

GRANTS COMMITTEE AGENDA



Tuesday 15th November, 2005

at 2:30 p.m.

in Committee Room “C”

MEMBERS: GRANTS COMMITTEE:

The Mayor, Stuart Drummond,
Councillors Jackson and Payne.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2. TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS

3. MINUTES

3.1 To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 30th August, 2005

4. KEY DECISIONS

4.1 None

5. OTHER ITEMS REQUIRING DECISION

- 5.1 Hartlepool Families First and Manor Residents Association Grant Applications 2004/2005 – *Director of Children’s Services*
- 5.2 Directed Lettings 2005/2006 Hire of Premises by Voluntary/Community Organisations – *Acting Assistant Director (Cultural Services)*
- 5.3 Civic Lottery Grant Applications – *Assistant Chief Executive*

6. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- 6.1 Community Pool 2004/2005 – Annual Report- *Acting Director of Adult and Community Services*
- 6.2 Community Safety Capital Allocations – Update On CCTV and Youth Shelters
- *The Head of Community Safety and Prevention*

7. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

EXEMPT ITEMS

Under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the paragraphs referred to below of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

8. KEY DECISIONS

- 8.1 None

9. OTHER ITEMS REQUIRING DECISION

- 9.1 None

GRANTS COMMITTEE

15th November 2005



Report of: Director of Children's Services

Subject: HARTLEPOOL FAMILIES FIRST AND MANOR
RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION GRANT
APPLICATIONS 2004/2005

SUMMARY

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To seek approval for the change in the use of the play opportunities grant made to Hartlepool Families First and Manor Residents Association during 2004.

2. SUMMARY OF CONTENTS

On 28th January 2004, the Grants Committee approved Play Opportunities Grants to Hartlepool Families First and Manor Residents Association.

Monitoring of these grants highlighted that both groups had used a proportion of the grant in a different way than set out in the initial grant agreement. Neither group advised the authority of the change in expenditure.

The following report outlines the expenditure by the groups and reasons for the change in expenditure.

3. RELEVANCE TO PORTFOLIO MEMBER

The Committee has responsibility for determining levels of grant awards to the voluntary sector.

4. TYPE OF DECISION

Non-key decision.

5. DECISION MAKING ROUTE

Grants Committee on 15th November 2005.

6. DECISION(S) REQUIRED

To seek approval for the change in the use of the play opportunities grant made to Hartlepool Families First and Manor Residents Association during 2004.

Report of: Director of Children's Services

Subject: HARTLEPOOL FAMILIES FIRST AND MANOR
RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION GRANT
APPLICATIONS 2004/2005

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To seek approval for the change in the use of the play opportunities grant made to Hartlepool Families First and Manor Residents Association during 2004.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 Hartlepool Families First

- 2.1.1 A grant was awarded to Hartlepool Families First at the Grants Committee of 28th January 2004 towards Playbus provision and a Kids Club in Throston Community Centre across the year.

- 2.1.2 The detail of costing provided by the project at the time of application was £5,262.20, broken down as follows:-

Staff costs	£4,262.40
Sessional Staff	£450.00
Venue Hire of Throston Community Centre	£352.80
Art/Craft Materials	£200.00

- 2.1.3 The organisation found that numbers significantly dropped when the service was exclusively delivered from Throston Community Centre. A decision was made by the organisation to reinstate the bus at Throston following a consultation with both the young people and their parents.

- 2.1.4 The figures detailed below show a significant rise in attendances following the return of the bus to the Kids Club:-

April – June 2004	126 attendances
July – September 2004	208 attendances
October – December 2004	281 attendances
January – March 2005	288 attendances

- 2.1.5 Total attendances over the year, 903.

- 2.1.6 As part of the terms and conditions of the grant the group is required to complete a monitoring form detailing grant spend and provide additional evidence in the form of receipts and invoices.

2.1.7 The monitoring form was issued at the end of the 2004/2005 financial year requesting information. On 11th May 2005 a letter, together with the monitoring form, was received stating that the group had used the venue hire monies against the cost of providing the Playbus at Throston Kids Club.

2.1.8 The proportion of grant towards venue hire was £352.80, however, the group stated within the letter that they had used this money towards the running costs of the Playbus to attend the venue, which equated to £6.78 per week.

2.2 Manor Residents Association

2.2.1 A grant was awarded to Manor Residents Association at the Grants Committee of 28th January 2004 towards transportation costs to fund school holiday Playscheme activities.

2.2.2 The detail of costing provided by the project at the time of application was £12,562.00 broken down as follows:-

Insurance	£130.00
Transport	£2,700.00
Activities/Admissions	£1,800.00
Staff Costs	£6,912.00
Play Equipment	£200.00
Shirts/Caps	£100.00
Food	£400.00
Stationary	£20.00
Fuel	£300.00

Total Expenditure	£12,562.00
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2.2.3 The project also secured funding from a number of charitable organisations and charged a nominal fee to the young people to offset the cost of the provision. The organisation also submitted a proposal to the Community Foundation Local Children's Network, totalling £7,000.00, which was unsuccessful.

2.2.4 As part of the terms and conditions of grant aid, the group is required to complete a monitoring form detailing grant spend and providing additional evidence in the form of receipts/invoices.

2.2.5 The monitoring form was sent out at the end of the 2004/2005 financial year requesting such information. The monitoring form was returned on 6th May, 2005, but additional evidence was required, therefore the remaining information was not received until August, 2005. A letter with the additional information was received indicating the reasons why the grant had not been spent as approved within the terms and conditions of the grant.

2.2.6 Invoices/receipts showed that during certain holiday weeks, there was more expenditure in terms of transportation and less in other weeks. This was due to a grant from Cleveland Community Foundation Local Children's Network Fund of £7,000.00 being unsuccessful and the organisation utilising the

Borough Council's grant on transport until this grant was approved. Unfortunately, a decision on this grant did not materialise until after the Borough Council grant was spent. Therefore the organisation did not spend the play opportunities grant over the specified dates set out in the grant terms and conditions.

- 2.2.7 The breakdown of transportation expenditure is shown as follows, including the allocation from the Local Authority:

<u>School Holiday</u>	<u>HBC Contribution</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>
Easter	£230.00	£790.00
Whitsun	£115.00	Nil
Summer	£695.00	£1,185.00
October	£115.00	£46.32
Christmas	£230.00	£34.88
February	£115.00	Nil
Total	£1,500.00	£2,056.20

- 2.2.8 The total numbers of young people who have benefited from the project during this funding year were 219 all living in the Owton Manor area of the town.

3. OPTIONS

- 3.1 Neither project advised the Authority in advance of the change in expenditure of the Play Opportunities grant. This has only become known since requesting the monitoring forms.
- 3.2 The terms and conditions of the grant specifically details that money must only be used for the purpose detailed and that invoices and receipts must be provided to illustrate the grant has been used in accordance with the terms and conditions.
- 3.3 The grants committee under the terms and conditions of the play opportunities grant can clawback the spend that has been in breach of the grant. However, both groups have spent the grant within the activity which it was intended and did not use the grant for alternative projects.

4. CONCLUSION

- 4.1 Both groups provided a number of play opportunities to young people in Hartlepool across the year.
- 4.2 Both projects are well known to the Local Authority and both provide enriching services to meet the needs of young people. The groups have also recognised that they should have informed the Local Authority of the changes in grant use immediately and will endeavour that the same occurrence will not be repeated.

- 4.3 To avoid any future occurrence of this nature, subject to Members' approval, Officers will correspond with both parties pointing out the consequences if failure to meet grant terms and conditions occurs again.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 5.1 To approve the change in the use of the play opportunities grant made to Hartlepool Families First and Manor Residents Association during 2004.
- 5.2 To advise Hartlepool Families First of the non-compliance with the terms and conditions of their grant approved on 28th January 2004 and to advise them of the importance of complying with these in the future.
- 5.3 To advise Manor Residents Association of the non-compliance with the terms and conditions of their grant approved on 28th January 2004 and to advise them of the importance of complying with these in the future.

CONTACT OFFICER: Danielle Swainston, Early Years Manager

Background Papers

Grants Committee – 28th January 2004.
Children's Services Department, Play Opportunities Monitoring Files.

GRANTS COMMITTEE

15 November 2005



Report of: Acting Assistant Director (Cultural Services)

Subject: DIRECTED LETTINGS 2005/2006 HIRE OF
PREMISES BY VOLUNTARY/COMMUNITY
ORGANISATIONS

SUMMARY

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To provide information to the Grants Committee in relation to the background of the allocation of grant aid to the Hart and Elwick Parish Councils.

2. SUMMARY OF CONTENTS

At the meeting of the Grants Committee on 24th February, 2005, Members approved an allocation of funding from the Community Pool of £4,500 for Directed Lettings, the hire of premises by voluntary/community groups.

At the meeting of the Grants Committee on 6th July, 2005, Members approved requests from 6 groups from the Directed Lettings allocation totalling £3,558. However, Members deferred approval of grant aid for the Hart and Elwick Parish Councils to allow officers time to investigate the background to the allocations of grant aid to the Parish Councils in respect of the hire of school premises.

It is confirmed that there is a requirement to support Parish Councils by providing free hire of school premises for their meetings.

Recommendations have been made to approve grant aid for Hart and Elwick Parish Councils for the hire of school premises for the 2005/2006 financial year.

3. RELEVANCE TO PORTFOLIO MEMBER

The Grants Committee is responsible for determining the level of grant awards from the Community Pool.

4. TYPE OF DECISION

Non-key.

5. DECISION MAKING ROUTE

Grants Committee to determine awards at meeting, 15 November 2005.

6. DECISION(S) REQUIRED

To consider the information contained in the body of the report and approve grant aid for the hire of school premises by the Hart and Elwick Parish Councils in the 2005/2006 financial year as follows:-

Hart Parish Council	£220
Elwick Parish Councils	£220
Total of Recommendations	£440

Report of: Acting Assistant Director (Cultural Services)

Subject: DIRECTED LETTINGS 2005/2006 HIRE OF
PREMISES BY VOLUNTARY/COMMUNITY
ORGANISATIONS

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To provide information to the Grants Committee in relation to the background of the allocation of grant aid to the Hart and Elwick Parish Councils and to present a recommendation for the approval of grant aid to the Hart and Elwick Parish Council for the 2005/2006 financial year.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 At a meeting of the Grants Committee on 24th February, 2005, Members approved an allocation of £4,500 from the Community Pool Directed Lettings; the hire of school premises by voluntary and community groups.
- 2.2 At the last meeting of the Grants Committee, Members approved requests from 6 groups from the Directed Lettings allocation of the Community Pool totalling £3,558.
- 2.3 Concerned that the Community Pool was not being targeted to areas of highest disadvantage, Members deferred approval of grant aid for the Hart and Elwick Parish Councils to allow officers time to investigate the background to the allocation of grants to the 2 Parish Councils, including the Council's legal obligations to the Parish Councils in respect of the hire of premises.
- 2.4 It is confirmed that support to the Hart and Elwick Parish Councils was provided by Cleveland County Council through its Education Directed Lettings Scheme prior to Hartlepool Borough Council becoming a unitary Authority in 1996. A report was presented to the Community Support Community Sub Committee (12th March, 1996) to request approval for support from the Community Pool for uniformed groups and other groups who had benefited from free hire of schools for their meetings prior to Local Government reorganisation.
- 2.5 As the Borough Council did not have the resources available to meet the full cost of hire of the school premises on behalf of the groups, a scheme was developed to target resources to the most disadvantaged people, i.e. those meeting in areas designated as suffering from high levels of disadvantage, were awarded 100% of their costs. In order to give other groups time to make other arrangements to meet their charges grant aid of up to 50% of their costs were awarded.

- 2.6 However, Hart and Elwick Parish Councils were treated separately to those arrangements already highlighted. The report to the Community Support Sub Committee (12th March, 1996) stated “there is a requirement to provide Parish Councils with premises, if they do not have their own. Therefore, continuation of the funding for both of these organisations would be required.” Members of the Community Support Sub Committee approved the recommendation for support to the Parish Councils.
- 2.7 Since the last meeting of the Grants Committee on 6th July, 2005, in order to clarify the issue raised by Members at the last meeting of the Grants Committee, officers have accessed information pertaining to the Council’s legal obligations to provide grant aid to the Parish Councils in respect of the hire of premises. Section 134 of the Local Government Act 1972 states:-
- “if in a Parish there is no suitable public room vested in the Parish Council or the parish trustees, as the case may be, which can be used free of charge, a suitable room in premises of a school maintained by the Local Education Authority or a suitable room the expenditure of maintaining which is payable out of any rate may be used free of charge at all reasonable times and after foreseeable notice for any of the following purposes, that is to say for the purpose of a parish meeting or any meeting of the parish council where there is one”*
- 2.8 Therefore the Council has the powers to provide a meeting place for Parish Councils paid for from its own budget. This arrangement has been maintained by Hartlepool Borough Council since 1996 with funding being approved from the Community Pool.
- 2.9 The Community Pool was established with funding transferred from a number of pots of funding from the former County Council and amalgamated with other funding that was previously available to the voluntary/community sector in Hartlepool, so although the bulk of the funding from the Community Pool is targeted towards areas of disadvantage, a precedent has been set in relation to providing free hire of schools for Parish Councils and information showing that there is a requirement by the Council to support Parish Councils in this manner.

3. FUNDING PROPOSAL

- 3.1 Therefore Members are requested to consider the information provided in this report and approve grant aid to Hart Parish Council and Elwick Parish Council for the 2005/2006 financial year. Costs amount to £20 per month per group for 11 months of the year, totalling £440. The charges are invoiced directly by the Children’s Service Department on a monthly basis for actual use of the school facilities.

- 3.2 The following level of grant aid from the Community Pool Directed Lettings allocation is recommended:

Hart Parish Council	£220
Elwick Parish Councils	£220
Total of Recommendations	£440

4. **RECOMMENDATION**

- 4.1 The Portfolio Holder is requested to:

Approve the Directed Lettings Allocation respectively of £220 to Hart and Elwick Parish Council's, to cover Parish Council room hire.

CONTACT OFFICER: John Mennear, Acting Assistant Director (Cultural Services)

Background Papers

Report to Community Support Sub Committee 12th March, 1996.
Local Government Act 1972 Section 134.

GRANTS COMMITTEE

15 November 2005



Report of: Assistant Chief Executive

Subject: CIVIC LOTTERY GRANT APPLICATIONS

SUMMARY

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To consider Civic Lottery Grant Applications.

2. SUMMARY OF CONTENTS

The report asks members to consider the following:

- applications where no previous grants have been awarded.
- applications where grants have previously been awarded.

3. RELEVANCE TO THE GRANTS COMMITTEE

The Committee is responsible for determining these grant applications.

4. TYPE OF DECISION

Non-key decision.

5. DECISION MAKING ROUTE

Grants Committee.

6. DECISION(S) REQUIRED

To consider applications for the allocation of grants as detailed in sections 3(A) and (B) of the report.

Report of: Assistant Chief Executive

Subject: CIVIC LOTTERY GRANT APPLICATIONS

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To consider Civic Lottery Grant Applications.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 In accordance with the procedure previously approved by Members, the current criteria for eligibility and distribution from the Civic Lottery Fund requires Members to consider applications three times a year in order that an overall view of applications can be obtained.

2.2 This is the second tranche for consideration of applications. Members previously agreed to distribute the balance available at three meetings proportionately. Normally the amount of grants requested outweighs the allocation available. In that case, awards are usually made on a pro rata basis. In this tranche the sum of the grants sought totals £3,500. Each of the three tranches were allocated £5,633 at the start of the financial year. However, following the allocation of grants in the first tranche there was a balance of £2,353 which has been added to this tranche's balance. Therefore a total of **£7,986** is available for distribution. In this tranche, Members will be able to fully support each of the grant applications. The remaining balance from this tranche, £4,486, will be added to the balance for the third tranche.

3. ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

(A) APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION – WHERE NO PREVIOUS GRANTS

Copies of the application forms are available in the Member's Library.

APP NO.	ORGANISATION	REASON FOR APPLICATION	TOTAL COST	SUM SOUGHT
			£	£
3176	Hartlepool Travellers Rest FC	Financial assistance towards pitch and league fees	£956.45	£200

APP NO	ORGANISATION	REASON FOR APPLICATION	TOTAL COST £	SUM SOUGHT £
3178	Walking Tall	Financial assistance towards facilitating stilt walking classes	£12,939	£500
3179	Hartlepool Snooker Centre Sunday League (Football)	Financial assistance towards running costs	£4,000	£500
3180	Headland Development Trust	Financial assistance towards capital works alterations within the Activ 8 Community Centre (Salvation Army Hall). To make the front entrance safer and well lit by creating a reception area and have a coded/electronic release system installed	£23,000	£500
3185	Grange Road Methodist Church Resource Centre	Purchase two microwaves and kitchen utensils. Recently held a microwave cookery course for people with learning disabilities who will be moving into supported accommodation. They would like to develop this course further.	£300	£300

(B) APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION – SECOND AND SUBSEQUENT REQUESTS

Copies of the application forms are available in the Member's Library.

APP NO.	ORGANISATION	REASON FOR APPLICATION	TOTAL COST £	SUM SOUGHT £
3172	Hartlepool Special Needs Support Group	Financial assistance towards the cost of a trip to the Arena, Newcastle to see Disney on Ice on 16 th October, 2005	£2,181	£500

PREVIOUS GRANTS

£431	Trip to Telewest Arena to see Toy Story on Ice	Grants Committee, 19 th August 2004
£452	Trip to Telewest Arena to see 100 Years of Disney on Ice	Grants Committee, 29 th July, 2003
£111	Trip to Telewest Arena to see Beauty and the Beast	Grants Committee, 3 rd July, 2003
£400	Trip to Telewest Arena to See Toy Story on Ice	Community Services and Safety Board, 30 th March, 2001

APP NO.	ORGANISATION	REASON FOR APPLICATION	TOTAL COST £	SUM SOUGHT £
3182	Hartlepool and District Hospice	Additional stock of crockery and cutlery due to increased number of patients	£500	£500

PREVIOUS GRANTS

£452.31	Funding towards a trip to Durham Cathedral		Grants Committee, 29 th July, 2003	
£500	Funding towards a lymphodema service		Community Services and Safety Board, June, 2001	
£500	Hospice volunteers to be trained as day and night sitters		Community Services and Safety Board, June, 1999	
3184	St Francis 2000 Junior Football Club	Financial Assistance towards running costs – insurance, FA Affiliation and League Affiliation	£695	£500

PREVIOUS GRANTS

£400	Transport and Accommodation costs. Football Tournament in Southport 28 th May, 2004	Grants Committee, 28 January, 2004
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4. RECOMMENDATIONS

To consider applications for the allocation of grants as detailed in Sections 3(A) and (B) of the report.

GRANTS COMMITTEE

15th November, 2005



Report of: Acting Director of Adult and Community Services

Subject: COMMUNITY POOL 2004/2005 – ANNUAL REPORT

SUMMARY

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

This report seeks to introduce the Community Pool 2004/2005 Annual Report, which can be found as **APPENDIX 1**. The purpose of the Annual Report is to provide Members with information regarding the value and monitoring of grant aid awarded from the Community Pool to voluntary sector organisations in the 2004/2005 financial year.

2. SUMMARY OF CONTENTS

Direct financial support is provided to voluntary organisations from the Community Pool. The budget for 2004/2005 was set at £392,816 from which a total of 36 groups were supported, including allocations for specific activities. 25 groups benefited from a grant from the main budget.

Monitoring of grant aid in terms of expenditure and outputs and benefits is a condition of funding. The information provided by 24 grant recipients from the main budget forms the basis of this report and highlights the value and need of the Community Pool in relation to the benefits it provides for local residents and voluntary/community groups providing services for the benefit of local residents.

3. RELEVANCE TO PORTFOLIO MEMBER

The Grants Committee is responsible for approving awards from the Community Pool.

4. TYPE OF DECISION

Non-key.

5. DECISION MAKING ROUTE

Grants Committee, 15th November, 2005.

6. DECISION(S) REQUIRED

Members of the Grants Committee are requested:-

1. To consider the information presented in the report at **Appendix 1**.

Report of: Acting Director of Adult and Community Services

Subject: COMMUNITY POOL 2004/2005– ANNUAL REPORT

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide Members with information regarding the value and monitoring of grant aid awarded from the Community Pool to voluntary sector organisations in the 2004/2005 financial year.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Direct financial support is provided to voluntary organisations from the Community Pool.
- 2.2 The Community Pool budget for the 2004/2005 financial year amounted to £392,816. When the applications were invited, the budget was considerably oversubscribed. A total of 36 groups were awarded grant aid from the Community Pool, including the allocations for specific activities. 25 groups benefited from a grant from the main budget.
- 2.3 The terms and conditions of grant aid stipulate that all grant awards are monitored on an annual basis.
- 2.4 Each award also has its own specific outputs and outcomes, that are determined by the Grants Officer in collaboration with the applicant organisation, which should be achieved during the course of the financial year and are reported on as part of the monitoring exercise.
- 2.5 Production of an annual report is compliant with recommendations from District Audit following assessment of the rigour of the Council's policy and process for funding voluntary organisations.

3. COMMUNITY POOL 2004/2005 : ANNUAL REPORT

- 3.1 **Appendix 1** of this report: *Community Grants Pool Annual Report 2004 – 2005* is a synopsis of the information which has been provided by grant recipients as part of the monitoring exercise. Other background information is also provided to give an overview of pertinent issues.
- 3.2 Key achievements include the following:-

- * The total number of staff employed by organisations in receipt of Community Pool funding totals 220. Of these posts, 41 of them are supported with salary costs from the Community Pool.

- * The amount of welfare benefits accessed for local residents by 2 organisations funded from the Community Pool totalled £2.2m.
- * In the 2004/2005 financial year, 342 volunteers were employed by grant recipients working a total of 2,195 hours per week.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

Members are requested to:-

1. Consider the information presented in this report at **Appendix 1**.

CONTACT OFFICER: John Mennear, Acting Assistant Director (Cultural Services)

Background Papers

Community Pool Monitoring Forms 2004/2005.



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COMMUNITY GRANTS POOL ANNUAL REPORT 2004~2005

Section 1

INTRODUCTION

The Community Pool Annual Report has been produced to provide Members and stakeholders with information regarding grant aid awarded from the Community Pool to voluntary sector organisations in the 2004/2005 financial year.

The Community Pool budget for the 2004/2005 financial year was set at £392,816. A total of 36 groups were supported from the budget, including the allocations for specific activities. From the main budget, 25 groups benefited from a grant. Monitoring information in relation to these awards is the subject of this report.

Section 2

THE COMMUNITY GRANTS POOL

The Community Grants Pool is the main source of Local Authority's direct financial support to voluntary organisations. All applications to the Community Pool are processed against established criteria. The criteria was reviewed in 2004/2005 and the new criteria was implemented for the 2005/2006 financial year. The grants awarded in the 2004/2005 were assessed using the old criteria, a summary of which is provided below:

Aims of the Community Pool

The main aim of the Community Pool is to create equal opportunity and access for all to services and resources. Grants are available to help local people to organise local services and activities to meet local needs.

Types of Project Which Can Be Funded

The types of project and activity, which can be funded, fall into the following areas: -

- tackling disadvantage through community initiatives;
- stimulating a community's identity;
- researching into disadvantage and how to tackle problems;
- raising awareness of the effects of disadvantage;
- encouraging the provision of more resources to priority areas and groups;
- developing advice and information for groups and individuals;
- providing support and encouraging self help amongst groups and individuals;
- increasing the employment potential of unwaged people.

Community Pool Priorities

Hartlepool Borough Council has agreed a number of priorities to help in the allocation of grant aid.

Priority Areas

Applications from groups based in areas of high disadvantage will be given priority.

Priority Groups

Some groups of people experience greater levels of disadvantage than others. Applications involving the following groups will receive priority: -

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| ➤ Ethnic minority communities | ➤ Unemployed/unwaged people |
| ➤ People with disabilities | ➤ Young People |
| ➤ Women | ➤ Elderly |

Priority Issues

Hartlepool Borough Council has decided that the following issues are important and that applications relating to them will receive priority: -

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| ➤ Pre school play provision | ➤ Resource Centres |
| ➤ Credit Union Development | ➤ Voluntary Sector Training/Education |
| ➤ Youth Projects | ➤ Support for Volunteering |
| ➤ Local Development Agencies | ➤ Community Safety |

Once the Grants Committee has approved an application for grant aid, an offer of grant aid is made which includes the standard terms and conditions relating to any grant award. Each award also has its own specific outputs and outcomes that are determined by the Grants Officer in collaboration with the applicant organisation and which should be achieved during the course of the financial year and are reported on as part of the monitoring exercise.

Section 3

COMMUNITY POOL BUDGET 2004/2005

For the financial year 1st April, 2004 to 31st March, 2005, the Community Pool Budget was set at £392,816, out of this £17,000 was ring fenced for specific activities: £12,000 for support to youth groups and £5,000 for *Directed Lettings*; the hire of premises by voluntary organisations.

Applications for grant aid, from the specific activities allocation and for youth work are processed by the Youth Service. Monitoring of the expenditure of the grant is also carried out by the Youth Service. The allocation for youth activities was fully expended.

The expenditure of grant aid pertaining to the Directed Lettings allocation is monitored by the Grants Officer. Groups are not requested to provide additional information, other than evidence of spend as grant aid is awarded specifically for the hire of premises. A small amount of the allocation was unspent and therefore returned to the main Community Pool budget.

The total value of the applications for funding for the 2004/2005 financial year was £519,692 matched against an available budget of £392,816. Clearly with this over subscription, many groups received less than requested.

A total of 36 groups were supported from the Community Pool. The following information details the 25 awards that were made from the main budget during the 2004/2005 financial year to each organisation and information relating to the expenditure of the grant.

AWARDS TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS COMMUNITY POOL 2004/2005

Organisation	<i>Grant Aid Awarded</i>	<i>How Grant Was Spent</i>	<i>Services/Activities Provided</i>
Belle Vue Sports Youth and Community Centre	£24,510	Contribution towards salary costs (Manager and reception staff and core costs)	Sports facilities, youth activities and support to community groups, room hire, IT facilities – training
Blakelock Elderly Day Care Co-operative	£8,807	Contribution towards salary costs of 1 care worker and core costs	Day care for the elderly, including social activities and provision, advice and information
Citizens Advice Bureau	£75,889	Contribution towards salary costs (Manager, Deputy Manager Clerical and Finance Officer)	Generalist advice and information in relation to welfare benefits, housing issues, consumer issues etc.

Organisation	<i>Grant Aid Awarded</i>	<i>How Grant Was Spent</i>	<i>Services/Activities Provided</i>
Epilepsy Outlook	£7,265	Contribution towards salary costs (Volunteer Co-ordinator/ Administrator)	Support to people with Epilepsy and their families, including advice and information, awareness raising
Hartlepool Access Group	£12,321	Contribution towards salary costs of Access Audit Worker	Access audits, commentary on planning applications for Local Authority
Hartlepool Deaf Centre	£2,081	Contribution towards insurance costs	Support to deaf community and their families, including advice and information, social activities
Hartlepool Families First	£9,975	Contribution towards salary costs (Co-ordinator)	Toy mobile library, toy library satellite, provision, health bus
Hartlepool People Centre	£16,975	Contribution towards salary costs (Co-ordinator and Admin Assistant)	Resource Centre supporting local residents and community groups
Hartlepool Victim Support	£4,100	Contribution towards salary costs (Branch Co-ordinator and Assistant) and running costs; rent	Support to referred victims of crime: support with advice and information and criminal injuries claims
Hartlepool Voluntary Development Agency	£19,400	Contribution towards salary costs (Manager and Finance Officer)	Support to voluntary/community groups with fundraising, advocacy, volunteering, and management issues. Administers Hartlepool Community Chest
Headland Development Company	£3,880	Contribution towards salary costs (Community Development Worker)	Support to community groups and residents based living on the Headland, includes capacity building support
Headland Future	£20,065	Contribution towards salary costs Operations Co-ordinator, Youth Project Manager and Administrator)	Abbey Street Project youth facilities and organised activities. Facilities for community use, room hire, IT facilities
Manor Residents Association	£4,866	Contribution towards salary costs (Administrator) and running costs; (insurance, utilities)	Support to local residents with advice, information training and recreational activities
North Tees Women's Aid SEARCH	£24,090	Contribution towards salary costs (Project Manager) and sessional	Counselling for victims (male or female) of rape and/or sexual abuse

Organisation	Grant Aid Awarded	How Grant Was Spent	Services/Activities Provided
		counselling staff	
Owton Fens Community Association	£19,045	Contribution towards salary costs: Capacity Building project (Project development officers)	Resource Centre providing multi faceted support to groups and residents, capacity building project, support with fundraising, management
Oxford Road Baptist Church: OXYGEN Project	£7,006	Contribution towards running costs (salary costs Youth Worker)	Youth facilities and organised activities. Oxygen Centre – drop in facility for community as a whole
Racial Equality Development Initiative	£9,000	Contribution towards salary costs (Project Officer)	Support to black minority ethnic community. Secretariat to Racial Harmony Forum
Relate North East	£3,000	Contribution towards costs of counselling sessions, sessional workers in Hartlepool	Counselling for adults (male or female) to prevent relationship breakdown
Rosy Diner Project	£2,000	Contribution to salary costs (Catering Assistant)	Health eating luncheon club for Brierton School pupils not wishing to take school meals
Shopmobility	£21,457	Contribution towards salary costs (Mobility Equipment Worker, Administrator)	Transport for disabled people to enable them to shop/go about their business independently
The Studio	£16,942	Contribution towards salary costs (Manager, Administrator)	Recording, rehearsal and venue for young unemployed
West View Advice and Resource Centre	£27,190	Contribution towards salary costs (Advice Workers x3, Tribunal Worker, Disability Worker)	Generalist advice and information for North Hartlepool residents and beyond community development support to local community groups
West View Project	£16,625	Contribution towards salary costs (Development Manager and Administrator)	Youth facilities and organised activities, including outward bound, water sports activities
Wharton Trust	£12,596	Contribution towards salary costs (Resource Officer and Assistant Resource Officer)	Community library, support to unemployed, work link project, youth activities

Organisation	<i>Grant Aid Awarded</i>	<i>How Grant Was Spent</i>	<i>Services/Activities Provided</i>
Central Residents Association	£14,579 (paid out in 2005/2006)	Core costs including payment of Inland Revenue liability	Community facility providing activities for all section of the community including recreational and educational pursuits

There are some groups that, to date, have had difficulties in providing all of the information required to complete the monitoring exercise. The Grants Officer is currently working with these groups to assist and support them in this task as it would appear that there are difficulties within the organisations, i.e. lack of capacity within the organisation itself, staff shortages, information not being available, such as the organisations annual report and audited accounts. However, in order to protect the Local Authority's interests, the balance of grant aid due to an organisation in this financial year, may not be released until the grant recipient has fulfilled all requirements relating to the monitoring of the grant.

In the first half of the financial year, the first instalment of the grant approved in favour of the Workers Educational Association was paid out. However, it became apparent during the course of the year that the group were unable to adhere to the terms and conditions of the grant award and so the second instalment of the grant £4,500 was returned to the Community Pool for redistribution during 2004/2005. When the grant was monitored, it became apparent that the group were unable to provide documentary evidence relating to the spend of the first instalment of the grant and evidence of the outputs achieved in the first 6 months of 2004/2005. Consequently, the funding, which was paid out, was reclaimed and has been paid back into the Community Pool 2005/2006.

In the 2004/2005 financial year, the Community Pool budget was fully expended.

Section 4

MONITORING OF GRANT AID AND ITS DISBURSEMENT

Grants Officer maintains contact with all recipients through the year. Formal monitoring of grant awards is done on an annual basis. Grant recipients are requested to complete a comprehensive monitoring form and provide additional supporting information including a copy of the organisations annual report and certified accounts relating to the period in which the grant was awarded.

If monitoring information is not provided as requested then steps can be taken to suspend any grant payments that are due to the organisation in the current financial year.

MONITORING INFORMATION PROVIDED BY GRANT RECIPIENTS

Organisation	Total Number Volunteers	Volunteers With Disability	BME Volunteers	Volunteer Hours Per Week	Paid Staff	Organisation Membership	Number of Members	Client Group	Total Number of Clients/Groups Benefiting	Geographical Areas/Wards Served
Belle Vue Sports Youth and Community Centre	17	5	0	51	52	Yes	1940	All sections of the Community	Information not provided	Jackson 10% Brinkburn 10% Stranton 30% Townwide 50%
Blakelock Elderly Day Care Co-operative	10	0	0	20	13	Yes	150 social members	Elderly living in community in Hartlepool	213 total (63 social members)	Townwide
Central Residents Association	Information not yet provided									
Citizens Advice Bureau	21	1	1	80	20	N/A	N/A	All sections of the community	20,870 client contacts (32,863 enquiries) £1.75m gained in benefits	Townwide
Epilepsy Outlook	31	7	0	239	1	Yes	70	People with Epilepsy families and carers	381 different people	Townwide
Hartlepool Access Group	7	6	0	15	1	Yes	35	Primarily disabled people, but access is improved for all	400 planning applications monitored Access Audits carried out	Townwide
Hartlepool Access Group Shopmobility	12	8	0	132	5	Yes	1,980	Disabled people	Average 60 people per week	Townwide

Organisation	Total Number Volunteers	Volunteers With Disability	BME Volunteers	Volunteer Hours Per Week	Paid Staff	Organisation Membership	Number of Members	Client Group	Total Number of Clients/Groups Benefiting	Geographical Areas/Wards Served
Hartlepool Deaf Centre	21	18	0	105	3	Yes	100+	Deaf community	448	Townwide
Hartlepool Families First	18	0	0	70	25	Yes	400	All families, residents of Hartlepool	5,085 total in areas not included in regeneration initiatives	Townwide
Hartlepool People Centre	27	3	0	145	7	No	N/A	All groups and residents in Hartlepool	25,627 different people used service	Townwide
Hartlepool Voluntary Development Agency	0	0	0	0	20	No	N/A	All comm/vol groups serving Hartlepool	214 groups	Townwide
Headland Development Company	9	1	0	9	8	Yes	332	Groups and residents on the Headland	1479 residents accessed services 22 groups benefited from support	St Hilda
Headland Future	12	2	1	2	7	Yes	???	Young People	600	Owton 10% Brinkburn 5% Brus 10% St Hilda 60% Dyke House 5%
Manor Residents Association	15	0	0	200	9	No	N/A	All residents in community	5,159+ residents accessed services	Owton 90% Townwide 10%
North Tees Women's Aid SEARCH	1	0	0	5	5	No	N/A	Male, Female adults resident in Hartlepool	742 sessions Counselling provided	Townwide
Owton Fens Community Association	30	5	0	600	2	No	N/A	All residents/groups in community	10 groups assisted 7,230 residents accessed services	Owton 40% Rossmere 20% Townwide 40%
Oxford Road Baptist Church Oxygen	26	0	0	35	3	Yes	185	Children and young people	185 young people 778 adults	Grange 12% Brinkburn 60% Stranton 4% Rift House 19% Townwide 10%
Racial Equality Development Initiative	Information not provided									
Relate North East	70	5	1	250	3	N/A	N/A	All adults resident in Hartlepool	128 adults accessed provision 232 counselling sessions provided	Townwide

Organisation	Total Number Volunteers	Volunteers With Disability	BME Volunteers	Volunteer Hours Per Week	Paid Staff	Organisation Membership	Number of Members	Client Group	Total Number of Clients/Groups Benefiting	Geographical Areas/Wards Served
Rossey Diner	2	0	0	10	3	Yes	100	Pupils of Brierton School	165	Rossmere 30% Owton 40% Park 20% Townwide 10%
The Studio	19	2	0	15	2	Yes	4102 venue 123 bands	Ages 13 -82 waged and unwaged	45 trainees 520 hours recording 814 rehearsal sessions 1,400 musicians performing 16,713 people at venue	Townwide
Victim Support and Witness Service Teesside	18	1	0	36	5	N/ A	N/A	All victims of crime	3,030 contacts	Townwide
West View Advice and Resource Centre	15	7	0	16	10	No	N/A	All sections of the community	3157 clients accessed service financial gains of £635,729 for Hartlepool residents	Brus 33% St Hilda 9% Owton 9% Dyke House 7% Others 42%
West View Project	10	1	0	90	13	Yes	200 Youth Club	Young people 8-19 years Adults for outdoor activities	3,250	Adventurous Activities Townwide Youth Club Brus 40% St Hilda 30%, Hart5%, D. House 7%
Wharton Trust	14	2	0	50	3	No	Library members hip 1983	All sections of the community	Library foot flow 5,150 220 registered with Worklink	D. House 75% Townwide 25%
TOTALS	324	74	3	2195	220	-	-	-	-	-

Section 5

KEY FINDINGS

To examine the value of the Community Pool and to inform Members of the outputs and outcomes achieved by grant recipients, a synopsis of the information that has been provided as part of the monitoring exercise can be found on the following pages.

However, we can highlight specific issues, which demonstrate the added value of the provision of grant aid.

Supporting Valuable Services

- Grant aid was awarded to 2 groups, Citizens Advice Bureau and West View Advice and Resource Centre, who provide advice and information services for local residents. In terms of support with welfare benefits advice, these groups have been able to assist residents to access in £2.2m in additional welfare benefits. This too would contribute to the overall economic well being of the town.
- Financial support was awarded to several groups who provide specialist services on a town wide basis, including North Tees Women's Aid SEARCH project, Victim Support and Epilepsy Outlook.

Supporting Local Employment

- Grant aid from the Community Pool is approved as a contribution towards an organisation's core costs. In most cases, the grant is attributed to salary costs. Community Pool funding in 2004/2005 contributed to the salary costs of at least 41 full/part time staff. Without this core support, the organisation would not achieve its objectives and any leverage would be reduced.

Leverage

- It is evident from the information provided and statistics prove that funding from the Community Pool acts as a catalyst for many groups, enabling them to attract other funding streams to match Local Authority funding and thereby maximise Local Authority investment.

Supporting Volunteers

- The provision of financial support to the voluntary sector from the Community Pool demonstrates the value that the Local Authority places in the services provided by the voluntary/community sector and also in the value of volunteering. Information provided shows that a total of 342 volunteers work with the organisations funded through the Community Pool providing a total of 2,195 hours of unpaid support to these organisations per week, which when costed out, volunteers time being valued at

£8.63 per hour (2001 figures) over a period of a year has a monetary value of £947,142. Some groups are able to match volunteer's time to other funding sources to enable them to raise sufficient funds to facilitate service delivery.

Supporting the Voluntary Sector

- We have supported Hartlepool Voluntary Development Agency (HVDA) to provide an array of support to many of the town's 400+ voluntary/community groups, including advice and information relating to fundraising, capacity building, structured training etc. In the 2004/2005 financial year, HVDA assisted 33 other local groups in securing £257,975 from external sources to enable these groups to meet their own aims and objectives. HVDA have also been instrumental in administering Neighbourhood Renewal and New Deal for Communities Funding, which has resulted in 303 groups benefiting from grants amounting to £383,930.

Section 6

TARGETING OF COMMUNITY POOL FUNDING

To complement the specific information extracted from the monitoring exercise and presented in this report, additional information has been provided to help promote an understanding of the value of targeting grant aid to the most needy communities and the importance that support from the Local Authority has.

Targeting of Grant Aid to Priority Areas

Appendix A: Targeting of Grant Aid to Priority Areas: The following information provides details of the location of grant recipients, i.e. the ward in which they are based and the levels of disadvantage of those wards. Whilst some groups work within the geographical boundaries in which they are based, a number of groups work on a “town wide” basis.

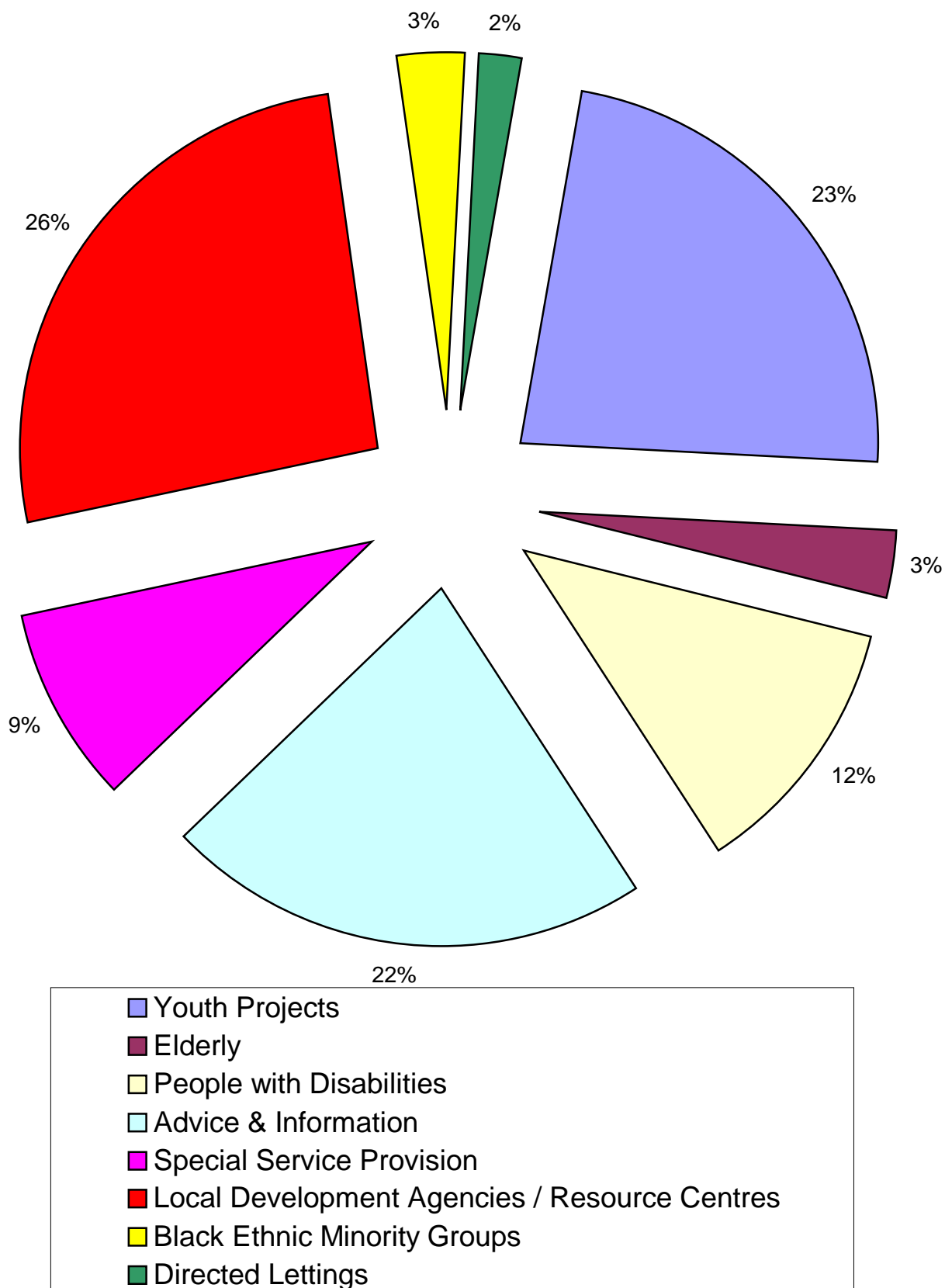
From the following table, it is evident that grant aid is being directed to those organisations operating in priority areas, with most of the budget being allocated to groups operating in wards which have been deemed to be within the top 5% of most disadvantaged wards nationally and the remainder of the budget allocated to groups operating within the 5-10% most disadvantaged wards nationally. Information taken from the Index of Multiple Deprivation May 2004.

(i) Targeting of Community Pool to Priority Issues

Specific information relating to the priorities of the Community Pool has been extracted from the detail provided by grant recipients.

The pie chart below shows the levels of funding that have been allocated to each priority group and priority issue identified in the criteria.

Level of funding allocated to each priority group and issue



- The total amount of funding approved for local development agencies and resource centres from the Community Pool in the 2004/2005 financial year was £111,165, 28% of the total budget, an increase on the previous years allocation of 26%.
- A total of £62,638 was approved for voluntary/community groups working with young people, 19% of the total budget. The work carried out by these groups is complementary to the work carried out by the Youth Service.
- Grant aid of £110,945 was approved as a contribution towards the core costs of organisations providing advice and information services, one on a town wide basis and the other in community-based settings. The total number of clients accessing these services is in excess of 24,027 with the total recorded financial gains for the residents of Hartlepool being in excess of £2.2m.

Section 7

RESOURCE ISSUES

The Community Pool budget has reduced considerably in recent years; having not kept pace with inflation and has, on a number of occasions, been reduced. Obviously the Local Authority has faced budgetary pressures, this has resulted in the Pool being cut or a cash freeze situation, which in itself amounts to a cut. Consequently, individual grants have been reduced to accommodate budget constraints.

Grant recipients, in some cases, have compensated for the decrease in support from the Local Authority by raising monies from other sources or have been able to increase the amount of internal income generated.

A reduction in dependence on Local Authority funding is to be promoted, where possible, as budgets are under increasing pressure and the demand on the Community Pool increases. However, this will create pressures for voluntary sector organisations who use Local Authority funding as a catalyst for generating other funds as any reduction in Local Authority support will have a knock on effect on other funding streams.

The Community Fund (formally known as the National Lottery Charities Board) have a policy not to replace any Local Authority funding, therefore groups have had their requests for funding declined as a result of having their Local Authority funding reduced. The level of funding awarded to groups in Hartlepool has reduced in recent years because of the Community Fund's "Fair Share" policy. Applications from other areas have been prioritised because they have not being able to access the amounts of funding that groups in Hartlepool have been fortunate enough to secure.

Anecdotal evidence suggests that fundraising for the core costs of an organisation including salaries, rent, utility costs etc. is now proving more difficult. Most providers of funding will support "new and innovative projects" and are more inclined to provide funding for "one off" items of expenditure, but increasingly not funding to cover the on-going running costs of an organisation. Grant aid from the Community Pool is generally provided as a contribution towards core costs, the recipient organisation then has to apply to other funders to make up the difference.

As part of the monitoring process grant recipients have highlighted a number of specific problems faced by voluntary sector organisations.

- With the demise of major sources of funding voluntary organisations are finding that funding streams are coming to an end and replacement sources are not available. There has been a reduction, in real terms, of funding from local and national trusts and charities. These funding streams have been affected by the poor performance of the endowment funds, with which they are linked, thereby reducing the amount of funding available nationally for distribution. Voluntary sector organisations have to

rationalise their services or, in extreme cases, cease operating altogether because the level of funding required to sustain these services is not available.

- There are a number of groups in receipt of grant aid that offer a very specialised service to the residents of Hartlepool, i.e. SEARCH, North East Relate and Victim Support. It is impossible to compare the outputs of these organisations against the outputs of other organisations. The maintenance of funding to these groups is important because they are the only providers of these services and the needs of the client group that they serve.
- There are several grant recipients that work in partnership with the Council and other public bodies to provide services for the benefit of the residents of Hartlepool, working to a common agenda and meeting both the corporate objectives of the Local Authority and the aims and objectives of the other agencies and the voluntary organisation itself, e.g. Citizens Advice Bureau, Hartlepool Voluntary Development Agency, West View Advice and Resource Centre. Without this co-operation, valuable services would be lost to the town and the Local Authority and other public agencies would lose a valuable opportunity to work in partnership with the voluntary sector. The attainment of national and local targets and performance indicators could also be put at risk without the contribution of the voluntary sector to the Council's strategic aims and objectives.

Section 8

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

There are several of the Council's performance indicators that relate to support to the voluntary sector through the provision of direct financial support, i.e. grant aid from the Community Pool.

In the period April 2004 to March 2005 each of the targets set for these indicators was achieved. Specific detail on these achievements follows, including targets for the current and forthcoming years.

BVPI 177/Percentage of Authority Expenditure

On legal and advice services which is spent on services that have been awarded the Quality Mark and meet a priority legal need identified in the Community Legal Services Partnership Strategic Plan.

Target.....	2004/2005	100%
Actual Outturn.....	2004/2005	100%
Target.....	2005/2006	100%
Target.....	2007/2008	100%

LPI CS13a: The number of voluntary/community groups supported by the Council

Target.....	2004/2005	37
Actual Outturn.....	2004/2005	36
Target *	2005/2006	31
Target *	2007/2008	31

LPI CS13b: The level of grant aid provided by the Council to voluntary/community groups.

Target.....	2004/2005	£392,816
Actual Outturn.....	2004/2005	£392,816
Target.....	2005/2006	£392,816
Target.....	2007/2008	£392,816

* The target for 2005/2006, 2007/2008 was set lower than the actual outturn for 2004/2005 because of an anticipated reduction in available resources.

Section 9

ISSUES FOR 2006/2007

Review of the Community Pool Criteria and Administrative Procedures

The criteria and administrative procedures relating to the Community Pool have been reviewed. The review considered the process of assessment of applications and the criteria including the relevance of grant aims to align criteria with strategic aims and objectives and to identify areas for improvement and to determine if grant aid is targeted appropriately, to maximum effect.

A report was presented to the Grants Committee on 28th October 2004 requesting approval to implement the *new* criteria and improvements to the processing and administration of applications to the Grants Pool. The changes were implemented in the processing of applications for the 2005/2006 financial year.

The Value of the Community Pool to the Voluntary Sector

To complement the work carried out in the review of the Community Pool, an additional piece of work has been done in partnership with the Community Empowerment Network to ascertain the value of the Community Pool to the voluntary sector and to measure the impact of grant aid to service provision and the value of leverage. The aim of the study was to:-

- consider the value that Community Pool funding provides;
- consider the 'strategic fit' of the activities supported by the fund across the 7 themes within the Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy;
- consider the impact the Community Pool has on the voluntary sector in Hartlepool in terms of providing stability and acting as leverage to secure additional resources.

Each group who has benefited from grant aid from the Community Pool in 2004/2005 co-operated in the process. A report was presented to the Grants Committee on 6th July, 2005 and subsequently the Hartlepool Partnership. The report demonstrated the value of the support from the Community Pool to each grant recipient in assisting groups to deliver a wide range of services; promoting a degree of stability in relation to service provision; assisting groups to lever in funds from other providers and supporting the employment of staff and volunteers.

Future Funding for the Voluntary and Community Sector in the North East

There is cause for grave concern throughout the voluntary sector. It has become apparent that funding available for community/voluntary groups is going to be drastically reduced because of the demise of several funding streams, i.e. European Regional Development Fund,

Single Regeneration Budget and running down of neighbourhood renewal funding and likely reductions to lottery funding. A report commissioned by the Community Foundation was produced in 2004 it detailed the cumulative effect of the reduction of funds available to the voluntary sector in the North East from the year 2000 onwards. In the period 2000 to 2003 SRB, European Funding and the Community Fund supported a wide range of good causes, community development activities and helped many disadvantaged groups in the region. This has been worth about £64m a year from combined sources. The report states " the net change in annual funds expected to be available to the VCS in North East England from these sources is expected to be a reduction of more than £50m per year – unless replacement funding can be found. The report makes a number of recommendations on how the effects of the impending funding crisis might be reduced:

- Public awareness campaigns to raise awareness about the issue
- Lobbying central government the Regional Development Agency (RDA), regional assembly, the EU, MP's MEP's and other stakeholders
- Constructive engagement with the Government Office for the North East and the RDA to find solutions and to embed the acceptance of the contribution of the VCS to the region
- Information and guidance to the VCS to minimise the impact and to find alternative sources of funding.

This turn of events will obviously have serious implications for community and voluntary sector groups in Hartlepool all of which are likely to be affected. Work has been done to raise the profile of the voluntary sector and to gain recognition for the services which they provide.

Hartlepool Voluntary Development Agency (HVDA) have, over the last 12 months, produced and circulated to a wide audience including the Hartlepool Partnership the Health and Care Partnership and the Culture and Leisure Partnership, a number of reports that have documented the effect of reduced funding to the voluntary and community sector of Hartlepool post 2006.

The first report was presented to the Hartlepool Partnership in October 2004 to update members on the range of Government issues targeted at the voluntary sector and to highlight key issues concerning future funding of the sector. Since then HVDA have prepared and presented another 2 reports each an update on the previous one.

The most recent report, produced in July 2005 in conjunction with the Invest 2006 campaign, highlights the likely reduction in the numbers of staff employed in the voluntary/community sector and the capacity of the sector to deliver services.

The Invest Campaign, a regional campaign to highlight the need for voluntary sector funding, was initiated by HVDA. Meetings were held in Hartlepool and Middlesbrough to

make groups aware of funding issues. Local groups were asked to send postcards to Government Office North East, One North East and their local MP to raise the profile of the Invest 2006 campaign.

With support from other local groups HVDA have endeavoured to put funding issues high on the agenda of those organisations who can assist with lobbying for further financial assistance for the voluntary community sector and generating income streams by working in partnership with other agencies to deliver services.

This funding crisis situation will no doubt create additional demand on the Community Pool as groups struggle to secure other funds to match Local Authority funding.

Section 10

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

The Community Pool budget was set at £392,816 for the 2004/2005 financial year. 36 groups were supported, including the special activities allocation. 25 groups received a grant from the main budget.

Annual monitoring of the expenditure of grant aid and outputs and benefits is a condition of funding. A synopsis of the information provided by grant recipients can be found in the body of this report.

A number of key achievements have been documented, which are representative of the outputs and outcomes, which have been achieved by grant recipients in the 2004/2005 financial year.

- Funding from the Community Pool contributes to the salaries of 41 full/part time staff.
- Grant recipients employ a total of 220 staff.
- A total of 342 volunteers are employed by grant recipients who work on average a total of 2195 volunteer hours per week.
- £2.2m is raised in welfare benefits for Hartlepool residents by 2 groups funded from the Community Pool.

This information, far from being exhaustive, in itself demonstrates the need for and the value of the Community Pool to voluntary and community groups and residents of Hartlepool.

With direct financial support from the Community Pool, the voluntary/community sector can assist the Council to achieve its own strategic objectives, working in partnership we can endeavour to strengthen the infrastructure of the voluntary sector and in so doing improve service provision and as a result improve the quality of the lives of Hartlepool residents.

Appendix A : Targeting of Grant Aid to Priority Areas

Voluntary Organisation/ Community Group	Based in Hartlepool Ward	Index of Multiple * Deprivation National Rankings 1 Highest Level 7,932 Lowest Level	Hartlepool Rank	Townwide Service Provision
	Within the 1 -5 % most disadvantaged wards nationally			
	Within the 5-10% most disadvantaged wards nationally			
Belle Vue Sports Youth and Community Centre	Foggy Furze	957	9	
Blakelock Elderly Day Care Co-op	Burn Valley	1794	11	✓
Citizens Advice Bureau	Burn Valley	1794	11	✓
Epilepsy Outlook	Stranton	55	1	✓
Hartlepool Access Group	Stranton	55	1	✓
Hartlepool Access Group Shopmobility	Stranton	55	1	
Hartlepool Deaf Centre	Rossmere	739	7	✓
Hartlepool Families First	Foggy Furze	957	1	✓
Hartlepool People Centre	Stranton	55	1	✓
Victim Support Teesside	Stranton	55	1	✓
Hartlepool Voluntary Development Agency	Stranton	55	1	✓
Headland Development Trust	St Hilda	143	4	
Headland Future	St Hilda	143	4	

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	Within the 1 -5 % most disadvantaged wards nationally			
	Within the 5-10% most disadvantaged wards nationally			
Manor Residents Association	Owton	93	2	
North Tees Women's Aid SEARCH	Stranton	55	1	✓
Owton Fens Community Association	Rossmere	739	7	
Oxford Road Baptist Church Oxygen Project	Burn Valley	1794	11	
Relate North East	N/A	N/A	N/A	✓
Rossey Diner Project	Rossmere	739	7	
The Studio	Stranton	55	1	✓
West View Advice and Resource Centre	Brus	167	5	
West View Project	Brus	167	5	
Wharton Trust	Dyke House	100	3	

* May 2004 data

GRANTS COMMITTEE

15th November 2005



Report of: The Head of Community Safety & Prevention

Subject: COMMUNITY SAFETY CAPITAL ALLOCATIONS
– UPDATE ON CCTV AND YOUTH SHELTERS

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To provide further information to Members on CCTV projects and Youth Shelter sites.

2. SUMMARY OF CONTENTS

The report outlines costs and differences between 3 CCTV camera sites and provides update on the temporary site for Youth Shelter.

3. RELEVANCE TO PORTFOLIO MEMBER

Grants Committee has responsibility for grant approvals greater than £500.

4. TYPE OF DECISION

Non-key.

5. DECISION MAKING ROUTE

Cabinet Grants Committee.

6. DECISION(S) REQUIRED

None, the report is for information.

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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To provide further information to Members on CCTV projects and Youth Shelter sites.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 At the Grants Committee meeting held on 30th August 2005, Members requested further information on the CCTV projects approved and the proposed sites for Youth Shelters.

3. CCTV PROJECTS

- 3.1 Member will recall 3 CCTV projects were approved in August 2005 for cameras to be installed at:

- Grayfields recreation ground
- Burn Valley playground
- Spion Kop

Clarification on the make-up of costs for each camera scheme and the extent of the camera coverage at Grayfields were requested.

3.2 Grayfields

- Grant approved £22,398 for 10 cameras. Four cameras are external, to view main entrance, car park pavilion and synthetic turf pitch. The internal cameras are designed to look from inside at the main entrances.
- CCTV installation is part of major refurbishment at recreation ground. Therefore most of the infrastructure such as trenches and columns which are required for cameras, will be provided for other purposes (e.g. floodlights). So the main costs in this project approval are the actual camera costs. This demonstrates a

massive value for money benefit in providing security requirements during construction, rather than as a separate project at a later date.

3.3 Burn Valley Playground

• Grant approved	£14,700
• Installation costs	£13,000
• Fees	£1,700

This site will have a camera mounted on a column with integral recording equipment and broadband link to monitoring centre.

3.4 Spion Kop

• Grant approved	£9,400
• SRB contribution	£9,700
• Installation costs	£17,000
• Fees	£2,100

This site will have camera mounted on a column. Signal transmission will be via radio link to another camera site and then via existing fibre network. There is also integral recording equipment and a superior camera lens, to reflect the location and operating conditions, this adds approximately £5,000 to cost.

4. **YOUTH SHELTERS**

4.1 Discussions have taken place with various residents groups and the Youth Service to identify suitable locations for Youth Shelters.

4.2 The initial location for the temporary shelter has been agreed with Burbank residents in their Community garden. This is close to a site identified by the Youth Service as a place where young people congregate and complaints of anti-social behaviour have been recorded. Advice on planning permission has been sought and once resolved, the temporary shelter will be installed.

4.3 The use of the shelter will be monitored over a three month period. Should the temporary site prove successful, the shelter will be replaced by a permanent shelter, with the temporary shelter moved to the second trial spot. If the site proves problematic in that either the site is not used or it is used but gives rise to complaints, again the temporary shelter will be moved but would not be replaced with a permanent one.

- 4.4 No other sites for the temporary shelter to be moved on to have yet been agreed.
- 4.5 At the Grants Committee meeting on 30th August 2005, Members agreed to defer a decision on the request for £7,000 towards the cost of installing a permanent shelter, until a site had been identified. This has still not been identified, as the intention (as set out in paragraph 4.3 above) is to consider the suitability and use of the temporary shelter, before replacing it with a permanent shelter. A further report will therefore be prepared for the Grants Committee in due course.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 5.1 Members of the Grants Committee are recommended to note the report.

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Background Papers

None