

GATESHEAD THRIVE FUND ADVISORY GROUP

Date: 18th September 2018

Advice to Cabinet

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr. H. Haran, Cllr. J. Eagle, Cllr. L. Green

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr. Donovan declared an interest in the following two applications:

- Bensham and Saltwell Alive
- Rutherford AFC

Cllr. Hood declared an interest in the following applications:

- Birtley Community Partnership

Cllrs. Donovan and Hood were not present when the applications were considered and did not take part in the decision-making process.

Cllr. Hood declared an interest in the following Sporting Grants for Individuals application and did not take part in the decision-making process:

- Ellen Proud

3 FUND MANAGER'S REPORT

The Advisory Group was informed of the background to the Fund, its administration and promotion by the Community Foundation, as well as the approach taken to Round 1 of the Gateshead Thrive Fund in 2018.

It was noted that the Fund offers the following strands:

- Community Grants between £500 and £1,500 for small grassroots organisations (The Community Grants programme)
- Support for key delivery organisations with grants between £1,501 and £10,000 (The Main Grants programme)
- Collaboration with the Newcastle City Futures pilot matched Crowdfunding platform "Tyneside Crowd" to provide the opportunity for The Gateshead Fund to 'go further' and lever in additional support from the private sector and individuals.

The Advisory Group was advised that there will be two rounds for both the Main Grants Programme and the Community Grants Programme, the latter to be run as a rolling fast-track programme, with Round 1 opening May 2018 and Round 2 opening

in September 2018.

The Advisory Group was given a summary of Fund activity:

- June 2018: Gateshead Volunteers' Month small grants fund - 28 applications recommended for funding.
- May – July 2018: Round 1 of the Community Grants Programme – seven applications recommended for funding.

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 to advise on suitability and eligibility. Paper application forms are available, although this option had not been requested.

It was noted that the closing date for Round 1 was extended until 3 August 2018 to allow applicants who had started the online application process to complete and submit their applications.

Round 1 of the Gateshead Thrive Fund attracted 19 applications with a total value of £189,608; all applications were received by the extended deadline. All were considered, with four noted as outside Fund criteria and four not recommended for funding. The remaining 11 were recommended for funding by the Community Foundation, with grant awards totalling £112,792.

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 consideration.

The Advisory Group noted that two applications were from groups not based in Gateshead and there was some discussion of the Fund criteria, which is aimed at organisations already based and working in Gateshead.

There were 30 Sporting Grants to Individuals/Talented Athlete Scheme awards recommended, totalling £7,600.

The Advisory Group were asked to consider the proposal to approve Talented Athlete/Sporting Grants to Individuals applications on a rolling basis via an email process with Cabinet sign off following Advisory Group meetings. This proposal addresses the issue that many applicants may have to wait a considerable time for payment of their grants, which could lead to hardship, as many may be from low-income households.

RESOLVED - That the information in the report be noted.

RESOLVED – That Talented Athlete/Sporting Grants applications to be considered on a rolling basis with email approval by Advisory Group and Cabinet sign off following Advisory Group meetings.

4 ROUND 1 APPLICATIONS AND FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS

Financial Summary

Financial Summary September 2018		
Gateshead Thrive Main Fund <i>funding available to organisations in 2018/19 (£255,360 Main Fund allocation+£8,328 GVM balance transferred to Main Fund)</i>		£263,688
Funding available for Sporting Grants to Individuals/Talented Athlete Scheme		£12,000
Total Funding available:		£275,688
	Funding Requested	Funding Recommended
Round 1: - 19 applications received	£189,608	
Round 1: - 11 applications recommended	£113,692	£112,792
Round 1: 30 Sporting Grants to Individuals/Talented Athlete Scheme awards	£7,600	£7,600
Total funding recommended:		£120,392
Remaining Funding for Organisations 2018/19:		£150,896
Remaining Funding for Sporting Grants to Individuals/Talented Athlete Scheme 2018/19:		£4,400

Round 1 Applications to the Gateshead Thrive Fund - Advice to Cabinet

Cabinet is asked to note the following applications **outside Fund criteria and not recommended:**

Ref #	Organisation	Amount requested	Amount awarded
190830	Little Theatre (Gateshead) Limited	10,000	0
190835	Warriors Community Project CIO	10,000	0
190823	3 Steps Project CIC	9,816	0
190834	The Other Perspective	6,100	0

Cabinet is asked to approve the following applications as **not recommended for funding:**

Ref #	Organisation	Amount requested	Amount awarded
190792	Gateshead Youth Organisations Council	10,000	0
190812	The Kittiwake Trust	10,000	0
190822	2 Way Tenancy Solutions CIC	10,000	0

190808	Living History North East	10,000	0
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Cabinet is asked to approve the following applications **recommended for funding**:

Ref #	Organisation	Amount requested	Amount awarded
190804	Bensham and Saltwell Alive	£30,000	£30,000
190827	Comfrey Project CIO	£10,000	£10,000
190805	Birtley Community Partnership	£10,000	£10,000
190809	Rutherford AFC	£9,840	£9,840
190754	Blaydon Youth and Community Centre	£9,598	£9,598
190717	Society Matters CIC	£9,250	£9,250
190817	Saltwell Park Model Boat Club	£6,650	£6,650
190811	Teamwork Development Trust CIC	£6,280	£6,280
190787	Earth Doctors Ltd.	£10,000	£10,000
190831	Low Fell Running Club	£2,674	£2,674
190761	High Spen Community Group	£9,400	£8,500

Cabinet is asked to note the following action:

It was agreed that a meeting would be arranged between members of the Advisory Group and the Trustees of the Comfrey Project CIO to discuss their work during a site visit.

Cabinet is requested to note the Sporting Grants to Individuals/Talented Athlete Scheme awards as listed below:

Category A - £100

R2017/111	Maximus Murray	Ryton Tri Club
R2018/01	Nikita Sung	Apollo Trampoline Club
R2018/02	Aidan Sung	Apollo Trampoline Club
R2018/69	Owen Donaldson	Ryton Rockets Basketball Club

Category B - £200

R2017/107	Sophie Robinson	Gateshead Synchro
R2017/123	Joel Brown-King	Gateshead Harriers & Athletics Club
R2017/137	Daniel Toward	Birtley Young Peoples Club
R2018/04	Ellen Proud	South Tyneside Gym Club
R2018/08	Olivia Morris	Apollo Trampoline Club
R2018/13	Aimee Lawson	Crawcrook Judo Club
R2018/18	Molly Elliott	Birtley Athletics Club
R2018/32	George Stewart	Kielder Water Sailing Club
R2018/33	Beth Pringle	Gateshead Harriers & Athletics Club
R2018/42	Brooke Mottram	Tees Valley Titans
R2018/65	Alexander Brown	Northern Hope Gymnastics
R2018/73	Ellen Donaldson	Charnwood College Riders
R2018/77	James Harrison	North Star Trampoline Club
R2018/80	Scott Mears	British Cycling
R2018/85	Adam Strickland	Gateshead & Whickham ASC

R2018/86	Liam Reveley	Blaydon Harrier & Athletics Club
R2018/87	Sarah March	Gateshead & Whickham ASC
R2018/88	Adam Barrett	Gateshead & Whickham ASC
R2018/93	Abigail Cass	Sunderland City Dive Team
R2018/94	Daniel Walsh	Gateshead Harriers & Athletics Club
R2018/95	Declan Murray	Gateshead Harriers & Athletics Club

Category C - £400

R2018/26	Jon Evans	Tynemouth Squash Club
R2018/49	Duncan Rowlands	Laszlo's Fencing
R2018/52	Harry Outterside	England College FA
R2018/90	Emily Stewart	Gateshead Harriers & Athletics Club
R2018/96	Charlie Myers	Middlesbrough Athletics Club

Talented Athlete Scheme - £1,000

R2018/83	Matthew Loftus	Northern Allstars (Goalball)
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5. Any other business

5.1 Innovation and Development Fund update

The Advisory Group were advised of the launch of the Innovation and Development Fund. It was noted that there had been a high level of interest at the launch event, with the enhanced leadership programme, aimed at medium-sized organisations, proving popular.

The Advisory Group were advised that consideration of applications will be undertaken at a separate panel meeting with presentations from groups to the Advisory Group in February 2019, with subsequent Cabinet sign-off.

5.2 GeNErosity Festival

The Advisory Group were advised of the purpose of the Festival, which is to celebrate and develop philanthropy in the North East region and were invited to attend any events that were of interest, both inside and outside Gateshead.

Chair: Councillor C. Donovan

Members Present: Councillors I. Patterson, M. Hood, C. McHugh

In Attendance: Ian Stevenson, Gateshead Council
Nils Stronach, Community Foundation
Sue Martin, Community Foundation