



ARMADALE AND BLACKRIDGE LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE

PENSIONERS' 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 allocations made from the Pensioners' Christmas Fund 2018 to groups in the Armadale and Blackridge Ward, Livingston-wide groups and West Lothian-wide groups.

B. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the committee notes that six groups within Armadale and Blackridge Ward applied to the fund and have been supported.

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 Planning, Economic Development and Regeneration 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. £1,656.99 will be distributed in the Armadale and Blackridge Ward.
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' Christmas Fund each year. In 2018 the total fund amounts to £29,054. The fund is divided by the total number of beneficiaries which, in 2018, is 5,663. By using that number the global unit cost for 2018 is £5.13 per beneficiary (£29,054 / 5,663). In Armadale and Blackridge Ward there are 323 beneficiaries and an allocation of £1,656.99. A full report on the final allocations will be made to the Voluntary Organisation PDSP later in the year. Letters were issued to groups in late October advising them of the amount of funding they will receive and asking for any outstanding information. Payments will be made directly to the bank accounts of groups during November via PECOS.

D2 Applications 2018: Armadale and Blackridge Ward

Six application forms were issued to groups across Armadale and Blackridge Ward, with all six being returned and the groups supported. One new group has been added to the list. Appendix one shows the groups supported and the allocation to each.

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

One application was sent to a Livingston-wide group. The application form was returned and the group has been supported. Three applications were issued to West Lothian-wide groups, and two have been returned. The two groups will be supported. The third group, West Lothian Visually Impaired Club has now dissolved. Appendix two shows the groups and the allocation to each.

E. CONCLUSION

The report advises of the allocations that have been made from the Pensioners' Groups Christmas Fund 2018 to groups in the Armadale and Blackridge Ward, Livingston-wide groups and West Lothian-wide groups.

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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: Allocations 2018 Armadale and Blackridge Ward

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

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