

APPENDIX 2

GATESHEAD FUND ADVISORY GROUP

Date: 20th November 2017

Advice to Cabinet

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr. H. Haran

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3 FUND MANAGER'S REPORT

The Advisory Group were informed of the background to the Fund, its administration by the Community Foundation and the approach taken to Round 2 of the Gateshead Fund in 2017/18.

A summary of support available for applicants was presented and it was noted that organisations are invited to discuss their projects with the Community Foundation prior to submission of an application in order to advise on suitability and eligibility. This resulted in extensive dialogue between the Community Foundation and Newcastle Council for Voluntary Service to support a number of potential applications.

It was noted that, following a meeting on 8th September 2017, it was agreed that Council Officers' input would be included as part of the project description to further demonstrate need and organisational capacity. Comments have been included, where appropriate, and have informed the assessment recommendations.

It was noted that there were two applications withdrawn: Gateshead Visible Ethnic Minority Support Group and South West Tyneside Methodist Circuit (SWTMC). Both groups will be encouraged to reapply in Round 3 and meetings will be held to discuss their applications.

The Advisory Group queried whether it was appropriate to support SWTMC to apply as Blaydon Methodist Church to ensure they met the guidelines. It was explained that they should have applied as Blaydon Church, although the application could have been considered as a partnership; however, it had proved problematic to resolve some issues in this regard, such as with the accounts, therefore it was deemed more appropriate to withdraw the application and allow a new application with the correct supporting documentation.

The Advisory Group requested that additional information be included in the papers should a similar situation arise in the future. This was accepted by the Community Foundation.

Round 2 of the Gateshead Fund attracted 21 applications received with a total value of £173,200; all applications were received by the deadline. Following the withdrawal of two, noted above, 19 were considered, with three recommended for rejection and one not recommended for funding. The remaining 15 were recommended for funding by the Community Foundation, with grant awards totalling £102,815.

A summary table of the applications received, and the Community Foundation's assessment reports and recommendations relating to them were also tabled for the Advisory Group's recommendations.

There were 21 Sporting Grants to Individuals recommended, totalling £5,100.

RESOLVED - That the information in the report be noted.

4 ROUND 2 APPLICATIONS AND FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS

Round 2 Applications to the Gateshead Fund

Financial Summary

Financial Summary November 2017	Total Funding Requested	Total Funding Recommended
Gateshead Fund funding available to organisations after Round 1		£291,220
Funding available to Talented Athlete/Sporting Individuals after Round 1		£10,600
Total Funding available		£301,820
Round 2: - 21 applications received	£173,200	
Round 2 - 14 applications recommended	£107,020	£86,033
1 additional funding request tabled	£13,330	£13,330
Round 2: 21 Sporting Grants to Individuals recommended	£5,100	£5,100
Total funding recommended		£104,463
Remaining Funding for Organisations 2017/18		£191,857
Remaining Funding for Talented Athlete/Sporting Individuals 2017/18		£5,500

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Cabinet is asked to approve the following rejected applications:

Organisation	Amount requested	Amount awarded
A Living Tradition CIC	9,550	0
Digital Voice for Communities	10,000	0
Teamwork Development Trust CIC	9,270	0

Cabinet is asked to approve the following application not recommended for funding

Organisation	Amount requested	Amount awarded
Northern Roots	10,000	0

Cabinet is asked to approve the following applications recommended for funding.

Organisation	Amount requested	Amount awarded
Gateshead Clubhouse	4,500	4,500
The DASH Group (THE DR ADLER SUPPORT & HELP GROUP)	7,500	4,935
Winlaton Library Volunteer Association	8,150	8,150
Birtley Community Association	9,100	9,100
Gateshead Older People's Assembly	9,921	9,921
Leam Lane Community Association	6,680	6,680
Ryton Cricket Club	9,250	9,250
The Nest Café & Community Rooms CIC	10,000	1,000
Gateshead Community Rowing Club	7,200	7,200
Christ Church Felling	7,317	7,317
Gateshead Stadium Powersports Club	9,922	500*
Peace of Mind	5,680	5,680
Pelaw Youth & Community Centre	10,000	10,000
Caprian Theatre Company	1,800	1,800
Jewish Community Council of Gateshead	13,330	13,330

Cabinet is asked to note Advisory Group recommended the following deferred applications which require further information to be sought. It was agreed that, officers and the Community Foundation work with the organisations and that they are invited to re-submit a revised application, following assessment feedback.

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*Gateshead Stadium Powersports Club – Advisory Group recommended to defer the decision to purchase the gym equipment until a future round to enable the Sport and Leisure team to confirm how the review of the gym at Gateshead Stadium will impact

on the Powersports Club. The funding for the qualification coaching course was supported.

Cabinet is requested to note the Sporting Grants to Individuals as listed below.

Adam Barrett	£100	Helen Rowlands	£100
Sophie Donaldson	£100	Charis Gray	£100
Jessica Weymes	£100	Louie Abraham	£200
Alexander Brown	£200	Alex Brydon	£200
Liam Reveley	£200	Sophie Littlemore	£200
Georgia Kyle	£200	Amy Barron	£200
Harry Young	£200	Anna Kay	£200
Ellen Donaldson	£200	Ella Murray	£200
Sam Gorman	£200	Paul Dixon	£400
Steven Dixon	£400	Kyle Crombie	£400
Matthew Loftus	£1,000		

5 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

5.1 Update on advance release of funds to the Community Foundation

It was noted that following agreement at the Round 1 Advisory Group meeting, and subsequent Cabinet approval, the Community Foundation will submit invoices for the expected amount to be distributed, prior to each Advisory Group meeting. This should result in grants being released one to two weeks earlier than previous rounds.

5.2 Neighbourhood Management update

5.2.1: Jewish Community Council of Gateshead (JCCG)

JCCG approached the Council in September 2017 to explain they were experiencing some financial difficulties. Subsequently, JCCG had taken the decision to issue a redundancy notice to the JCCG Business Development and Project Manager. The absence of this role would affect the communication, information sharing and relationship management with Gateshead Council, as well as the significant advice and support provided to the various autonomous organisations within that community.

The Advisory Group considered a grant to JCCG of £13,330, which will cover the period 1st November 2017 to 31st March 2018, and which will support delivery of a number of specific outcomes. Although not a direct application to the Fund, the request can be considered as an exceptional circumstance.

Resolved – Agreed by the Advisory Group

5.2.2: Research Report and options for the Gateshead Fund

Advisory Group noted that a dedicated meeting is proposed for early December to present and consider the findings of the Community Foundation's Research Report and options for The Gateshead Fund.

5.3: Round 1 application follow-up

Advisory Group noted that, following Round 1 in 2017, three applications that were unsuccessful are now being considered by other Community Foundation Funds. A further update will be provided at the Round 3 Advisory Group meeting.

5.4: Vital Signs North East

Advisory Group was provided with an overview of the Community Foundation's Vital Signs North East, together with a promotional leaflet with further details. Advisory Group members were invited to visit the website and take part by giving their views on the issues they felt were important in the region.

PRESENT: Councillor C Donovan (Chair)

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillors: J Turnbull; I Patterson; L Green; M Hood; J Eagle

IN ATTENDANCE: Ian Stevenson Gateshead Council
Linda Whitfield Gateshead Council
Nils Stronach The Community Foundation