

34. THIRD SECTOR PARTNERSHIP AND VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS
BUDGET 2021/22

The Council Executive considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Planning, Economic Development and Regeneration advising of the ongoing discussion with Third Sector representative in West Lothian to develop partnership working and to consider and agree the arrangements for the disbursement of the Voluntary Sector budget in 2021/22.

The report recommended that the Council Executive:

1. Note the role and work of the Third Sector Working Group as detailed in the report;
2. Note the input provided by the Voluntary Organisations PDSP, provided as a verbal update;
3. Agree the proposed changes of the revenue budget to allow for an interim extension of the grants to the organisations listed in Section D.5.1;
4. Agree that the Gala Grant funding of £40,000 was not committed in 2020/21 due to the effects of Covid-19 and was utilised as set out in D.5.2;
5. Agree that the Twinning Grants would not be allocated in 2021/22 allowing the roll over to the grants awarded in 2020/21; and
6. Agree the process outlined in Section D.5.2 for the allocation of the remaining £400,000 through an application approach focussing on supporting communities through the on-going challenges of Covid-19.

Motion

To approve the terms of the report.

- Moved by Councillor Lawrence Fitzpatrick and seconded by Councillor Kirsteen Sullivan.

Amendment

To agree recommendations 1, 2, and 5 and to delete recommendations 3, 4 and 6.

- Moved by Councillor Frank Anderson and seconded by Councillor Janet Campbell.

A roll call vote was taken. The result was as follows: -

Motion

Amendment

Harry Cartmill
Tom Conn
David Dodds
Lawrence Fitzpatrick
Chris Horne
Charles Kennedy
Cathy Muldoon
George Paul
Kirsteen Sullivan
Damian Timson

Frank Anderson
Janet Campbell

Decision

Following a vote, the motion was successful by 10 votes to 2 and it was agreed accordingly.