

<b>Community Development Support Grant &amp; Social Inclusion Grant - Allocation of funding</b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup> March 2017</b>
<b>To: Leisure and Development Committee For Decision</b>	

<b>Linkage to Council Strategy (2015-19)</b>	
<b>Strategic Theme</b>	Resilient, Healthy & Engaged Communities
<b>Outcome</b>	Council will work to develop and promote stable and cohesive communities across the Borough
<b>Lead Officer</b>	Head of Community & Culture Community Development Manager
<b>Cost:</b> (If applicable)	£109,905

### **Purpose of Report**

The purpose of the report is to provide a report of the assessment of the applications received to the Community Development Grant Programmes for 2017-18 and to provide recommendations in relation to grant awards to be made through the two programmes:

1. Community Development Support Grant (CDSG)
2. Social Inclusion Grant (SIG)

subject to confirmation of funding from Department for Communities (DfC).

Approximately 50% of the Community Development Grants are provided through the annual DfC District Council Community Support Programme. At the time of preparation of the report, the level of grant to be allocated to Council for 2017-18 by DfC is unknown, however a decision in principle is being sought from Council so that grant awards can be made to local organisations as soon as Departmental funding is confirmed.

### **Background**

Council Grant programmes were launched on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2016. 4 Information Roadshows were held in late November in locations across the Borough in order to provide potential applicants with detailed information and guidance about the detail of the individual grant programmes.

The Grant assessment panel of relevant Council officers assessed the grant applications received against the published criteria. Applicants were required to attain a score of at least 65% in order to be considered for funding, in line with Council's Grant Funding Policy.

### **1. Community Development Support Grant**

1.1 Purpose of Grant Programme: To contribute to the running costs/overhead costs incurred by core community development organisations.

1.2 Levels of Grant available: Community Development groups with premises can apply for grants of up to 75% of costs up to a maximum grant of £2,000. Community

Development groups without premises can apply for grants of up to 75% of costs up to a maximum grant of £1,000

1.3 Eligibility and Assessment Criteria: An extract from the Guidance Notes for the grant detailing eligibility and assessment criteria is attached at **Annex A**.

1.4 Applications Received:

No. of applications received	62
No. of ineligible applicants	5
No. of unsuccessful applications (scoring less than 65%)	8
No. of successful applications (scoring 65% and above)	49
<b>Total maximum eligible amount of CDSG funding requested</b>	<b>£89,497</b>
Additional allocation of funding to Garvagh Development Trust (GDT) Ltd for the GADDA Building was beyond the £2,000 CDSG limit. (Council approved an award of £10,000 to GDT Ltd at Council meeting on 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2016) and as such the total of £10,000 is taken from the overall fund	<b>£8,000</b>
<b>Total maximum eligible amount of funding to be allocated from CDSG budget</b>	<b>£97,497</b>

A list of the applications received, the assessment scores and maximum eligible funding amount is listed in Table 1 in **Annex B**.

1.5 Five applicant organisations were deemed to be ineligible, as based on their constitution, the applicant organisation did not meet the criteria for the grant programme ie. *'Groups must be multi-purpose, providing or hosting a number of different activities and services for the benefit and to meet identified needs of their whole community, not just for a specific group and/or single issue within that community.'*

1.6 Eight of the applications did not score high enough to meet the minimum threshold required for the CDSG ie 65%. These applicants subsequently applied also to the Social Inclusion Grant Programme.

## 2. Social Inclusion Grant

2.1 Purpose of Programme: To provide small grants to local community and voluntary organisations that are involved in activities that encourage people within their community, particularly those that are socially isolated, to participate in social and recreational activities.

2.2 Levels of Grant: 85% of costs up to a maximum grant of £500

2.3 Applications Received:

No. of applications received	45
No. of ineligible applications	6
No. of unsuccessful applications (scoring less than 65%)	4
No. of successful applications scoring 65% or more	35
<b>Total maximum eligible amount of SIG funding requested</b>	<b>£16,263</b>

A list of the applications received, the assessment scores and maximum eligible funding amount is listed in Table 2 in **Annex B**.

2.4 Three applications were ineligible as they had already applied for and were eligible to receive a Community Development Support Grant and as stated in the Guidance Notes, '*organisations that intend to apply for a Community Development Support Grant from Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council are not eligible to apply for a Social Inclusion Grant.*' The remaining three ineligible applications were deemed to be within the remit of other service areas within Council or Council funding programmes and will be referred as appropriate to apply to Cultural, Arts and Heritage and Sports Development Grants Programmes.

2.5 Four applications did not score sufficiently high enough to be awarded a grant. Community Development Officers can provide feedback and capacity building support to these groups in order to increase their capacity to develop projects and prepare future funding applications.

### **3. Options for consideration**

The 2017-18 budget that was approved by Council on 2<sup>nd</sup> February and the detailed Community and Culture Business Plan approved by Council on 28<sup>th</sup> February provides for a budget of £109,905 for the Community Development grant programmes. This is based on the assumption that Council will receive a grant award from DfC at the same rate as 2016-17. The total combined amount eligible for funding through the Community Development Support Grant and the Social Inclusion Grant exceeds the budget available.

<b>Total amount eligible for funding (CDSG and SIG combined)</b>	<b>£113,760</b>
<b>Budget available</b>	<b>£109,905</b>

This is the third year of Council's Community Development grant programmes. In year one and two the budget was sufficient to be able to fund the eligible amounts requested in full. This is the first year that the eligible amounts applied for exceeds the budget available.

A number of options have been considered by which the eligible funding amounts could be reduced to within the budget available and these are summarised below. When reviewing the grant policy and programmes for the 18/19 period, it is intended that several options will be presented for the consideration of Council relating to how awards will be reduced in the event of oversubscription, all of which would be published as part of the guidance to applicants .

Option	Detail	Implications
<b>Option A</b> <b>£109,697</b>	<b>Award CDSG and SIG applicants that received an assessment score of 75% or more the maximum eligible amount and award CDSG and SIG applicants that scored less than 75% at a rate of 95% of maximum eligible amount.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This option would ensure that the applications that received a high assessment score would not be disadvantaged.</li> <li>• Applicants that scored above the eligibility threshold, but with a reduced score, would see a modest reduction of 5% ie. an eligible amount of £2,000 would be reduced to £1,900.</li> <li>• This option would result in a total cost of <b>£109,697</b>, which is within budget.</li> </ul>
<b>Option B</b> <b>£109,904</b>	<b>Award the successful CDSG applicants the eligible amounts in full and reduce all successfully scoring SIG applications by 23.71% (ie the level of oversubscription to SIG after CDSG awarded in full)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Initially the Community Development Support Grants were established as the priority grant programme in Council's Community Development Strategy in order to support core community development organisations. The Social Inclusion Grant was developed and introduced mid year in 2015-16 as a result of underspend in the initial budget allocation for the CDSG.</li> <li>• This option would ensure that the 49 core community development organisations received the eligible amounts in full.</li> <li>• This would result in a 23.71% reduction in the SIG grant awards to all 35 groups ie. a typical grant award of £500 would reduce to £381.</li> <li>• This may prove to be too big a reduction in what is already a small SIG grant and could mean that many small organisations are not able to proceed with their social inclusion activities.</li> <li>• This option would cost <b>£109,904</b> which is within the budget available.</li> </ul>
<b>Option C</b> <b>£110,971</b>	<b>Award the successful CDSG applicants the eligible amounts in full and award SIG eligible amounts in full to highest scoring applicants until the budget is fully allocated.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This option would ensure that the 49 core community development organisations received the eligible amounts in full.</li> <li>• This would result in the top scoring 28 SIG applicants receiving eligible grant amounts in full thus ensuring that their social inclusion activities can take place.</li> <li>• SIG applicants that scored less than 66% ie. 7 applicants would not receive any funding.</li> <li>• The cost of this option is <b>£110,971</b></li> </ul>

The outworking of each of the three Options in terms of individual awards for each applicant are contained in Tables 1 and 2 in **Annex B**.

**Further points to note:**

The budget available is based on 2016-17 monies awarded by DfC through the Community Support Programme. In the event of the DfC award to Council being reduced for 2017-18, Council may have to further reduce the grants awarded through CDSG and SIG accordingly.

In the event that the letter of offer from DfC is delayed beyond 31<sup>st</sup> March, Council may wish to consider awarding 50% (ie. Council rates proportion) of the grant awards to successful organisations in order to ensure continuity of service provision from the start of the financial year. A letter of offer could then be issued for the remainder of the grant award when Council receives confirmation of funding from DfC, and subject to the amount received.

**Recommendation:**

- i. Approve Option A - Award CDSG and SIG applicants that received an assessment score of 75% or more the maximum eligible amount and award CDSG and SIG applicants that scored less than 75% an amount of 95% of the maximum eligible amount, as outlined in Tables 1 and 2, at a total cost of £109,697, subject to funding being released from the DfC.**
- ii. If confirmation of funding is not received from DfC by 30<sup>th</sup> April, issue offers of grant for 50% of budget to successful applicants, to be followed by a second letter of offer for the remainder of the available grant award when confirmation of funding is received from DfC.**
- iii. Prepare options for consideration at the time of review of Council Grant Policy and Programmes for 2018-19 so that Council has an agreed approach as to how grants are distributed in the event of oversubscription.**

## **Annex A: Eligibility and Assessment Criteria for Community Development Support Grant and Social Inclusion Grant 2017-18**

### **Community Development Support Grant**

#### **Eligible organisations:**

- Only Community Development Organisations which are not-for-profit organisations that are open, accountable and representative of the geographical area in which they service, promote and support community development can apply to the Community Development Support Grant Programme.
- Groups must be multi-purpose, providing or hosting a number of different activities and services for the benefit and to meet identified needs of their whole community, not just for a specific group and/or single issue within that community.
- Eligible organisations will be those that are incorporated to provide programmes and offer services aimed at improving the social, economic and environmental situation of a certain locality i.e. housing estate, village, town or district.
- Groups must demonstrate that they are well run, that they provide a voice for local concerns, are inclusive and have activities open to the whole community, adhere to democratic principles, encourage people to become active and involved in their community, meet local needs and provide local services and are working in partnership with others. This may include Community Associations, Residents' Groups, Town or Village Committees or similar.

#### **Ineligible organisations:**

- Groups operating outside the Causeway Coast and Glens Council area
- Organisations with charitable fundraising as their main focus
- Organisations who have substantial, demonstrable reserves
- Umbrella organisations that do not have a separate local constitution
- Organisations principally established for the delivery of activities for one specific grouping or single issue e.g. youth groups, 50+ sector
- Schools, pre-school or nursery provision
- Organisations whose primary objectives are concerned with health, education or training
- Culture, Arts and Heritage Groups
- Sports Clubs / Leisure Activity Clubs
- Political Organisations
- Religious Organisations

## **Assessment Criteria:**

Eligible applications will be scored out of 10 against the following weighted criteria (weighted by 1 to 3 where indicated).

- i. Range of services and activities provided for the benefit of local communities within the Borough (weighted x 2)
- ii. Clear and realistic objectives set for incoming year (x1)
- iii. Extent of awareness and understanding of specific needs of community / area (x1)
- iv. Targeted area of benefit in relation to deprivation measures (x3)
- v. Engagement in capacity building for group members and wider community (x2)
- vi. Promotion of social inclusion ensuring that marginalised groups feel valued and included (x2)
- vii. Promotion of partnership working with others – working on a collaborative basis to find solutions to locally identified problems (x2)
- viii. Extent of volunteer base involved in group activities (x1)
- ix. Demonstrates value for money and has a realistic budget (x2)
- x. Demonstrates ability to lever other additional funding in support of group (x2)

## **Social Inclusion Grant**

### **Eligible Organisations:**

- The grant programme is open to properly constituted community and voluntary organisations.
- Sports Clubs and Youth Clubs can apply to the grant programme as long as the project they are applying for is a social inclusion project that is in addition to and separate from their regular activities.

### **Ineligible Organisations:**

- Individuals
- Groups operating outside the Causeway Coast and Glens Council area
- Organisations with charitable fundraising as their main focus
- Organisations who have substantial, demonstrable reserves
- Umbrella organisations that do not have a separate local constitution
- Schools, pre-school or nursery provision
- Uniformed youth organisations
- Political Organisations
- Religious Organisations
- Organisations that are applying for a Causeway Coast and Glens Community Development Support Grant in 2017-18

**Assessment Criteria:**

Eligible applications will be scored out of 10 against the following weighted criteria (weighted by 1 to 3 where indicated).

- i. Range and quality of project activities (weighted x2)
- ii. Number and type of beneficiaries (x 2)
- iii. Area deprivation score (x 1)
- iv. How well the project promotes and addresses social inclusion (x 3)
- v. Value for money (x 1)
- vi. Match funding/fundraising (x 1)



## Annex B: Community Development Support Grant and Social Inclusion Grant Assessment and Options for Financial Support

**Table 1: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT GRANT**

Name of Organisation	Amount Requested (£)	Assessment Score	Maximum Eligible Amount (£)	Option A (£)	Option B (£)	Option C (£)
Ashes to Gold t/a 2nd Chance	4,000	Constitution ineligible	0	0	0	0
Beautiful Minds	2,000	Constitution ineligible	0	0	0	0
Hands That Talk	2,000	Constitution ineligible	0	0	0	0
North West Lifelong Learning Association	2,000	Constitution ineligible	0	0	0	0
Old School Youth Accademy	2,000	Constitution ineligible	0	0	0	0
Be Safe Be Well	2,000	85.56	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Benbradagh Community Support	2,000	79.44	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
West Bann Development	2,000	79.44	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Ballymaconnelly Renewal Group	2,000	78.33	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Loughgiel Community Association Ltd	2,000	77.78	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Roe Valley Residents Association	2,000	77.78	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Castlerock Community Association	2,000	76.11	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Gortnaghey Community Association	2,000	76.11	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Cloughmills Community Action Team	2,000	75.00	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Eagle Glen Community Partnership	2,000	75.00	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Greysteel Community Enterprise	2,000	73.89	2,000	1,900	2,000	2,000
Foreglen Community Association	2,000	73.84	2,000	1,900	2,000	2,000
Armoy Community Association	2,000	72.78	2,000	1,900	2,000	2,000
Focus on Family Nuturing & Development Centre	2,000	72.78	2,000	1,900	2,000	2,000
Somerset Residents Association	1,000	71.60	1,000	950	1,000	1,000
Bovalley Community Association	2,000	71.11	1,800	1,710	1,800	1,800
Benedy Community Association	2,000	70.56	2,000	1,900	2,000	2,000
Building Ballysally Together	2,000	70.56	1,725	1,639	1,725	1,725
Glenshane Community Development Limited	2,000	70.56	2,000	1,900	2,000	2,000
Glór Dhún Geimhin Community Development Group	2,000	70.56	2,000	1,900	2,000	2,000
Castle Community Association	2,000	70.00	2,000	1,900	2,000	2,000
Cushendall Development Group	2,000	70.00	2,000	1,900	2,000	2,000
Dunloy Development Association	2,000	69.44	2,000	1,900	2,000	2,000

Strancoum Community Centre	2,000	69.44	2,000	1,900	2,000	2,000
The Keady Clachan Community Group	1,950	69.44	1,650	1,568	1,650	1,650
The Glens Community Association	2,000	68.36	2,000	1,900	2,000	2,000
Ardinarriff Historical & Cultural Society	1,860	68.33	1,860	1,767	1,860	1,860
Coolessan Community Association	1,000	68.33	1,000	950	1,000	1,000
Magilligan Community Association	1,725	68.33	1,725	1,639	1,725	1,725
Millburn Community Association	2,000	68.33	2,000	1,900	2,000	2,000
Ballykelly Community and Youth Association	2,000	67.78	2,000	1,900	2,000	2,000
Drumsum Community Association	2,000	67.78	1,875	1,781	1,875	1,875
Glebeside Community Association Limited	2,000	67.78	2,000	1,900	2,000	2,000
Moneydig Rural Network	2,000	67.78	1,875	1,781	1,875	1,875
Burnfoot Communty Development Assoication	2,000	67.22	2,000	1,900	2,000	2,000
Greysteel Community Association	2,000	67.22	1,763	1,675	1,763	1,763
Feeny Community Association	2,000	67.20	2,000	1,900	2,000	2,000
Bushmills & District Community Association	2,000	67.00	1,000	950	1,000	1,000
Bushmills Residents & Environmental Forum	2,000	66.11	2,000	1,900	2,000	2,000
Dromboughil Community Association	2,000	66.11	2,000	1,900	2,000	2,000
Glenariff Improvement Group	1,000	66.11	1,000	950	1,000	1,000
Rasharkin Community Centre Ltd.	2,000	66.11	2,000	1,900	2,000	2,000
Gelvin Area Community Association Ltd.	1,572	66.10	1,572	1,493	1,572	1,572
Glenullin & Agivey Conservation & Development Group	2,000	65.56	1,677	1,593	1,677	1,677
Largy Communtiy Association	2,000	65.56	2,000	1,900	2,000	2,000
Rasharkin Community Association	2,000	65.56	2,000	1,900	2,000	2,000
Killowen Community Association	1,000	65.50	975	926	975	975
Ballycastle Community Development Group	1,000	65.00	1,000	950	1,000	1,000
Garvagh Development Trust	10,000	65.00	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
Dungiven Regeneration Club	2,000	63.33	0	0	0	0
Glenmanus Residents Association	1,000	60.56	0	0	0	0
Portballintrae Residents' Association	1,000	60.00	0	0	0	0
Windyhall Community Association	1,000	60.00	0	0	0	0
Aghanloo Community Association	2,000	59.72	0	0	0	0
Killyvally Residents Association	390	57.78	0	0	0	0
Macosquin Village Community Association	2,000	55.56	0	0	0	0
Killowen and Churchlands Community Association	565	54.40	0	0	0	0

<b>TOTAL CDSG</b>			<b>97,497</b>	<b>94,122</b>	<b>97,497</b>	<b>97,497</b>
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**Table 2: SOCIAL INCLUSION GRANT**

<b>Organisation Name</b>	<b>Amount Requested (£)</b>	<b>Assessment Score</b>	<b>Maximum Eligible Amount (£)</b>	<b>Option A (£)</b>	<b>Option B (£)</b>	<b>Option C (£)</b>
Cloughmils Community Action Team	Ineligible - already applied to CDSG		0	0	0	0
Dunloy Development Association	Ineligible - already applied to CDSG		0	0	0	0
Foreglen Community Association	Ineligible - already applied to CDSG		0	0	0	0
Cushendun & District Development Association	Refer to Culture Arts & Heritage Grant		0	0	0	0
Jimmy O'Hara CCE Roe Valley	Refer to Culture Arts & Heritage Grant		0	0	0	0
St Mary's Faughanvale GAC	Refer to Sports Development Grant		0	0	0	0
Limavady Community Development Initiative Ltd.	500	84%	500	500	381	500
Ballycastle and District Over 55's Club	500	80%	500	500	381	500
Mae Murray Foundation	1,960	78%	500	500	381	500
The Open Door	500	78%	500	500	381	500
Kilraughts PW	500	75%	500	500	381	500
Errigal Hall Development Association	500	73%	500	475	381	500
Hands That Talk	500	73%	500	475	381	500
Vineyard Compassion	500	72%	500	475	381	500
Mother Goose Playgroup	500	71%	500	475	381	500
Kevin Lynch Hurling Club	500	70%	500	475	381	500
Riding for the Disabled Association (Coleraine)	500	70%	500	475	381	500
Solas Moyle	500	70%	500	475	381	500
Windyhall 50+ Club	402	70%	402	382	307	402
Aghanloo Community Association	500	69%	500	475	381	500
Ballymoney Evergreen Club	500	69%	500	475	381	500
Crafts With Love	500	69%	500	475	381	500
Killowen and Churchlands Community Association	545	69%	500	475	381	500
Dungiven Regeneration Club	500	68%	500	475	381	500
Windyhall Community Association	500	68%	500	475	381	500
Ballycastle Creative Writers Group	500	67%	500	475	381	500

Carnanmore Community Group	1,500	67%	500	475	381	500
Glenmanus Residents Association	500	67%	500	475	381	500
Organisation Name	Amount Requested (£)	Assessment Score	Maximum Eligible Amount (£)	Option A (£)	Option B (£)	Option C (£)
Macosquin Village Community Association	500	67%	425	404	324	425
Coleraine Borough 50+ Forum	390	66%	390	371	298	390
Dervock Parent and Toddler Group	500	66%	425	404	324	425
Killyvally Residents Association	390	66%	332	315	253	332
Northwest Counselling Limited	500	66%	500	475	381	500
Portballintrae Residents Association	500	66%	500	475	381	500
Ballybogey Over 50's	550	65%	250	238	191	0
Ballycastle Church Action/ Good Morning Ballycastle	500	65%	500	475	381	0
Bushvale Friendship Group	380	65%	380	361	290	0
Coleraine Festival Committee	500	65%	500	475	381	0
Friends of Moving on Up	500	65%	500	475	381	0
Greenlight Gateway	500	65%	200	190	153	0
Loughgiel Mums n Tots	500	65%	459	436	350	0
Causeway Hospital Radio	500	61%	0	0	0	0
Ballymoney Ornithological Association	500	56%	0	0	0	0
Northern Ireland Fife Fancy Canary Club	500	56%	0	0	0	0
Coleraine Borough Cage Bird Society	500	53%	0	0	0	0
TOTAL SIG			<b>16,263</b>	<b>15,575</b>	<b>12,407</b>	<b>13,474</b>
			Maximum Eligible Amount (£)	Option A (£)	Option B (£)	Option C (£)
<b>TOTAL CDSG &amp; SIG</b>			<b>113,760</b>	<b>109,697</b>	<b>109,904</b>	<b>110,971</b>