

APPENDIX 2

CAPACITY BUILDING FUND (GATESHEAD FUND) ADVISORY GROUP

Thursday, 16 February 2017

Advice to Cabinet

1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Hughes declared an interest in the Our Villages item and removed herself from the meeting during consideration of this item.

Councillor Donovan declared an interest in the Bensham and Saltwell Alive items and removed herself from the meeting during consideration of this item.

2 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ITEM - VILLAGES

In Round 2 of the Capacity Building Fund, Our Villages was awarded £10,000 to carry out a feasibility study and community consultation on the development and renewal of Crawcrook Park. The total funding requested was £12,080, however, the group has not been able to secure the VAT associated with the feasibility study through match funding. The group is unable to meet this further cost through their current reserves meaning the feasibility study will not be carried out if the VAT component cannot be sought, placing the whole project in jeopardy.

It is recommended to the Advisory group that this additional money of £2,080 be considered for funding as an exceptional circumstance within the Fund criteria, as it is suggested that this request fulfils this part of the criteria given the importance of the feasibility study and consultation to inform the future community ownership of the Park and associated improvement to the environment.

The Advisory Group agreed to recommend to Cabinet this additional funding of £2,080 could be made to the project.

Councillor Hughes declared an interest in the Our Villages and removed herself from the meeting during consideration of this item.

3 RESEARCH PROJECT REPORT

A report was presented to the Advisory Group on progress of the research project designed to grow and develop the Gateshead Fund.

The research has focussed on public sector opportunities and some initial conversations around business and individual engagement.

A meeting took place with officers from Gateshead Council to better understand the business sector in the borough and attempt to identify the potential opportunities for support.

Three opportunities were linked to activities overseen by Gateshead Council.

Managed Trusts – some local authorities own or manage trusts that are either dormant or perhaps not running as effectively as they could be. Combining them with the Gateshead Fund could unlock these funds making them work better for groups in Gateshead, however, following investigation by council officers it was confirmed that there were none and so this avenue will not be pursued further.

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) – representatives from the Foundation met with Council representatives to discuss the opportunity to support the Gateshead Fund via the Community Infrastructure Levy. Two options were discussed which officers could include in their thinking and proposals for the CIL to Cabinet. The first was a standard grant programme aligned to the Gateshead Fund but with slightly different criteria as CIL funds are geographically limited to wards linked to CIL activities. The second was an endowment fund to create a long-term grant programme. These options alongside others were to be discussed by the Council in January 2017. This could mean substantial funds would be available.

Community Led Local Development Funds (CLLD) – The CLLD has a very specific focus on organisations supporting businesses and addressing long-term unemployment. Whilst there may be an opportunity for CLLD to support organisations that have gone through The Gateshead Fund it is clear that CLLD will not be able to provide financial support to the fund directly.

Other discussions are also ongoing with Newcastle Gateshead CCG Northumbria University and local business opportunities are being identified, however, there is already work ongoing within the Council so further discussions with businesses will be pursued once the picture is clear.

Applications that were unsuccessful in securing support from the Round 2 Capacity Building Fund were referred to other funds at the Community Foundation. To date, 6 of the applications, plus one which arrived too late for Capacity Building Fund consideration, have been supported with a total of £8,695 of funding.

RESOLVED - That the progress so far be noted.

4 ROUND 3 APPLICATIONS AND FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS

Round 3 Applications to the Capacity Building Fund

Financial Summary

Financial Summary – November 2016	Total Funding Requested	Total Funding Recommended
Capacity Building Fund funding available to organisations after Round 2		£201,633
Returned 13/14 CBF award added to 16/17 budget		£6,357
Total Remaining for organisations after Round 2 2016/17		£207,990
Funding Available to Talented Athlete/Sporting Individuals after Round 2 2016/2017		£3,700
Total Funding available		£211,690
Round 3 – 25 Applications received	£185,704	
Round 3 – 15 Applications recommended	£108,707	£105,337
1 additional funding request tabled	£2,080	£2,080
7 Talented Athlete/Sporting Grants to Individuals	£2,500	£2,500
Total funding recommended		£109,917
Remaining Funding for Organisations 2016/2017		£100,573
Withdrawn/Returned CBF Awards		£15,620
Remaining Funding for Talented Athlete/Sporting Individuals		£1,200

Cabinet is asked to note the following not recommended applications

Organisation	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended
Mount Community Association	£9,102	£0
North Benwell Boxing Club	£10,000	£0
Ateres Parents Association	£1,800	£0
Friends of Recovery	£8,480	£0
Northern Roots	£10,000	£0
Dunston Family Church	£10,000	£0
Chopwell Drama Group	£7,215	£0
Ashreinu	£9,000	£0

Cabinet is asked to note the following recommended applications for funding

Organisation	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended
Gateshead District Scouts	£10,000	£10,000
Young Women's Outreach Project	£4,786	£4,786
Bensham & Saltwell Alive	£10,000	£10,000
Gateshead Cleveland Hall Community Association	£6,360	£6,360
Friends of Felling Park	£3,750	£3,750
Friends of Windy Nook Nature Park	£1,608	£1,608
Brighten Ryton Local Environmental Group	£9,650	£9,650
Jigsaw Recovery Project	£10,000	£10,000
The Comfrey Project	£10,000	£10,000
L'Chu Vonim Youth Centre	£10,000	£8,940
Thrive	£8,644	£7,984
Ryton Triathlon Club	£8,000	£8,000
Skills4work Gateshead	£10,000	£10,000
Men's Shed Chopwell	£2,269	£1,769
Barmoor Hub	£3,640	£2,490

The Advisory Group recommended that the following 2 applications should be deferred pending further information.

Dunston Community Centre
North Regional Association for Sensory Support

Councillor Donovan declared an interest in Bensham and Saltwell Alive and removed herself from the meeting during consideration of this item.

Cabinet is requested to note the Talented Athlete Scheme and the Individual Sporting Grant Scheme as listed below.

Joseph Paul Gray	£1,000
Jon Moss	£400
Angela McGurk	£400
Chloe McLelland	£200
Lewis Timmins	£200
Rachel Wilson	£200
Michael Bessent	£100

The Advisory Group queried what would happen to the remaining, unallocated, Capacity Building Fund budget. Advisory Group indicated that they wish the remaining budget to be carried over to the 2017/18 Financial Year.

5 CAPACITY BUILDING FUND PROGRESS REPORT

The Advisory Group received an update on the progress of the Gateshead Fund so far which included details of the number of organisations recommended for funding and details of the amount of funding allocated.

The report listed case studies from groups who had been allocated funding in Rounds 1 and 2.

Advisory Group agreed that the Community Foundation would review the Capacity Building Fund documentation with officers at the Council and produce proposals for consideration by the Advisory Group prior to the launch of Round one in 2017/18.

RESOLVED - That the information in the report be noted.

6 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There were no other items of business

PRESENT: Councillor H Haran (Chair)

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillors: C Donovan, L Green, I Patterson and J Turnbull

IN ATTENDANCE:

Lindsay Murray	Gateshead Council
Adam Lopardo	The Community Foundaton
Mark Pierce	The Community Foundation
Nils Stronach	The Community Foundation
Sonia Stewart	Democratic Services