

Planning Committee

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Grants to Third Sector Organisations 2017/18

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Executive Summary

The purpose of this report is to seek Committee approval for the annual grant awards to Edinburgh World Heritage and to Edinburgh and Lothians Greenspace Trust. Additionally, Committee is asked to note the allocation of small grants to a range of organisations which contribute to ensuring that Edinburgh's built and natural heritage is maintained and enhanced for future generations.

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1. Recommendations

- 1.1 It is recommended that Committee:
 - 1.1.1 approves a grant of £46,000 to Edinburgh World Heritage and £25,800 to Edinburgh and Lothians Greenspace Trust; and
 - 1.1.2 notes the grant awards to the National Trust for Scotland, the Scottish Civic Trust, the Architectural Heritage Society of Scotland, the Access Panel and Archaeology Scotland.

2. Background

- 2.1 In [February 2014](#), the Communities and Neighbourhoods Committee agreed “to approve the transfer of responsibility for developing future grant programmes and making grant awards to executive committees and policy development sub-committees”.
- 2.2 The Review of Grants to Third Parties set out a requirement that all grant award recommendations should be co-produced with service users, carers and third sector organisations by April 2016. The review also recommended that co-produced grant programmes should, ideally, be funded for a period of three years to provide financial stability for recipient organisations.

3. Main report

Edinburgh World Heritage

- 3.1 Edinburgh World Heritage (EWH) provides support to the historic environment through the conservation and repair of historic buildings in partnership with communities across the World Heritage Site.
- 3.2 EWH has applied for £46,000. It was awarded £46,000 in 2016/17. It is therefore recommended that a sum of £46,000 be awarded to the EWH for 2017/18. This can be accommodated within the overall Planning third party grants budget.

Edinburgh and Lothians Greenspace Trust

- 3.3 Edinburgh and Lothians Greenspace Trust (ELGT) works to enhance the quality of life for Edinburgh communities by improving their local environment. It works with

the Council, communities, agencies and partners to create sustainable, well managed and accessible green spaces. The Trust has been jointly funded by Place and Health and Social Care, with the latter awarding £70,406 in 2016/17. Other grants, received by ELGT from the Council, were from Communities and Families (£1,164) and the Neighbourhood Partnership Community Grant Fund (£3,950).

- 3.4 The Trust has applied for £25,800. It was awarded £25,800 in 2016/17. It is, therefore, recommended that a sum of £25,800 be awarded to ELGT for 2017/18. This can be accommodated within the overall Planning third party grants budget.

Other organisations

- 3.5 Other organisations which provide assistance to the formulation of planning policies, and/or advice on development proposals, receive smaller amounts and the award of grant is delegated to the Executive Director of Place. The following amounts to be awarded are provided for information:

- National Trust for Scotland - £2,850;
- Scottish Civic Trust - £1,700;
- Architectural Heritage Society of Scotland - £700;
- Edinburgh Access Panel - £630;
- Archaeology Scotland - £475.

4. Measures of success

- 4.1 Each grant recipient is required to complete a funding agreement which details SMART targets that the recipient must agree to achieve. Achievement of these targets will contribute to departmental objectives and service plans.
- 4.2 The success of the review will be measured by whether or not its implementation can be shown to maximise best value and sustainability of third parties, improve satisfaction with the Council's grant to third parties arrangements and improve Council governance arrangements.

5. Financial impact

- 5.1 The total grant award for 2017/18 is £78,155, this can be met from the existing budget.

6. Risk, policy, compliance and governance impact

- 6.1 The Communities and Neighbourhoods Committee in February 2014 accepted the recommendations of the Third Party Grants Review.

- 6.2 The third sector Co-production Steering Group, chaired by EVOC, has been set up to share good practice and ensure consistency as grant programmes are developed.

7. Equalities impact

- 7.1 No infringements of rights or negative impact on equalities have been identified. The award of third sector grants enhances the ability of the people of Edinburgh to participate in the operation of the Council.

8. Sustainability impact

- 8.1 The recommendations of grants to the listed organisations have a significant positive impact on the environment and people's understanding of Edinburgh's built and natural heritage.

9. Consultation and engagement

- 9.1 Engagement involving stakeholders was undertaken in 2015, specifically this included the report to the Planning Committee covering the Grants to Third Sector Organisations 2015/16 - 26 February 2015.

10. Background reading/external references

- 10.1 [Grants to Third Sector Organisations 2016/17](#)

- 10.2 [Grants to Third Sector Organisations 2015/16](#)

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11. Links

Coalition Pledges	P40 - Work with Edinburgh World Heritage Trust and other stakeholders to conserve the City's built heritage.
Council Priorities	CP9 – An attractive city. CP12 – A built environment to match our ambition.
Single Outcome Agreement	SO4 - Edinburgh's communities are safer and have improved physical and social fabric.
Appendices	None