



LIVINGSTON NORTH LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE

PENSIONERS' GROUPS CHRISTMAS FUND ALLOCATIONS 2018

REPORT BY HEAD OF PLANNING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND REGENERATION

A. PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to inform the Local Area Committee of the groups invited to apply for the Pensioners' Groups Christmas Fund 2018 in the Livingston North ward, Livingston-wide groups and West Lothian-wide groups.

B. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the committee notes that seven groups within Livingston North ward have been invited to apply and applications are awaited.

C. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

I Council Values	Being honest, open and accountable. Focussing on our customers' needs. Making best use of resources. Working in partnership.
II Policy and Legal (including Strategic Environmental Assessment, Equality Issues, Health or Risk Assessment)	The duty of Best Value is set out in the Local Government in Scotland Act 2003.
III Implications for Scheme of Delegations to Officers	The Head of Area Services has the delegated authority to make the final allocations and payments.
IV Impact on performance and performance Indicators	None.
V Relevance to Single Outcome Agreement	SOA 5 - Older people are able to live independently in the community with an improved quality of life.
VI Resources - (Financial, Staffing and Property)	Total fund of £29,054 agreed by the council.
VII Consideration at PDSP	Following consideration at all nine Local Area Committees, an update will be prepared for the Voluntary Organisations PDSP.

VIII Other consultations

Similar reports will be prepared for the other eight Local Area Committees.

D. TERMS OF REPORT

D1 Background

Council approves the Pensioners' Groups Christmas Fund each year. In 2018 the total fund amounts to £29,054 (£28,808 in 2017). The fund is divided equally by the total number of beneficiaries. A full report on the final allocations will be made to the Voluntary Organisation PDSP later in the year. Groups have been asked to respond by 29th September 2018. Letters will be issued to groups in October advising them of the amount of funding they will receive and payments will be made directly to the bank accounts of groups during November via PECOS.

D2 Applications 2018: Livingston North ward

Seven application forms were issued to groups across Livingston North ward, with two returned to date. The intention is to support all seven groups upon submission of their applications. Appendix one shows the groups to be supported and the approximate number of beneficiaries in each.

D3 Applications 2018: Livingston-wide & West Lothian-wide organisations

One application was sent to a Livingston-wide group. This application has been returned and will be supported. Three applications were issued to West Lothian-wide groups with one returned to date. The intention is to support all three groups upon submission of their applications. Appendix two shows the groups and the approximate number of beneficiaries in each.

E. CONCLUSION

The report advises of the groups invited to apply to the Pensioners' Groups Christmas Fund 2018 in the Livingston North ward, Livingston-wide groups and West Lothian-wide groups.

A full report on the final allocations will be made to the Voluntary Organisation PDSP later in the year.

F. BACKGROUND REFERENCES

Voluntary Organisations Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel, Review of the Pensioners' Groups Christmas Fund Process 2011, Report By Head Of Area Services.

Appendices/Attachments: Appendix 1: Provisional Allocations 2018 Livingston North Ward

Appendix 2: Provisional Allocations 2018 Livingston-wide and West Lothian-wide Organisations

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