptist Church/heating system		08.07.13 12.09.13	£500.00 £1,000.00	£500.00 £500.00	F P						YES	
									£ 1,000.00	£ 2,005.60	£ 1,005.60				
Keele	14 KPC 1314 01		Parish Church of St John the Baptist Keele/Keele Pilgrim Fest		29.04.13	£150.00	£150.00	F							
									£150.00	£ 2,000.00	£ 1,850.00				
Kidsgrove	15 KTC 1314 01 16 KTC 1314 02 17 KTC 1314 03 18 KTC 1314 04 19 KTC 1314 05 20 KTC 1314 06 21 KTC 1314 07 22 KTC 1314 08		Tom Lowe Amateur Boxing Club/Own Boxing ring Linley & Kidsgrove RUFC/Local fitness and recruitment project The Pottaries Guinea Pig Rescue/Welfare and animal charity event St Thomas Church, Kidsgrove/The Wade Community Centre Kidsgrove Carnival Association/Summer Holiday Special Trinity Dance Troupe/2014 season Friends of Kidsgrove Station Gardens The Friends of Talke/The friends of Talke		24.06.13 05.06.13 04.07.13 04.07.13 12.08.13 01.07.13 12.08.13	£1,000.00 £875.00 £240.00 £1,000.00 £1,000.00 £1,000.00 £500.00 £1,000.00	£1,000.00 £875.00 £240.00 £500.00 £1,000.00 £0.00 £500.00 £1,000.00	F F F P F Z F F							
									£5,115.00	£ 11,160.00	£ 6,045.00				
Loggerheads									£0.00	£ 1,920.00	£ 1,920.00				
Madeley.	22 MPC 1314 01 23 MPC 1314 02 24 MPC 1314 03		Madeley Tidy Group/Investment planting Vicarage Lane Madeley Madeley White Star FC/Madeley White Start FC Madeley Parish Council		22.07.13 12.09.13	£335.74 £700.00 £964.00	£335.74 £700.00	F F						YES	
									£1,035.74	£ 2,000.37	£ 964.63				
M&Aston	25 MAPC 1314 01		Aston and Willoughbridge WI/Lightweight table		17.09.13	£100.00	£100.00	F							
									£100.00	£ 1,025.00	£ 925.00				
Marsh Hall	26 MHCC 1314 01 27 MHCC 1314 02 28 MHCC 1314 03 29 MHCC 1314 04		14th Basford Scout Group/Purchase of equipment due to restart of the scout section 7th Newcastle Brownies/New tables Wolstanton Bowling Club/Bowling green renovation Wolstanton residents association/Christmas in Wolstanton		29.04.13 18.11.13	£755.00 £74.97 £826.00 £500.00	£755.00 £74.97	F F							
									£829.97	£ 11,231.90	£ 10,401.93				
Ramsey Road	30 RRCC 1314 01 31 RRCC 1314 02 32 RRCC 1314 03 33 RRCC 1314 04		Castletown Grange/Get up and get on Knutton Community Centre/Help for heroes Newcastle Staffs WMC/Senior Citizens christmas dinner K&S Out of school club/Let there be light		31.07.13 31.07.13 23.09.13 10.10.13	£900.00 £1,000.00 £1,000.00 £1,124.00	£900.00 £1,000.00 £1,000.00 £1,000.00	F F F F							
									£3,900.00	£ 5,121.10	£ 1,221.10				
Silverdale	34 SPC 1314 01 35 SPC 1314 02 36 SPC 1314 03 37 SPC 1314 04		74th Silverdale Scout group/Arts Project Silverdale tots (playgroup/Silverdale tots The Raise project/ Silverdale over 60's/Over 60's club		01.10.13 22.10.13 01.10.13 30.10.13	£600.00 £500.00 £802.86 £1,000.00	£600.00 £500.00 £802.86 £317.14	F F F P							
									£2,220.00	£ 2,220.00	£ -				
Whitfield (formerly Harriet Higgins)	38 WCC 1314 01 39 WCC 1314 02 40 WCC 1314 03 41 WCC 1314 04 42 WCC 1314 05 43 WCC 1314 06		16th St Giles' & St George's Scout Group/New Beginnings- GANCELLED Midsummer Mayhem/Midsummer Mayhem Staffordshire Knights Youth Marching Band/Purchase of Aluphone instrument Arch North Staffs/Morrison Till receipts DV awareness project Falkirk Grange- Aspire Renewal of TV licence ST Mary's Catholic PTA/Garden project		24.06.13 12.08.13 09.09.13 05.11.13 07.11.13	£880.00 £500.00 £1,000.00 £495.00 £145.50 £300.00	£0.00 £500.00 £1,000.00 £350.00 £145.50 £51.04	w F F P F P						YES	
									£1,850.00	£ 5,649.56	£ 3,799.56				
Whitmore.	44 WPC 1314 01		Whitmore Art Group/Exhibition of arts and crafts		13.05.13	£895.00	£250.00	P							
									£250.00	£ 1,031.28	£ 781.28				
Wye Rd.	45 WRCC 1314 01 46 WRCC 1314 02		BowBuddies Newcastle-under-Lyme Friendship Centre		07.05.13 24.06.13	£1,000.00 £1,000.00	£1,000.00 £1,000.00	F F							
									£2,000.00	£ 5,940.76	£ 3,940.76				
						£34,229.07	£25,355.25		£ 25,158.71	£ 62,804.47	£ 37,645.76	£ -	£ -		

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NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME BOROUGH COUNCIL

**EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT TEAM'S REPORT TO THE
GRANTS ASSESSMENT PANEL COMMITTEE**

Monday 9th December 2013.

1. **HEADING** SMALL GRANTS.

Submitted by: Robin Wiles, Partnerships Officer (Community Development).

Portfolio: Resources & Efficiency.

Ward(s) affected: The applications for consideration potentially affect all Wards.

Purpose of the Report

To consider applications submitted to the Small Grants scheme for the third quarter of 2013/14.

Recommendations (to be in bold)

Panel consider the applications submitted with a view to determining whether a grant should be awarded, and if so, at what level.

Panel receive information regarding Grants Budgets for 2014/15.

Reasons

Grants Assessment Panel's remit is to determine which of the grant applications meet the Council's Corporate Priorities and merit an award.

1. **Background**

1.1 The Small Grants budget for 2013/14 is £22,000.00.

1.2 Voluntary & Community groups can apply for a grant of up to £2,500.00.

1.3 At the previous Grants Assessment Panel meetings of 2013/14, eight grants were awarded, totalling £11,220.00. This leaves £10,780.00 in the budget.

1.4 1 application was deferred from the meeting held on Monday 16th September 2013, with the applicant invited to this meeting to answer queries from the Panel before a decision is made.

2. **Issues**

2.1 Applications. 3 applications, including 1 deferred from the previous meeting, are for consideration at this meeting, at a total of £7,323.00. For further information about applications for consideration for this meeting, please see Appendix One.

2.2 Grants Budgets for 2014/15.

The Council's Budget Review Group has been carrying out a review of all budgets in light of the cutbacks in local government funding. This review has included grants budgets, with recommendations that would see reductions in these budgets – please see Appendix Three.

3. **Options Considered** (if any)

3.1 For each application, GAP can award:-

- Full grant.
- Partial Grant.
- No Grant.
- Defer a decision until the next Panel meeting, either to obtain further information, and/or to invite the applicant to attend the meeting dependant on whether there are any time constraints on projects seeking funding.

3.2 Reductions in grants budgets will be implemented. The Panel will have a key role to play in determining how these can be implemented without causing serious detrimental affect on the voluntary & community sector in Newcastle.

4. **Proposal**.

4.1 The applications received are from eligible organisations, and contribute towards meeting the Council's Corporate Priorities and the priorities of the Sustainable Community Strategy.

4.2 Projects (not organisations) that receive a grant in two successive years are required to take a break for the following year before they are eligible to apply again.

4.3 Members consider each application on its merits, taking into account other possible funding options that applicant may be able to apply to.

4.4 The Panel considers how to best deal with the reductions in grants budgets – please see Appendix Three for some thoughts for consideration.

5. **Reasons for Preferred Solution**

5.1 There may be other sources of funding to which applicants can be directed should they be awarded no grant, or a partial grant.

5.2 Reductions in grants budgets should be implemented so as to cause minimal harm to both the voluntary & community sector and to the Council's reputation.

6. **Outcomes Linked to Sustainable Community Strategy and Corporate Priorities**

6.1 All the applications for consideration meet both Corporate Priorities and those of the Sustainable Community Strategy – please see the applications for further details.

7. **Legal and Statutory Implications**

7.1 Not applicable.

8. **Equality Impact Assessment**

8.1 All applications, if awarded, would be expected to have a positive impact on the communities that they benefit.

9. **Financial and Resource Implications**

9.1 The balance in the budget for the Small Grants scheme is £10,780.00.

9.2 Applications submitted for this GAP meeting total £7,323.00. If all applications were approved for a full grant, that would leave £3,457.00 in the budget.

10. **Major Risks**

10.1 Not Applicable.

11. **Key Decision Information**

11.1 Both applications potentially affect all Wards.

12. **Earlier Cabinet/Committee Resolutions**

12.1 Not Applicable.

13. **Recommendations**

13.1 Members consider each application on its merits, taking into account other possible funding options that applicants may be able to access.

13.2 Members consider how the Council can best manage the implementation of reductions in grants budgets.

14. **List of Appendices**

14.1 Small Grant applications – details.

14.2 2013/14 Application Record.

14.3 Grants budget paper.

15. **Background Papers**

15.1 Copies of applications will be e-mailed to Panel members. Hard copies will not be made available to reduce printing costs, but can be viewed in advance - please contact Robin Wiles on 742493 or robin.wiles@newcastle-staffpartnership.org.uk.

2. **Issues.**

2.1 Applications. 3 applications, including 1 deferred from the previous meeting, are for consideration at this meeting, at a total of £7,323.00. For further information about applications for consideration for this meeting, please see Appendix Two.

2.2 Budgets. Reductions in grant budgets need to be managed to reduce any negative impact on both the voluntary & community sector in Newcastle, and on the Council.

3. **Options Considered** (if any)

3.1 For each application, GAP can award:-

- Full grant.
- Partial Grant.
- No Grant.
- Defer a decision until the next Panel meeting, either to obtain further information, and/or to invite the applicant to attend the meeting dependant on whether there are any time constraints on projects seeking funding.

Proposal.

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4.2 Projects (not organisations) that receive a grant in two successive years are required to take a break for the following year before they are eligible to apply again.

4.3 Members consider each application on its merits, taking into account other possible funding options that applicant may be able to apply to.

4.4 Members receive the report on reductions in grant budgets, and consider any appropriate actions thereof.

5. **Reasons for Preferred Solution**

5.1 There may be other sources of funding to which applicants can be directed should they be awarded no grant, or a partial grant.

5.2 The Panel need to be aware of reductions in grant budgets, and to identify any appropriate actions.

6. **Outcomes Linked to Sustainable Community Strategy and Corporate Priorities**

6.1 All the applications for consideration meet both Corporate Priorities and those of the Sustainable Community Strategy – please see the applications for further details.

7. **Legal and Statutory Implications**

7.1 Not applicable.

8. **Equality Impact Assessment**

8.1 All applications, if awarded, would be expected to have a positive impact on the communities that they benefit.

8.2 Reductions in grant budgets could have a negative impact on equalities since less grant funding will be available to fund voluntary and community groups that deal with equalities issues.

9. **Financial and Resource Implications**

9.1 The balance in the budget for the Small Grants scheme is £10,780.00.

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APPLICANT	REF	AWARD REQUEST	THE ORGANISATION AND ITS PROJECT	COST OF PROJECT	PREVIOUS AWARDS	OTHER FUNDING	RECOMMENDATION
Green Age (at Blore Heath Farm).	SG 1314 07	£2,323.00.	<p><u>Deferred from GAP meeting, 16th September 2013.</u></p> <p>Green Age is a Social Enterprise based at Blore Heath Farm near Loggerheads. They seek to provide day care activities for older people in the Borough based on the Care Farm approach.</p> <p>They are seeking funds for their “Crafternoons” project that will cover 8 weekly sessions with 10 participants in each session.</p> <p>They received a Small Grant in 2011/12, with a very positive Evaluation Report received.</p> <p>www.green-age.org.uk</p>	£2,323.00.	2011/12, £1,000.00.	Course fees, c£400.00	£1,000.00 + £500.00 from the Cultural Grants budget = £1,500.00.
The Alice Charity.	SG 1314 10	£2,500.00.	<p>The Alice Charity is a Registered Charity, based in Silverdale, that provides social, emotional & financial support to families in need in Newcastle & Stoke. 31% of families referred “since June” were from Newcastle.</p> <p>They are seeking funds for their “Little Kindness” project to include:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ £1,000.00 to provide 10 families with items needed such as furniture, white goods. ➤ £1,050.00 for 3 months rent. ➤ £150.00 for 3 months phone costs. ➤ £300.00 for 3 months volunteer transport expenses. <p>www.alicecharity.com</p>	c£10,000.00.	No.	£2,000.00 confirmed; £1,000.00 unconfirmed (decision expected December 2013).	For consideration.

SMALL GRANTS – REPORT TO GRANTS ASSESSMENT PANEL Monday 9th December 2013.

APPLICANT	REF	AWARD REQUEST	THE ORGANISATION AND ITS PROJECT	COST OF PROJECT	PREVIOUS AWARDS	OTHER FUNDING	RECOMMENDATION
North Staffs Pensioners Convention.	SG 1314 11	£2,500.00.	<p>North Staffs Pensioners Convention is a member organisation representing the needs of older people across the area – currently they have 400+ members.</p> <p>They are seeking funds towards their running costs.</p> <p>www.greypowernorthstaffs.org.uk.</p>	£26,280.00.	No.	£3,625.00 confirmed; £12,390.00 unconfirmed.	For consideration.

BUDGET	REF.	DATE REC.	ACKNOWLEDGED	APPLICANT.	PROJECT.	APPLIED.	APPLIED BALANCE.	GRANTED.	%	£ 22,000.00	ACTUAL BALANCE.	DEFERRED?	END DATE.	Eval Form.	C.R. ENTRY?	NOTES.	2011/12?	2012/13?
GAP.																		
June '13	SG 1314 01	23/05/13	24/05/13	Savana	Counselling.	£ 2,500.00	£ 19,500.00	£ 2,500.00	100%	£	19,500.00		Jun-14				£ 1,000.00	£ 1,000.00
June '13	SG 1314 02	24/05/13	24/05/13	Newcastle Ladsandads	New Storage Container.	£ 770.00	£ 18,730.00	£ 770.00	100%	£	18,730.00		Jun-14				£ -	£ -
June '13/Sep '13	SG 1314 03	25/05/13	28/05/13	North Staffs LinkLine.	North Staffs LinkLine.	£ 2,500.00	£ 16,230.00	£ 2,500.00	100%	£	16,230.00		Sep-13				£ -	£ -
Sept. '13	SG 1314 04	05/08/13	05/08/13	Audley Allotments.	A project to erect security fencing around Audley allotments.	£ 1,500.00	£ 14,730.00	£ 750.00	50%	£	15,480.00		Sep-14				£ -	£ -
Sept. '13	SG 1314 05	14/08/13	14/08/13	Landau Ltd.	Cornerstone Café (Social Enterprise).	£ 2,400.00	£ 12,330.00	£ 1,200.00	50%	£	14,280.00		Sep-14				£ -	£ -
Sept. '13	SG 1314 06	21/08/13	27/08/13	Newcastle Lions Club.	Message in a Bottle.	£ 800.00	£ 11,530.00	£ 500.00	62%	£	13,780.00		Sep-14				£ -	£ 800.00
Sept. '13/Dec '13	SG 1314 07	21/08/13	27/08/13	Green Age (at Blore Heath Farm)	Crafternoons.	£ 2,323.00	£ 9,207.00						Dec-13				£ 1,000.00	£ -
Sept. '13	SG 1314 08	21/08/13	27/08/13	Gifted Workshops.	Music Madness.	£ 2,500.00	£ 6,707.00	£ 1,000.00	40%	£	12,780.00		Sep-14				£ -	£ 1,950.00
Sept. '13	SG 1314 09	26/08/13	27/08/13	Peter Pan Nursery for Children with Special Need	Fund a session appeal.	£ 2,460.00	£ 4,247.00	£ 2,000.00	81%	£	10,780.00		Sep-14			Plus £1,000.00 for Cultural Grants = £2,000.00	£ -	£ -
Dec. '13	SG 1314 10	15/10/13	18/10/13	Alice Charity.	Little Kindness.	£ 2,500.00	£ 1,747.00										£ -	£ -
Dec. '13	SG 1314 11	19/11/13	20/11/13	North Staffs Pensioners Convention.	North Staffs Pensioners Convention.	£ 2,500.00	£ -753.00											
Average						£ 22,753.00		£ 11,220.00										
						£ 2,068.45		£ 1,402.50	73%									

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NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME BOROUGH COUNCIL**EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT TEAM'S REPORT TO THE
GRANTS ASSESSMENT PANEL COMMITTEE – GRANTS BUDGETS.****Date Monday 9th December 2013.****1. Introduction.**

- 1.1 The Council has been looking at a number of budget areas in response to national cuts in funding for local government generally, with a view to finding the necessary savings with effect from 2014/15.
- 1.2 Budgets for grants have been included within this review.
- 1.3 A proposal has been produced, as outlined below.

2. Grants budgets.

- 2.1 Budgets for the grants that fall under the remit of the Grants Assessment Panel have been proposed for reductions of 20%:-

	Current budgets.	No. of maximum grants.	Proposed 2014/15.	No. of maximum grants.	Reduction.
Community Chest.	£60,000.	60.	£48,000.	48.	£12,000.
Cultural Grants.	£14,000.	9.3.	£11,200.	7.5.	£2,800.
Green Grants.	£4,000.	16.	£3,200.	12.8.	£800.
Homelessness Grants.	£17,500.	3.5.	£14,000.	2.8.	£3,500.
Small Grants.	£22,000.	8.8.	£17,600.	7.	£4,400.
Total.	£117,500.	97.6.	£94,000.	78.1	£23,500.

- 2.2 Budgets for other areas outside the Panel's remit have had equivalent reductions.

3. Implications.

- 3.1 A 20% reduction in the amount of funding available for grants to voluntary & community organisations working in the Borough, and a potential reduction in the services they provide.
- 3.2 Potentially, some activities/projects might not take place.
- 3.3 Pressure on other grant funders.
- 3.4 Potentially, reputational damage to the Council.

4. Possible actions to ameliorate the impact.

- 4.1. Reduce the maximum grant level, enabling more grants to be issued than if they stay as at present. As far as perceptions are concerned, this may be very significant.
- 4.2 The apportionment of the overall budget between the different grants could be reviewed, with the potential to move funds between them or indeed to merge some grants.
- 4.3 Review the criteria for all grants with a view to being more rigorous in our requirements and expectations.
- 4.4 Working with voluntary & community sector partners (e.g. VAST) to provide more comprehensive & consistent funding advice & support.
- 4.5 Open and transparent discussions with the voluntary & community sector to inform and explain about the reductions.

REPORT TO GRANTS ADVISORY PANEL

Date: 9 December 2013
Title: Cultural Grants
Submitted by: Executive Director – Operational Services
Portfolio: Culture and Active Communities
Ward(s) affected: All

Purpose of the Report

To consider the attached applications for Cultural Grants.

Recommendations

- *To approve the recommendations as indicated in the report.*

Reasons

To support local art and community groups to develop cultural activities and events for the community.

1. BACKGROUND

1.1 The Council has always maintained its support to local organisations by providing a fund, which is allocated to cultural activities. This allows groups or organisations to apply for grants up to £1500 in any one year.

2. ISSUES

2.1 The list as shown in Appendix 1 identifies the Groups applying for funding this round.

3. OUTCOMES LINKED TO CORPORATE PRIORITIES

The organisations cater for the following Council Corporate Priorities:

- No. 1 – Creating a Cleaner, Greener and Safer Borough
- No. 2. - Creating a Borough of Opportunity
- No. 3. - Creating a Healthy and Active Community

4. LEGAL AND STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

There are no statutory or legal implications.

5. **FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

The amount allocated for 2013/14 is £14032.50. If all the grants are approved to the sum of £3000, this will leave a balance of £4400.

6. **MAJOR RISKS**

Events may be unable to take place if funding is not available.

7. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

To approve the recommendations as indicated in the attached Appendix 1.

8. **LIST OF APPENDICES**

Appendix 1 – list of organisations seeking grant aid
Appendix 2 – Spreadsheet of awards and balance 2013-2014

TM/13/14

APPLICANT	REF	AWARD REQUEST	THE ORGANISATION AND ITS PROJECT	COST OF PROJECT	PREVIOUS AWARDS	OTHER FUNDING	RECOMMENDATION
The Friends of Talke	08/12/13	£1500	The Friends of Talke were established to raise awareness of the history of coal mining in the area and to raise money to erect a memorial to this lost industry, a lost village and over 300 men and boys who lost their lives in the 3 mines in the latter half of the nineteenth century.	£24,000	None	SCC £2000 (uncon) Com. Chest £1000 (uncon)	£1500
North Staffs Symphony Orchestra	09/12/13	£1500	The NSSO has been existence since 1903 and provides access to affordable orchestral concerts. Their annual concerts season consists of two concerts in Newcastle and two in Stoke. Their application is to support the NSSO Annual Four-Concert programme 2012-13 . There are two concerts scheduled for Newcastle – at Wolstanton High School in Feb 2014 and July 2014. The grant would help cover conductor and musicians' fees and venue hire. The total budget for the Newcastle concerts is £3680.	£3,680 (nul concerts only)	£1000 (12/13) £1000 (10/11) £500 (08/09)	£2,740 Ticket/programme Sales & Subs (uncon)	Up to £940



CULTURAL grants

Application Form (2013/14)

Your Details

(PLEASE USE BLOCK CAPITALS AND WRITE USING BLACK INK)

Name of Organisation	THE FRIENDS OF TALKER
Contact Person	ANDY DEAN
Address	80 DUNNOCKSFOLD ROAD AZSAGER
Postcode	ST7 2TW
Telephone Number	01270 876037
Email	email andydean@aol.co.uk
Website (if applicable)	facebook: The Friends of Talker .
Contact Person's Address (if different from above)	AS ABOVE
Bank details (for BACS payment of grant)	
Account name	
Sort Code -	
Account Number -	

If you answered 'YES', please state when and the amount you were awarded

Year	2012/13	2011-12	2010- 11	2009 - 10	2008 - 09
Amount £					

Your Project

Project / Event Name:

TALKE MINERS MEMORIAL.

Duration of Project (e.g. May 13 – Dec' 13):

What are you applying for?

(Please describe the project or event for which a grant is needed. Give details of the activity / service being provided, the location and the audience and groups you will be working with)

Please note, you must demonstrate how you meet the criteria

(Continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

Planning permission has already been granted for a landscaped memorial (see attached graphics) on the land between Coalpit Hill and the A34 in Talke. It will also provide a seating area so that people can enjoy the memorial, the local green area + views up to Mow Cop. We think that this will give the locals an insight into their history, provide education for the local school children + attract visitors to the area.

Your Project continued...

Evaluation

<p>How will the project be evaluated?</p>	
<p>When would your project be completed? (You are required to submit all evaluation materials within one month of this date. If an evaluation is not submitted within this time, it may affect future applications)</p>	

Expenditure

<p>Please provide a FULL, detailed Project budget (not just the amount you are applying for) (Please attach a budget breakdown if preferred)</p>
<p>ARCHITECTS FEES PLANNING PERMISSION etc £2024 ENGINEERING GROUND SURVEY £1620 CONSTRUCTION OF THE MEMORIAL (approx) £20,000</p>

Income and Other Funding

<p>Please list other sources of income for this project, specifying the amount and whether they are 'confirmed' or 'unconfirmed' (*such as Lottery, Public Funding, Ticket Sales, Grants (local and national) * Please note that in-kind funding does not qualify as 10% matchfunding (Delete as appropriate)</p>

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CULTURAL grants

Application Form (2013/14)

Your Details

(PLEASE USE BLOCK CAPITALS AND WRITE USING BLACK INK)

Name of Organisation	North Staffordshire Symphony Orchestra	
Contact Person	Munroe Blair (President)	or Paul Sellers (Chairman)
Address	Venezia, 25 Repton Drive Newcastle-under-Lyme	2 Appleton Close Congleton, Cheshire
Postcode	ST5 3JF	CW12 3RS
Telephone Number	01782 632430	01565 684827
Email	munroeblair@hotmail.com or paul.sellers@tiscali.co.uk	
Website (if applicable)	nssso.cfsites.org	
Contact Person's Address (if different from above)	As above	
Bank details (for BACS payment of grant)		
Account name		
Sort Code -		
Account Number -		

(Official use only)

Your Organisation

About your Organisation?

What does it do / offer?

(Please provide some examples of your past activities)

The NSSO is believed to be the UK's third oldest regular performing orchestra. Since 1903 the orchestra has provided high quality live orchestral performances at affordable prices (currently £8 per ticket) to appreciative audiences in North Staffordshire. The orchestra is comprised of amateur and semi-professional local musicians.

The NSSO is proud to be known as **North Staffordshire's very own Symphony Orchestra.**

Our concerts are held at easily accessible local venues and offer a cultural experience which we hope will encourage people to learn more about orchestral music. Our audiences always include a number of children (at only £3 per ticket) and we hope that some of them will be inspired to become musicians themselves. We also invite local highly talented youngsters to perform as soloists with us whenever we can.

(Continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

The music we choose to play has, by definition, to be suitable for a symphony orchestra to play. Our programmes, however, mix older classical music with more modern pieces and are always intended to contain at least one 'highly popular' item.

A highly experienced professional music director is employed to rehearse and conduct the orchestra.

Our annual season consists of two concerts in Newcastle and two in Stoke. Please see the attached details of last season's concerts. We occasionally undertake additional concerts in conjunction with other local musical societies. The Newcastle Mayor is always invited to attend our Newcastle concerts and, we are very pleased to say, usually accepts.

The NSSO performed two concerts in Newcastle last year- details as shown on the attachment. At the first concert local clarinettist Richard Griffiths performed Crusell's concerto, and at the second concert local pianist Robert Thompson performed Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue. Both concerts were held at Wolstanton High School and were very well attended.

Grant Needs

How much are you applying for?	£1,500				
What is the TOTAL cost of your Project?	£3,680 total cost of the two Newcastle concerts				
Have you received any grant from the Borough Council in the past 3 - 5 years? (please tick yes or no)	YES		NO		
If you answered 'YES', please state when and the amount you were awarded					
Year	2012/13	2011-12	2010- 11	2009 - 10	2008 - 09
Amount £	£1,000	Nil	£1,000	Nil	£500

Your Project

Project / Event Name: Two live orchestral concerts in our 2013/14 season to be held at Wolstanton High School, Newcastle-Under-Lyme

Duration of Project (e.g. May 13 – Dec' 13): Sept 2013 to June 2014

What are you applying for?

(Please describe the project or event for which a grant is needed. Give details of the activity / service being provided, the location and the audience and groups you will be working with)

Please note, you must demonstrate how you meet the criteria

(Continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

Please see the attached programme plan for our 2013/14 season. The grant assistance is requested to help support the two concerts in Newcastle. These will again both be held at Wolstanton High School.

These concerts follow the aims set out in the previous section. In addition, we will be performing a piece that is on the A level syllabus – Beethoven's 1st Symphony – which we hope will be of benefit to North Staffordshire's music students.

Your Project continued...

Please tick which aims these aims your project / event meets:

To increase awareness of the positive contribution of Arts provision to the community of Newcastle under Lyme	Yes
To increase participation in arts and creative activities	Yes
Increase access to arts and creative activities	Yes
Develop further partnership opportunities linked to the identified key priorities as listed below	
Increase education and learning programmes with schools and community groups	

Please tick which key priorities of the LSP's (Local Strategic Partnership) Sustainable Community Strategy your project / event meets:

To raise the aspirations of all young people, particularly those from disadvantage people	Yes
To provide appropriate youth provision for young people of all ages	
To deter anti-social behaviour by providing support and positive diversionary activities	
To encourage more people to lead healthier lifestyles with a particular focus on children and young people	
To significantly increase the number of children participating in Physical Education and Out of School Hours Learning	
To increase the number of older people living independent lives	
To improve the quality of life for older people	Yes
To improve the facilities and infrastructure across the Borough	
To build stronger neighbourhoods enabling communities to actively participate and influence service delivery	
To transform the perception of Newcastle and the North Staffordshire region	Yes

Evaluation

How will the project be evaluated?	The orchestra produces annual budgets against which records of ticket sales and all incomings and outgoings are judged for each concert.
When would your project be completed? (You are required to submit all evaluation materials within one month of this date. If an evaluation is not submitted within this time, it may affect future applications)	With the completion of our fourth annual concert In July 2014

Expenditure

Please provide a FULL, detailed Project budget (not just the amount you are applying for)		
(Please attach a budget breakdown if preferred)		
Concert	1st Feb 2014	5th July 2014
Conductors fee	£800	£800
Soloists fee	£0	£400
Venue hire	£270	£270
Extra players	£40	£200
Music hire	£300	£600
Total per concert	£1,410	£2,270
Grand total	£3680	

Income and Other Funding

Please list other sources of income for this project, specifying the amount and whether they are 'confirmed' or 'unconfirmed' (*such as Lottery, Public Funding, Ticket Sales, Grants (local and national)

*** Please note that In-kind funding does not qualify as 10% matchfunding (Delete as appropriate)**

Funder & Amount applied for	Date Application submitted	Application status
The budget shows the following other income based on previous seasons for the two Newcastle concerts combined: Tickets: £1,600 Programmes: £240 Members subs: £900 (half of the annual total)	At concerts	Unconfirmed
	At concerts	Unconfirmed
	Oct 2013	Unconfirmed
Applied to SoT 2013 Community Fund to support our two concerts in Stoke 2013/14 (Max allowed £1,000).	August 2013	Unconfirmed

Where did you hear about the Cultural Grants Scheme: From contacts in the local amateur music sphere, and previous NSSO applications.

This information is accurate to the best of my knowledge. I have read the guidelines and agree to the conditions as stated.

Name in full: Paul A Sellers

Date: 18/9/2013

Signed:



Appendix 2

BUDGET 2013/14

£ 14,032.50

GAP.	REF.	APPLICANT.	PROJECT	APPLIED.	GRANTED.	ACTUAL BALANCE.	NOTES.
10/06/13	01/06/13	Moseley Railway Trust	Tracks to the Trenches - 2014 WWI event	£1,500.00	£ 1,500.00	£ 12,532.50	successful
10/06/13	02/06/13	Friends of Talke Library	First World War Exhibition & Talks	£1,300.00	£ 500.00	£ 12,032.50	successful
10/06/13	03/06/13	Newcastle Town Centre Partnership	Global groove dance event	£1,500.00	£ -	£ 12,032.50	unsuccessful
10/06/13	04/06/13	Jude Theatre Company	Jude Arts Festival 2013	£1,500.00	£ -	£ 12,032.50	unsuccessful
SEPT				£0.00	£2,000	£ 10,032.50	
17/09/13	05/09/13	Staffordshire Knights Youth Marching Band	Purchase of a marimba	£1,500.00	£ 500.00	£ 9,532.50	successful
17/09/13	06/09/13	Newcastle Town Centre Partnership	Bottle cap film festival	£1,500.00	£ 1,500.00	£ 8,032.50	successful
17/09/13	07/09/13	Arts Keele	Creative Composition Project	£1,400.00	£ 1,400.00	£ 6,632.50	successful
17/09/13	Small Grants	Gifted Workshops	After school music workshops	£1,000.00	£ 1,000.00	£ 5,632.50	successful
				£11,200.00	£7,400.00	£ 12,032.50	
09/12/13	08/12/13	Friends of Talke	Mining Memorial	£1,500.00	£ -	£ -	
09/12/13	09/12/13	North Staffs Symphony Orchestra	2 Symphony Concerts	£1,500.00	£ -	£ -	
				£0.00	£ -	£ -	
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