



29 December 2016

Dear Sir/Madam

A meeting of the Finance and Resources Committee will be held on Monday 9 January 2017 in the New Council Chamber, Town Hall, Beeston commencing at 7.00pm.

Should you require advice on declaring an interest in any item on the agenda, please contact the Monitoring Officer at your earliest convenience.

Yours faithfully

Chief Executive

To Councillors:	S A Bagshaw	P Lally
	T P Brindley (Vice Chair)	G Marshall
	S J Carr	P J Owen
	E Cubley	P D Simpson (Chair)
	S Easom	A W G A Stockwell

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members are requested to declare the existence and nature of any disclosable pecuniary interest and/or other interest in any item on the agenda.

3. MINUTES PAGES 1 - 5

The Committee is asked to confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 21 November 2016.
4. BUDGET CONSULTATION 2017/18 PAGES 6 - 19

To report the results of the budget 2017/18 consultation exercise that took place during October and November 2016.
5. COUNCIL TAX BASE 2017/18 PAGES 20 - 22

To approve the Council Tax Base for the year 2017/18.
6. GRANT AID TO PARISH/TOWN COUNCILS AND
BEESTON SPECIAL EXPENSES AREA
REGARDING THE LOCAL COUNCIL TAX
SUPPORT SCHEME PAGES 23 - 25

To consider and approve the level of any grant aid to be paid to each of the parish and town councils and to the Beeston special Expenses Area as a consequence of the methodology introduced to account for the Local Council Tax Support Scheme.
7. CAPITAL BUDGET VARIATIONS 2016/17 PAGES 26 - 31

To seek approval for a number of capital budget variations in respect of the 2016/17 financial year.
8. SECTION 106 FUNDS PAGES 32 - 35

To provide the Committee with details of section 106 funds that are presently available and their intended use.
9. GRANT AID REQUEST – PARISH COUNCIL PAGES 36 - 40

To consider a request for grant assistance in accordance with the protocol for the consideration of grant aid to parish and town councils.
10. GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY
ORGANISATIONS, CHARITABLE BODIES AND
INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED IN SPORTS, THE ARTS AND
DISABILITY MATTERS 2016/17 PAGES 41 - 51

To consider requests for grant aid in accordance with the provisions of the Council's Grant Aid Policy.

11. CAPITAL GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS 2016/17 PAGES 52 - 56

To consider capital requests for grant aid in accordance with the provisions of the Council's grant aid policy.

12. WORK PROGRAMME PAGE 57

To consider items for inclusion in the Work Programme for future meetings.

13. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

The Committee is asked to RESOLVE that, under Section 100A of the Local Government Act, 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

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FINANCE AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

21 NOVEMBER 2016

Present: Councillor P D Simpson, Chair

Councillors: S A Bagshaw
T P Brindley
S J Carr
E Cubley
S Easom
R I Jackson
P Lally
G Marshall
P J Owen
M Radulovic MBE
A W G A Stockwell

38. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

39. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 19 September 2016 were confirmed and signed.

40. **REFERENCES**

40.1 Environment and Community Safety Committee
22 September 2016

**REVIEW OF PROVISION OF FREE RED LIDDED BINS FOR GLASS
RECYCLING**

Members' approval was sought to amend the 2016/17 General Fund revenue budget pursuant to the resolution of the Environment and Community Safety Committee to implement a one off charge of £21 for the provision of red lidded bins for glass recycling.

RESOLVED that the 2016/17 General Fund revenue budget be amended accordingly.

41. PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT REVIEW OF BUSINESS PLAN
PROGRESS – SUPPORT SERVICE AREAS

The Committee considered the progress against outcome targets identified in the Business Plans for support service areas. The following significant points were raised:

Resources

- Working days lost due to sickness absence. It was noted that incidents of long term sickness had an impact on the figures. Another factor was stress related absence which was an area being monitored with a view to reviewing the Stress Management Policy. This would be reported to the Policy and Performance Committee.
- Tram compensation claim. The likelihood that the claim would not be settled in 2016 was disappointing and the reasons for this were queried. The Head of Property Services stated that it would be more appropriate, due to the commercially sensitive nature of the tram compensation claim, for a comprehensive response to be given in private session at the conclusion of agenda business.

RESOLVED that discussion of the tram compensation claim be deferred to the end of the meeting and that the public and press be excluded in accordance with paragraph 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

- In relation to the proposed DWP occupation of the Council Offices it was noted that this was likely to proceed and come to fruition by Spring 2017. If the DWP did not proceed with its occupation of the Council Offices, the office space would be available for rent by an alternative tenant.
- Review of People Strategy. The Strategy was in place until 2017 and the HR team would undertake a refresh of the Strategy with work anticipated to be underway by the end of the next financial year.
- The reduction in the sundry debtors backlog was noted, although the reasons for the initial build up were queried. The Deputy Chief Executive would provide a written response.
- The level of rent arrears was queried and members were referred to agenda item 10 regarding the appointment of an Interim Housing Income Manager to manage the delivery and transition of rent recovery procedures.

Revenues, Benefits and Customer Services

- Abandoned Calls. Concern was expressed about difficulties some members had experienced, particularly in relation to Kimberley Depot. A review would be conducted with a report back to this Committee.

ICT and Business Transformation

- The 100% target for BBSi Programme Completion was queried in light of the impact on service delivery due to reduced resources.

RESOLVED that the progress made in achieving the Business Plans for Resources; Revenues, Benefits and Customer Services; and ICT and Business Transformation be noted, together with the current Key Performance Indicators for 2016/17.

42. TREASURY MANAGEMENT AND PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS 2016/17 – MID YEAR REPORT

The Committee considered the treasury management activity and the actual prudential indicators for 2016/17 up to 30 September 2016.

RESOLVED that the 2016/17 mid-year report to 30 September 2016 be noted.

43. LOCAL COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT SCHEME

The Committee noted the arrangements to operate in respect of the Local Council Tax Support Scheme in 2017/18.

RECOMMENDED to Council that the current LCTSS remains in place for 2017/18.

44. SECTION 106 ITPS ALLOCATIONS

The Committee considered the progress made with the ITPS schemes approved by Cabinet on 15 March 2016.

RESOLVED that schemes to enhance the bus stop infrastructure in Nuthall (£10,000) and to install CCTV between the Beeston Interchange and The Square (£10,000) be added to the 2016/17 capital programme whilst the scheme to introduce cycling improvements in Chilwell Road, Beeston (£10,000) be deleted.

45. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2016/17 UPDATE

The Committee noted the capital expenditure incurred in 2016/17 up to 30 September 2016 along with the planned financing of the 2016/17 capital programme. The following points were raised:

- Members would be provided with a written response regarding the Broxtowe Country Trail.
- The upgrade of the Community Room, Eastwood Town Council was queried. It was noted that the Town Council had applied for a grant.
- An update was requested on Beeston Shopmobility. The Head of Property Services would bring an updating report to Committee.
- Beeston Square, Phase 2 – Car Park/Toilet Block expenditure was queried. The major expenditure related to demolition of the toilets, bus station and construction of the car park opposite Tesco's. The Head of Property Services would provide a written response in respect of costs for the demolition of the toilets, which was estimated to be in the region of £13,000.00.
- Inham Nook CCTV Camera/Column. It was queried whether or not there was a camera available since the column was being installed. It was noted that sufficient budget was available for all necessary works.
- Invest to Save (Carbon Management Plan) was queried. It was noted that this related predominantly to LED lighting and would only proceed if funding became available.
- Insurance Settlement - Eastwood Cemetery Chapel. Councillor M Radulovic MBE expressed thanks to all staff involved in this matter.

RESOLVED:

1. **That the expenditure on the 2016/17 capital programme to 30 September 2016 and the planned financing of the 2016/17 capital programme contained in appendices 1 and 2 be noted; and**
2. **That the capital budget variations for 2016/17 as set out in appendix 3 be approved.**

46. APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM HOUSING INCOME MANAGER

The Committee considered the additional estimate required for an interim appointment to manage the delivery and transition of rent recovery procedures.

The Council had introduced a new Pre-Eviction Protocol which had resulted in a significant reduction in the number of evictions, signalling a consequential change in how rent arrears were dealt with. The Housing Committee had adopted a supporting policy to underpin and provide integration to sustain the new approach.

47. WORK PROGRAMME

Members considered the items included in its future Work Programme and agreed that the provision of Grants to Parish and Town Councils be included in the programme for 9 January 2017.

RESOLVED that the Work Programme, as amended, be approved.

48. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED that, under Section 100A of the Local Government Act, 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

49. TRAM COMPENSATION CLAIM

The Head of Property Services gave a verbal update to members on the above matter.

Report of the Deputy Chief Executive

BUDGET CONSULTATION 2017/181. Purpose of report

To report the results of the budget 2017/18 consultation exercise that took place during October and November 2016.

2. Background

For 2014/15 and 2015/16 the Council consulted on the budget through the online system known as 'YouChoose'. This produced a limited number of responses but allowed for an analysis of local views about spending priorities at the service level. For 2016/17, the new five year Corporate Plan presented an opportunity to join up public engagement on policy and financial matters and seek views on specific matters to inform the budget for 2016/17 and beyond.

For 2017/18 a web-based survey, publicised through social media, has been used. This included no reference to any specific policy options but sought views on all Council services and indications of satisfaction, or otherwise, with both those services and with the local area generally. Local people were also asked whether they felt that additional income should be derived from Council Tax or fees and charges, or costs reduced by reduction in services.

Respondents were also asked to state which area of the Borough they live in so that any correlation between location and satisfaction levels could be analysed.

A total of 396 responses were received. This is a significantly larger response than in previous years (compared, for example, to 105 online and 62 hard copies for 2016/17). The results are summarised in appendix 1. Appendix 2 summarises the demographic data for the respondents. Appendix 3 summarises suggestions made through the consultation or direct to the Council through free text.

Recommendation

The Committee is asked to NOTE the report.

Background papers

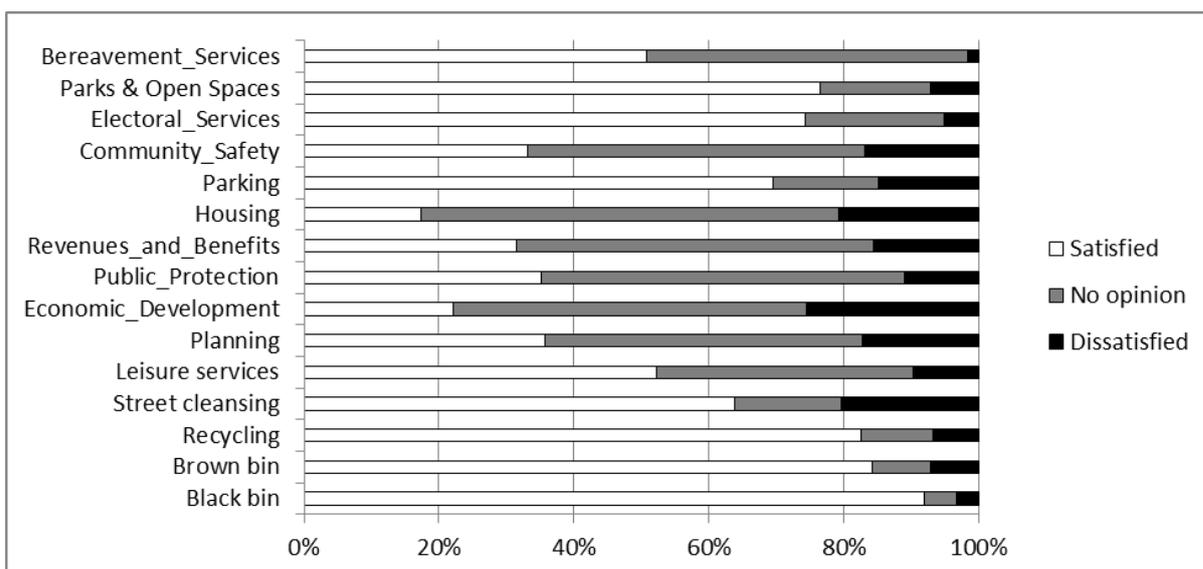
Nil

APPENDIX 1**Summary of respondents**

1. The sample of respondents is representative of the local communities in Broxtowe, although the analysis of ethnicity indicates a bias towards White British respondents which is in line with previous years. The number of younger respondents was higher than usual with 26% of under 45's responding compared to 12% in 2016/17. The Youth Mayor was approached to promote the survey to younger people in the Borough and this may have had an impact.
2. In terms of geographical location, Beeston residents responded the most (30%) followed by Chilwell (15%) and Stapleford (11%). There were fewer respondents in less urban areas with, in particular, no responses from Cossall and only a few from Attenborough, Awsworth and Brinsley. There was no direct correlation between geographical location and satisfaction with either the area or Council services. However, specific comments were made about local areas, which are shown in appendix 3.
3. The vast majority (367) of the responses were from residents although there were also 18 responses from local businesses. There were no responses from stakeholders or voluntary organisations with one exception: Broxtowe Disability Forum submitted a written response. This is provided at appendix 3.
4. A full breakdown of age ranges, ethnicity, disability and location is included in appendix 2. As a proportion of the total population of Broxtowe, the number of respondents means that the results cannot be taken as statistically significant, albeit the number of responses is considerably higher than in previous years. It is advisable therefore to only consider the results as indications of local views rather than attempt to draw strategic conclusions from the detailed responses.

Satisfaction with services

5. In overall terms, local people are satisfied with the Borough of Broxtowe and the Council's management of it. 84% of people are 'satisfied' or very 'satisfied' with the area in which they live, while 73% are 'satisfied' or 'very satisfied' with the way that the Council delivers services.
6. Just 1% of people are 'very dissatisfied' in both categories. The reasons given, where these were expressed, were in respect of fly tipping in a specific location, the absence of traffic calming measures and the decision to transfer leisure services to a company – incorrectly described as 'outsourced'
7. 12% of those who used services and expressed a view were 'dissatisfied' with the services they use, with 58% overall expressing satisfaction and 30% not expressing an opinion. Figure 1 shows the breakdown by service.

Figure 1: Satisfaction with services provided

8. Respondents were also invited to add any comments that they had about specific services. The comments often related to wider issues about the local area or the way that the Council conducts business. More details on these matters are included in appendix 3. A summary of the areas where comments were made is provided in table 1. The table shows the number of comments received in respect of particular services or issues and therefore highlights the areas that are of greatest interest to local people.

Table 1: Text commentary on satisfaction with services

Area of interest	No. of comments
Invest in business/communities	16
Improve rubbish collection/recycling	15
Increase car parking/reduce cost	9
Improve parks and open spaces	9
Improve leisure facilities/events	7
Improve urban environment and street scene	6
Improve planning policy and processes	6
More housing/better regulation of private sector	5
Reduce welfare benefits	4
Address fly tipping	3
Support for third sector organisations	2
Improve electoral processes	2
More regulation of businesses	2

9. Positive comments were also made which are shown below

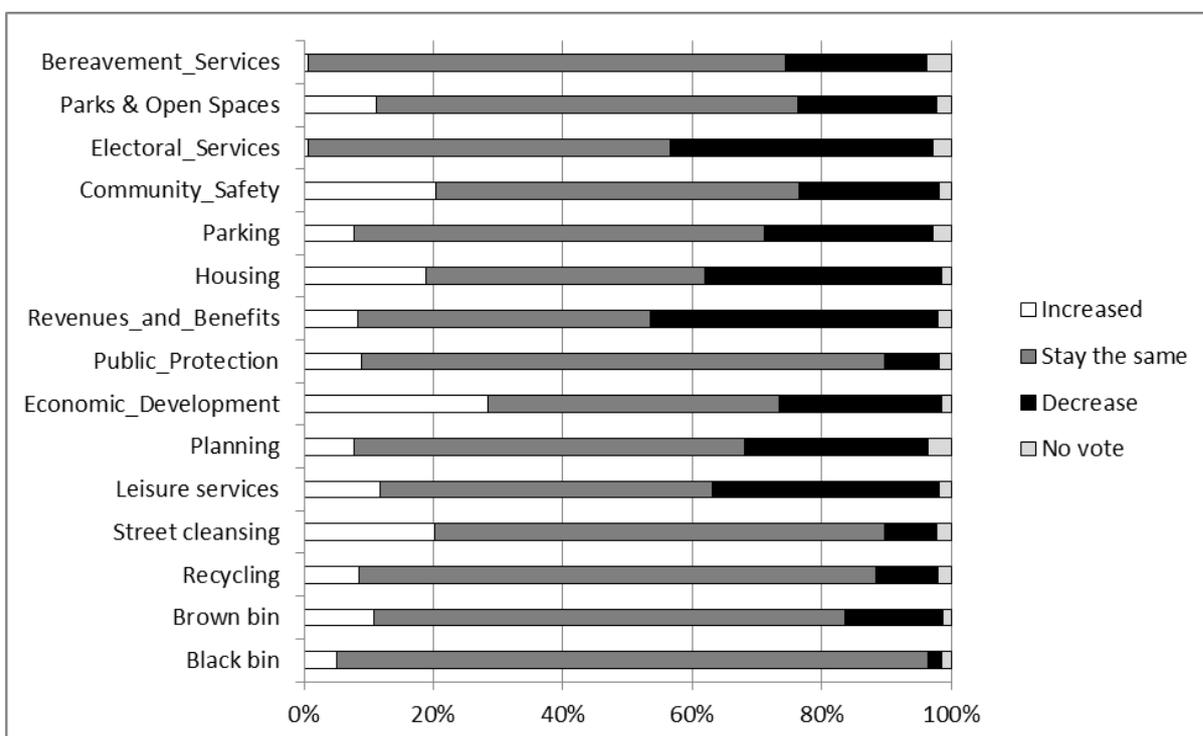
- Just moved to Broxtowe from Nottingham City. Pretty happy so far.
- I think that Broxtowe has a well run and efficient waste collection service: do not try and fix it as it is not broken
- We have a dog and are impressed with the dog poo bin service by BBC. It makes it easy to clean up after our dog.
- I'm very satisfied with the services I have used. I find Broxtowe to be the best of the councils I have lived in.
- You do an excellent job all in all.
- I hesitate to write Dissatisfied for Community Safety as, generally, Beeston is a safe enough place. However, it does seem that, at night, the town centre is used as a gathering spot for youths and drunks. Graffiti is a problem too, though the Council have given great responses to both :-)
- Recycling is great too, though I wish glass would be taken fortnightly rather than monthly.
- Refuse/recycling collection is good and sufficiently regular, and hopefully the small charge makes the garden waste collection self-financing.
- Love living in Beeston - have been here 11 years now and is the best place I have lived - good atmosphere to the place.
- Nothing will ever be perfect but anything that results in my black bin being emptied [and biweekly is enough for me] is nigh miraculous . The tram is a boon. You could look at again at your ecological impact assessment with respect to the management of your open grassland spaces to foster biodiversity.
- I think the greatest mark of success you can have is that I rarely notice council services at all - they run smoothly in the background, and I rarely have to stop and think about them, as I would if they went wrong.
- Absolutely love living in Beeston and I'm very satisfied with the Council. I do believe community safety could be improved somewhat, hence the 'Satisfied' answer to the above. Outside of that, keep up the good work!
- I am proud to live in Broxtowe, I believe the Council does an excellent job - it is a great place to live!
- The Council is doing a good job, but in the face of adversity. Should publicise more clearly (and frequently) that it is central government that is forcing the cuts (but hoping to avoid the blame).
- I like where I live. I can imagine it being better but I am also very aware that it could be much, much worse, and I congratulate the Council on maintaining standards.
- The area we live is very nice. The bin service is the best of anywhere I have ever lived and the guys who collect the bin always greet you with a smile and a good morning.
- I think the Council's services are reasonably good e.g. Bramcote LC. I like Bramcote as it is a great balance between housing and green space. Brilliant to bring up a family.
- We moved to Beeston a year ago and loved it so much we bought a house here. This community has so much going for it.

10. Views are, therefore, balanced and the results indicate that local people care about their local community and want to see improvements in the street scene and parks and open spaces. People also wish to see investment in local communities and facilities to enhance the Borough as an attractive place for residents, businesses and visitors.

Spending on services

11. When asked about whether spending on services should be increased, decreased or stay the same, the responses showed a good degree of consistency with satisfaction levels. Economic development, community safety, street cleansing and housing were the areas where those who expressed a view thought investment should increase. The provision of benefits, electoral services and leisure services were the areas where respondents thought that spending should decrease.

Figure 2: Suggested areas for increasing or decreasing spending

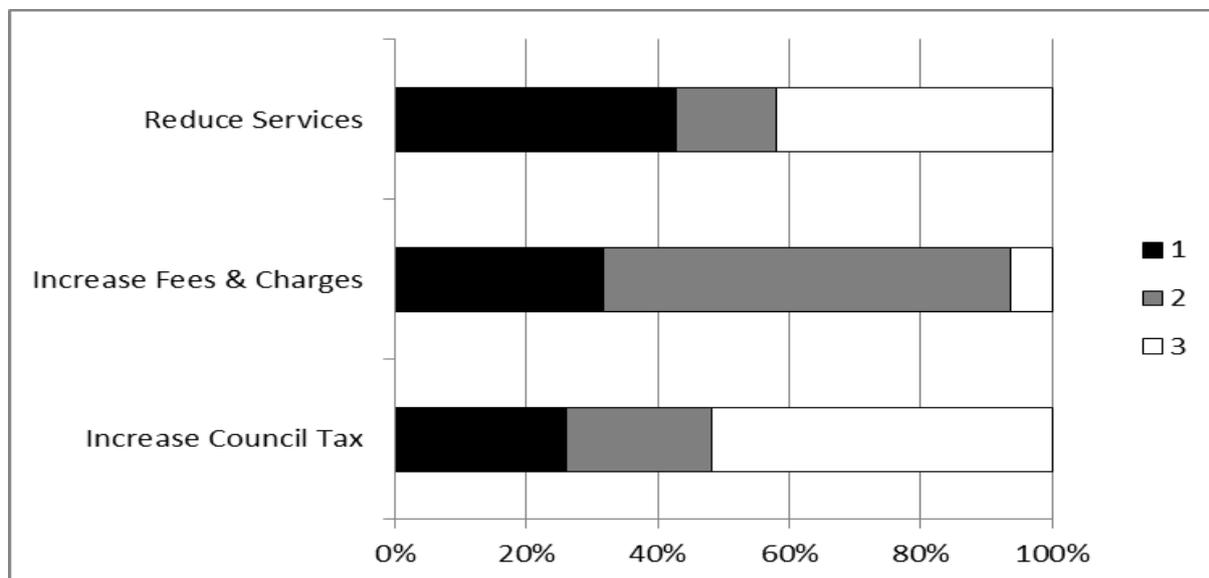


12. Overall the balance was in favour of keeping spending the same or decreasing spending, with just 12% of those who expressed a view preferring to increase spending on services.

13. When asked how services should be funded in future, there was, again, a degree of consistency with views on spending on services. Reduction in services was considered the first preference for 42% of respondents, while increasing fees and charges was the first preference for 32%, with the remaining 26% preferring to increase Council Tax. When first and second preferences are taken together the percentage opting to increase fees and charges rises to 47%, while the percentage opting to reduce services falls to

28% and those preferring to increase Council Tax falls further to 24%. Figure 3 shows the results.

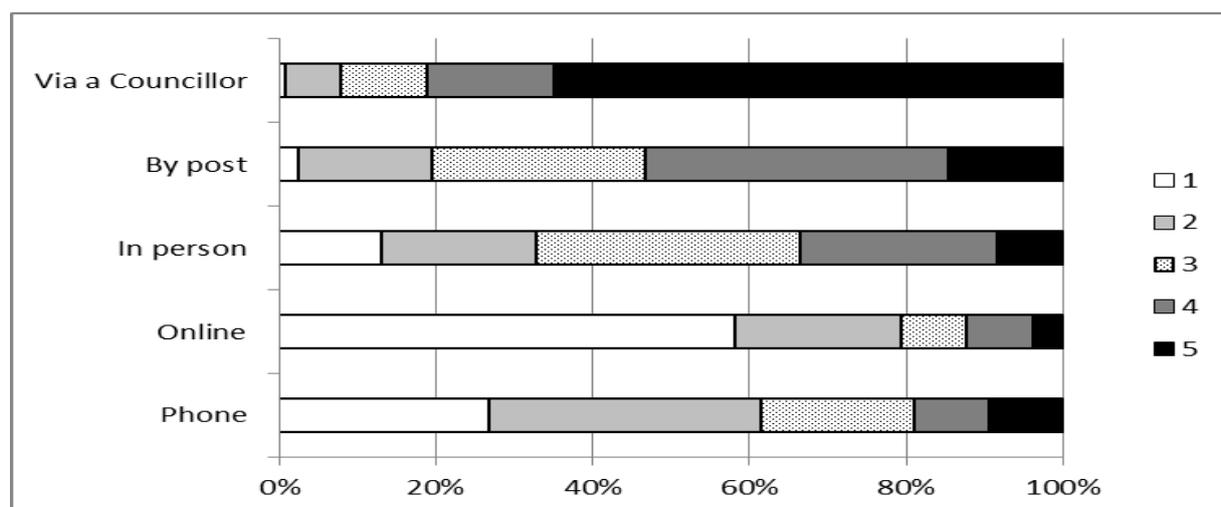
Figure three: stated preferences for future funding strategy



14. Respondents were also invited to make suggestions about how the Council could increase income, reduce costs or make savings to support the budget. Details of the responses are provided in appendix 3.

Communicating with the Council

15. To obtain further information on how to shape services in future, local people were asked about how they find out about Council services and how they prefer to contact the Council to do business. There was clearly a preference for on-line or phone contact but it must be remembered that all respondents were already able to access services online. For those who preferred contact via a councillor it was indicated that councillors would be contacted when other options failed or there was a problem with a service that needed to be dealt with.

Figure 4: preferred method of communicating with the Council

16. In terms of communications, most respondents now find out about Council services via online methods although, again, it must be remembered that all respondents to this survey have online access already. Non-electronic forms of communication remain very important though with 125 people out of 396 still relying on this form of communication (the fourth highest category).

17. There was a strong endorsement of the Council's 'Email Me' service which is used by 22% of those responding – the highest category of communication in the sample.

Table 2: methods of finding about Council services

Communication method	Number of respondents using this method	Percentage %
Local media (newspapers, television, radio)	119	12
Local website	112	11
Information provided by the Council (letters, newsletters, posters)	151	15
Council website	184	18
Email Me service	217	22
From a Local Councillor	42	4
Direct Contact with the Council	46	5
Word of Mouth	56	6
Social Media	65	6
None of the above	10	1

APPENDIX 2

DEMOGRAPHIC DATA

	Number	% of total
Age		%
18 to 24	2	1
25 to 34	4	1
35 to 44	33	8
45 to 54	63	16
55 to 64	91	23
65 and over	106	27
Ethnic Origin		
White British	322	81
White Irish	4	1
Any other white background	17	4
Caribbean	2	1
African	0	0
Any other black background	1	0
Indian	4	1
Pakistani	5	1
Bangladeshi	1	0
Any other Asian background	2	1
White and Black Caribbean	0	0
White and Black African	0	0
White and Asian	1	0
Any other mixed background	2	1
Chinese	1	0
Any other ethnic group	1	0
Not stated	33	8
Disabled or with long term health needs		
Yes	56	15
No	325	85
Area		
Attenborough	7	2
Awsworth	1	0
Beeston	118	30
Bramcote	31	8
Brinsley	8	2
Chilwell	60	15
Cossall	0	0
Eastwood	29	7
Greasley	21	5
Kimberley	15	4
Nuthall	23	6
Stapleford	45	11
Toton	24	6
Trowell	10	3
Not stated	4	1

APPENDIX 3

Other suggestions received**Answers to question 9**

In stating satisfaction with the area and with the way that the Council delivers services, respondents were invited to expand on their answers. The free text responses are provided below.

Satisfaction with the local area

- Better and more frequent public transport would be nice to the Mornington Crescent estate. Even if it's just a bus to and from Phoenix Park that can be included in a bus and tram ticket. It needs to be better connected.
- Eastwood. Keep the rent office open. Not everyone has access to other forms of payment such as online banking/direct debit etc.
- A regular bus service all day/evening from Queens Road West into Beeston town centre.
- More CCTV cameras in Beeston west making it better safer for the elderly, young women, everyone in fact.
- Cutting the hedges back on Wilmot Lane making it a little lighter.
- It [the top of Gibbons Avenue] looks like a tip and you seem to spend a lot on them that are causing the problem.
- Roads used as rat runs - excessive traffic that routinely smashes speed limits. Council refuses to act 'until someone is killed'. Impacts hugely on quality of life-e.g. cannot make use of garden because of dangerous levels of noise. (government's own figures!).
- Sometimes feel that most monies are spent in Beeston and Toton and we in Kimberley, are classed as poor relatives. How can we change this?
- Fix the road surface on the lower part of Brookhill Street!
- My mum (in her 80s) has to walk in the road to reduce the risk of falling over because the pavement on Linden Grove is so poor.
- We have less and less shops in Stapleford. The Council should be working with Aldi more proactively to ensure that the proposed shop is built as soon as possible rather than insisting that houses are built first. We do need more housing but we need a decent shop for those residents who don't want to have to go out of Stapleford to do their shopping.
- Traffic congestion. Beeston centre a planning shambles - like a bomb site of the 50's.
- No cheap public transport only private owned, no speed cameras, very little cleaning done, poor social care for the elderly and mentally ill, all due to government cuts, it's time to say no and keep the money made in Broxtowe - the same as Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland and now Manchester.
- I think they need to invest more on traffic speed calming methods especially around the Boots factory routes.
- The roads are in need of repair.

- As there is no mention of road improvements I assume that they are under the County Council - nonetheless it is an area that regularly causes concern.
- Love living here but parking a nightmare - not allowed turn ups although plenty of frontage area - cannot understand why it is not allowed.
- Again, I strongly object to the way the Council has NOT provided temporary public toilets in Beeston Interchange/Square nor have the Council so far proposed new provision as part of the redevelopment, despite overwhelming public support as shown by the recent petitions and in the local media.
- Satisfied but aware that for the future traffic congestion and density will seriously impact on the area.
- Have no idea what impact the closing of MOD and HS2 and estate near HS2. But is a concern.
- Beeston is changing and it must be for the better it is becoming a multi-racial society and there are hundreds of university students in the area these people need to be catered for not at the expense of the original residents of Beeston.
- As already mentioned it appears fewer resources are given to Stapleford.
- State of pavements and roads makes the area like a third world state. The number of vehicles parked along the Field Lane, taking up half the width combined with overgrown hedges, make it difficult to negotiate for push chairs etc. This causes more difficulties around its junction with School Lane and Bramcote Lane caused also by daily parking of Dental Practice employees etc. It is a spot waiting for an accident to happen.
- The town [Beeston] is no longer welcoming to visitors; it looks ugly, has loads of empty shops and to top it all charges people to park their car when they do decide to visit. The tram works ripped the heart out of the town and I see the Council doing little to resolve that.
- The pavement area outside Phoenix Court is disgusting - the pavement is uneven and litter is always there and leaves off the tree are a problem it needs to be trimmed down or even moved - the roots cause a problem by breaking up the ground.
- Trowell suffers from obnoxious smells, excess traffic and speed. Roadside trees are too big, verges are not cut often enough giving an uncared for appearance.
- Town centre development has taken far too long.
- The drains are blocked on side of the road. Water leaks on roads. Severn Trent come out to repair the leak only for the Broxtowe Council to put a block on it sometimes up to six months for one case.
- Car sales business being run from the house opposite is causing problems as merchandise is filling much need car parking spaces all over the estate. This has been reported and nothing has changed.
- I don't really regard Broxtowe as a whole as 'my local area' - that extends into Nottingham and also Erewash, and doesn't include a lot of what is now Broxtowe.
- Trowell is ignored by Broxtowe, we are even left off maps. Our grass verges are a disgrace and the speeding and noise of traffic is horrendous. We are about to get the traffic from 2000 more houses in Ilkeston pass through and HS2 through our village. We are given no thought.
- Eastwood and associated area does not get the support other areas do.
- As long as there is no more building and no more social housing.

- Once the old fire station site has been redeveloped, I will be very satisfied.
- Nottingham don't want cars into the city and yet I have to walk a mile to a bus stop. There is very poor transport off the Mornington Crescent estate.
- I have been concerned for some time that there are a number of buildings in Eastwood which could provide living accommodation which are not fit for habitation. These are mainly the flats above shops in Eastwood. Can any pressure be put on landlords to update their properties to provide much needed homes? Are grants available to update these buildings? As they are obviously at first floor level they would only be suitable for physically fit, perhaps younger, people but that would in turn ease the waiting list for homes generally. One can tell that these properties are not being properly maintained as guttering is blocked by plants growing in it etc! Anti social behaviour and drugs are a problem in this area.
- I would like to see the town a little cleaner and also the hedgerows and over hanging trees cut back as they are interfering with roads and paths.
- I have been happy living in Stapleford - satisfied, if you like, but am not sure if I or many others will be once we don't have the Co-op or another food shop replacing it and the possibility of losing the Post Office (disguised as an off licence).
- Toton is a disgrace - litter everywhere, no hedges cut back, traffic travelling much too fast.
- A bus service in the evening from Queens Rd West into Beeston Town centre.

Satisfaction with the Council

- Those that try and help themselves get no help at all, in my place a little help to change my job to one that does not worsen my condition would be helpful before I become paralysed would be cheaper for you.
- Presently the government anticipate an annual increase of 2p in the £ and are paying this to councils who are charging 2p in the £ increase a year. The Tories promised not to raise the Council Tax, consequently we are forgoing £106,000 a year from the government. Given this fact, the Borough Council should increase the Council Tax rate/charge by at least 2p.
- Grass cutting frequency is too little.
- Telephone handling poor. Response times poor.
- Stop letting so many charities and companies harass people on the street as they shop please.
- More street cleaning services required - see pathway behind Morrison's!
- More neighbourhood policing - on foot or bikes, not flashing around in fast, expensive cars.
- I am not really sure the Council is best placed to provide leisure and arts/culture events, this could be done by the voluntary/community sector.
- I think the Council should throw the cuts back at the government and say it is not possible to make these cuts. Enough is enough.
- Apart from the refuse collection, what do the Council do for their wards? And the cutting of the grass in public areas then they leave a fire hazard behind with the grass cutting left in the ground.

- Whilst appreciating that costs have to reduce I would suggest to the Council that increasing costs/reducing services for bin collections is not advisable as it will encourage fly tipping and parks and open spaces should be preserved at all cost.
- There have been consultations in previous years and then the Council did what they had to in order to balance the budget. Is there any point in spending money on a public consultation or is this just a paper exercise?
- No services should be cut any more, if government funding is being cut then raising council tax or reducing the amount of councillors we have is the only option.
- Services over the years have gone downhill, time to disband BBC and Join Notts/Derbyshire County Councils.
- Need to sort out highways, way too many pot holes, but I realise this is the County Council.
- Your call centre is next to useless - going through a pre-recorded message sequence is unacceptable and is far worse than the service that was provided in years gone by when you spoke to a switchboard person who then put you straight through to the right person who dealt with your query. Any of my calls have remain unanswered despite holding on. Get rid of the call centre.
- Apparently you have outsourced the leisure services, pushing out local volunteered clubs such as the Lifesaving club, next time there is a drowning in the borough the Councillors better think long and hard about this decision and the fact that they will have contributed to it by putting money before a service. You all lack morals and values by making this decision.
- Moved from London to Nottingham to live in a nice corner house with my three young children, was harassed so bad we had to leave, now we're living in a Council house that I would have never picked if I had a choice.
- The Council tries to provide a good service in many areas but realistically it can't provide all that it should due to government policy. Austerity has had an appalling effect on local democracy.
- Getting through your phone options and then to have to deal with your call centre is very poor. Services were better and more accessible when you could get straight through to the appropriate dept. Get rid of your call centre!!
- Please better street lighting and more CCTV.
- Everything OK, apart from the issues of lighting and leaves.

Question 10: Do you have any other suggestions on how the Council could increase income, reduce costs or make savings to support the budget?

Increase income/ reduce costs	No. of mentions	Increase spending/ decrease income	No. of mentions
Share services	6	Support for voluntary organisations	4
Welfare spending	6	Elderly/Social care	3
Democratic representation	5	Leisure Services	3

Events	4	Recycling	3
Leisure Services	2	Social housing	3
Management & Staff in general	2	Community facilities	2
Maintenance of green spaces	2	Economic Development	2
Social housing	2	Car parking	1
Waste collection and disposal	2	Climate Change	1
Bereavement services	1	Events	1
Community Safety	1	Public toilets	1
Economic development	1		
Fines for littering	1		
MOTs	1		
Multilingual services/translations	1		
Service charges	1		
Street lighting	1		
Twinning	1		

Response by Broxtowe Disability Forum 23rd November 2016.

“Note of a discussion attended by 8 members of the Broxtowe Disability Forum regarding the Council’s budget consultation 2017/18. The group focused their discussion on questions 6, 7 8 and 9 of the online questionnaire.

Q6: Satisfaction with services

Members of the group were satisfied with Household waste collection, garden waste collection, kerbside recycling collection, planning applications and planning policy, housing services, public car parks, electoral services, parks and nature conservation services and bereavement services.

They were dissatisfied with street cleanliness, especially alleyways.

They did not use economic development services or leisure services.

Comments: Members of the group did not know how to recycle textiles and felt poorly informed regarding this service and its availability. A suggestion was made

that there should be a special day set aside for recycling and that we could use one of the Council's parks. People could be encouraged to bring items to be recycled. We could have stands and exhibitions encouraging recycling opportunities.

There was a need for more seats in Beeston centre – suggested location outside PureGym.

A comment was made about the poor condition of equipment at Bramcote Leisure Centre. There was a feeling that it was in need of renewal and investment.

Members of the group did not like smoking outside pubs and restaurants and felt it should be discouraged.

A suggestion was made that off licenses should be monitored closely on first receiving a licence for the first two years to ensure they comply with conditions.

Q7: The preferred option of the group was to increase Council Tax levels. They did not think services should be reduced. They recognised that some fees and charges are set at national level

Q8: The group did not feel well enough informed to enable them to make satisfactory judgements in relation to increasing/decreasing funding for services.

Q9. Overall the group were satisfied with Council services

Overall the group were satisfied with Broxtowe as an area where people live.”

Report of the Deputy Chief Executive

COUNCIL TAX BASE 2017/181. Purpose of report

To approve the Council Tax Base for the year 2017/18.

2. Detail

The 2017/18 Council Tax Base has now been calculated in accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) (England) Regulations 2012. Details are given in the appendices.

Recommendation

The Committee is asked to RESOLVE that based on the number of band D equivalent properties and in accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) (England) Regulations 2012, Broxtowe Borough Council calculates its Council Tax Base for the year 2017/18 as follows:

1. For the whole of its area 33,126.78.
2. In respect of Parish Precepts and Special Expenses for those parts of its area mentioned in the table below, the amounts specified therein –

<u>Part of Council's Area</u>	<u>Area Council Tax Base</u>
Awsworth	616.13
Brinsley	684.14
Cossall	202.68
Eastwood	2,701.32
Greasley	3,605.90
Kimberley	1,764.38
Nuthall	2,244.05
Stapleford	3,948.05
Strelley	181.07
Trowell	812.00
 <u>Special Expenses Area</u>	
Beeston Area	16,367.06

Background papers

Nil

APPENDIX 1

The Council Tax Base is calculated on the estimated full year equivalent number of chargeable dwellings expressed as the equivalent number of band D dwellings in the Council's area after allowing for dwelling demolitions and completions during the year, Council Tax exemptions, discounts, disabled reliefs and premiums, and the estimated collection rate.

Under the Local Council Tax Support Scheme (LCTSS), the Council Tax Base is affected by whether persons living in a dwelling within an authority area are in receipt of a Council Tax reduction awarded under the Scheme, as the billing authority foregoes Council Tax income from those dwellings. These local Council Tax reductions are reflected in the calculation of the Council Tax Base, in order to calculate the correct amount of band D Council Tax for the billing and precepting authorities in the area.

The calculated Council Tax Base for the Borough for the full year commencing 1 April 2017, assuming a 98.5% collection rate, is **33,126.78**. Separate calculations are required to be made for the parishes and special expenses areas. These are available in detail in the Members' Room. The table below gives a comparison of the Council Tax Base for 2016/17 with the proposed figures for 2017/18 so that Members can see the growth between years.

<u>Part of Council's area</u>	<u>Council Tax Base 2016/17</u>	<u>Proposed Council Tax Base 2017/18</u>	<u>% change</u>
Awsworth	595.31	616.13	3.50%
Brinsley	676.97	684.14	1.06%
Cossall	201.80	202.68	0.44%
Eastwood	2,651.85	2,701.32	1.87%
Greasley	3,592.46	3,605.90	0.37%
Kimberley	1,760.45	1,764.38	0.22%
Nuthall	2,234.93	2,244.05	0.41%
Stapleford	3,906.34	3,948.05	1.07%
Strelley	175.35	181.07	3.26%
Trowell	813.85	812.00	-0.23%
Beeston Special Expenses Area	16,197.24	16,367.06	1.05%
TOTAL	32,806.55	33,126.78	0.98%

The Council Tax Base figures will be notified to the parish and town councils in order that they may calculate their precepts. The overall summary for the Borough Council area broken down by band of property is shown in appendix 2.

APPENDIX 2

CALCULATION OF COUNCIL TAX BASE 2017/18

Band	No of Dwellings	% of Total	Chargeable Dwellings	Equivalent no of Discounts at 25%	Empty Homes Premium	Equivalent no of Dwellings	Ratio to Band D	Chargeable Band D Equivalent Properties	LCTSS Adjustment Band D Equivalent	No of Dwellings Relevant to Band D
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)
A DPR	0	0	36	7	0	34.25	5/9	19.03	4.95	14.08
A	16,298	32.7	15,712	8,096.65	41	13,728.84	6/9	9,152.56	2,315.64	6,836.92
B	12,941	25.96	12,570	4,272	13	11,515	7/9	8,956.11	861.56	8,094.55
C	10,814	21.69	10,561	3,030	11	9,814.5	8/9	8,724.00	462.86	8,261.14
D	5,937	11.91	6,025	1,295	3	5,704.25	1	5,704.25	139.42	5,564.83
E	2,638	5.29	2,600	445	1.5	2,490.25	11/9	3,043.64	62.79	2,980.85
F	741	1.49	730	137	0.5	696.25	13/9	1,005.69	22.39	983.30
G	451	0.9	440	96	2	418	15/9	696.67	0.00	696.67
H	26	0.05	20	15	0	16.25	2	32.50	0.00	32.50
Totals	49,846	100.00	48,694	17,393.65	72	44,417.59		37,334.45	3,869.61	33,464.85

COUNCIL TAX INCLUDING ESTIMATED COLLECTION RATE OF 98.5%

32,962.88

ADD BAND D EQUIVALENTS FOR CLASS O DWELLINGS

163.90

COUNCIL TAX BASE FOR BROXTOWE BOROUGH COUNCIL

33,126.78NOTES (Figures may not add up exactly due to rounding)

1. Column 4 equals column 2 less estimated exempt properties.
2. Column 7 equals column 4 less 25% of column 5 plus column 6.
3. Column 9 equals column 7 multiplied by column 8.
4. Column 11 equals column 9 less column 10.

Report of the Deputy Chief Executive

GRANT AID TO PARISH/TOWN COUNCILS AND BEESTON SPECIAL EXPENSES AREA REGARDING THE LOCAL COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT SCHEME1. Purpose of report

To consider and approve the level of any grant aid to be paid to each of the parish and town councils and to the Beeston Special Expenses Area as a consequence of the methodology introduced to account for the Local Council Tax Support Scheme (LCTSS).

2. Background

Members will recall that council tax benefit ceased at the end of 2012/13 to be replaced by a Local Council Tax Support Scheme particular to this authority.

In January 2013 Cabinet agreed to distribute to the parish and town councils and the Beeston Special Expenses Area a sum of £89,418 in grant assistance for the 2013/14 year to effectively compensate parish and town councils for the reduction in council tax that they would experience as a result of the new methodology adopted to account for LCTSS. The sum was indicated by the government as being within this Council's grant award towards the cost of the LCTSS.

In 2014/15 the government chose not to give a grant figure specifically in respect of the LCTSS but instead to include this within the mainstream grant funding for local authorities. Consequently individual billing authorities were left to take their own decisions as to what grant, if any, that they wished to award to parish and town councils.

Since 2014/15, mainstream funding through the Revenue Support Grant has continued to be withdrawn by the Department for Communities and Local Government and is set to reduce to zero by 2019/10.

3. Financial implications

These are shown in the appendix.

Recommendation

The Finance and Resources Committee is asked to RESOLVE that the grant assistance to parish and town councils and the special expenses area in respect of the Local Council Tax Support Scheme for 2017/18 be as set out in the appendix.

Background papers

Nil

APPENDIX

1. Background

- 1.2 In 2013/14 the overall mainstream grant for LCTSS was separately identifiable and was also contained within each authority's start-up funding assessment as supplied by the government. The total for Broxtowe was £754,026. The government also identified that, within their calculations, a sum of £89,418 within this total related to parish and town councils. Cabinet, on 8 January 2013, resolved to pass on this grant in its entirety to the parish and town councils and the special expenses area in proportion to the loss of potential income each body would experience from the reduction in their council tax base arising from the methodology to be used for accounting for LCTSS.
- 1.3 In 2014/15 the LCTSS funding was merged into Settlement funding and not identified separately. In that year, overall government funding to Broxtowe as measured through the funding assessment (and including LCTSS grant) reduced by 14.3% as compared with 2013/14. This included that element of any LCTSS support in respect of parish/town councils.
- 1.4 Cabinet agreed on 7 January 2014 that the grant assistance to parish and town councils and the special expenses area in respect of the Local Council Tax Support Scheme be calculated annually in line with changes to this authority's funding assessment. Therefore the grant to parish and town councils in 2014/15 was reduced by £12,787 (14.3%) from £89,418 to £76,631.
- 1.5 Cabinet on 4 November 2014 reiterated the resolution of 7 January 2014 and agreed that parish and town councils be informed of this Council's intention as from 2015/16 to amend the grant payable to them in line with changes to this Council's funding assessment. However, following the Local Government Settlement announcement in December 2014, Cabinet resolved on 4 January 2015 to reduce the grant to parishes by only a proportion of the reduction in settlement funding. The grant awarded for 2015/16 was £71,266.
- 1.6 For 2016/17 the Council determined to make no change in the level of grant payable to parish and town councils for reduction in LCTSS funding, despite a 32% reduction in Revenue Support Grant.

2. Proposals for 2017/18

- 2.2 In December 2015 the Department announced the 2016/17 Local Government Finance Settlement and invited authorities to accept proposed settlements for the following three years to 2019/20. On 19 September 2016 the Finance and Resources Committee resolved to accept the four-year settlement in full.
- 2.3 The four-year settlement will see Broxtowe's Revenue Support Grant fall by 43% in 2017/18, by 47% in 2018/19 and to zero by 2019/20. The Department estimates that Broxtowe's decline in 'core spending power' (which allows for business rates growth, increases of 2% per annum in Council Tax and New Homes Bonus payments) over that period will be 11.7% or £1.076m

- 2.4 Whilst this Council's budget for 2017/18 has still to be approved, parish and town councils need to know of any grant assistance in order to set their own budgets.
- 2.5 Following the principle established on 7 January 2014, grant to parish and town councils will fall by 43% between 2016/17 and 2017/18. The table below shows the provisional allocation of grant for 2017/18 based on this reduction.

<u>Area concerned</u>	<u>Grant award 2016/17 (£)</u>	<u>Provisional grant award 2017/18 (£)</u>
Awsworth	6,315	2,877*
Brinsley	6,650	3,791
Cossall	533	304
Eastwood	15,956	9,095
Greasley	13,234	7,543
Kimberley	9,775	5,572
Nuthall	5,497	3,133
Stapleford	9,044	5,155
Trowell	2,664	1,518
Beeston Special Expenses Area	2,865	1,633
TOTAL/AVERAGE	72,533	40,621

* Note: Awsworth Parish Council received an addition of £1,267 to reflect a late adjustment to the precept. The reduction of 43% is therefore applied to the base settlement grant of £5,048 awarded in 2015/16 and 2016/17.

- 2.6 The figures above may change slightly once the final settlement figures for 2017/18 are announced. This is likely to be in early February 2017.

Report of the Deputy Chief Executive

CAPITAL BUDGET VARIATIONS 2016/171. Purpose of report

To seek approval for a number of capital budget variations in respect of the 2016/17 financial year.

2. Background

Examination of progress against the approved capital programme for 2016/17 has identified a number of schemes which are not likely to proceed as initially envisaged or are going to cost less than anticipated and can, in certain cases, be replaced with alternative schemes. In addition, there are some schemes where the receipt of additional funding creates an opportunity for additional expenditure and the budget needs to be amended accordingly. The details are summarised in the following table:

No	<u>Scheme</u>	<u>Budget</u> <u>2016/17</u> (£)	<u>Revised</u> <u>Budget</u> <u>2016/17</u> (£)
1	Disabled Facilities Grants	377,000	606,250
2	Assistive Solutions Lending Scheme	0	46,500
3	Leisure Centres – Replacement Fitness Equipment	400,000	372,700
3	Leisure Centres – Internet Connection Costs	0	30,000
3	Leisure Centres – ‘Prescribe’ Software	0	30,400
4	Leisure - Boditrax	33,000	11,400
5	KLC – Replacement Vending Machines	12,000	12,000
6	KLC – Replacement Pool Chassis and Pipework	0	5,500
7	Nottinghamshire Warm Homes on Prescription Project	28,300	20,600
8	Technical Infrastructure Architecture	50,000	80,000
9	Replacement/Development Programme	90,000	60,000
10	Real Time Traffic Light Control	30,000	11,550
	TOTAL	1,020,300	1,286,900

Further details for each are set out in appendix 1. The implications of these changes upon the planned financing of the 2016/17 capital programme are set out in appendix 2.

Recommendation

The Committee is asked to RESOLVE that the capital budget variations for 2016/17 as set out above and in appendices 1 and 2 be approved.

Background papers

Nil

APPENDIX 1

1. Disabled Facilities Grants

The original capital programme 2016/17 approved by Cabinet on 9 February 2016 and Council on 2 March 2016 included £377,000 for the provision of grants to improve facilities for disabled people living in private sector dwellings. This reflected the sum received in 2015/16 from Nottinghamshire County Council through the Better Care Fund to provide such grants.

The Council has been informed that it will now be receiving a sum of £606,250 from Nottinghamshire County Council through the Better Care Fund for the provision of disabled facilities grants in 2016/17. Therefore the budget needs to be increased by £229,250 to reflect the additional funding received.

A Better Care Fund Steering Group consisting of representatives from local authorities and health bodies across Nottinghamshire monitors the expenditure incurred along with outputs and outcomes arising from this funding.

2. Assistive Solutions Lending Scheme

The Council has been successful in a bid to Nottinghamshire County Council for capital funding of £46,500 towards an assistive solutions lending scheme. This scheme is intended to provide assistive living technology to individuals meeting the qualifying criteria that will help them to remain safe in their own home.

The funding is also being provided through the Better Care Fund and the Better Care Fund Steering Group will also oversee this to ensure that the funding received is meeting its agreed objectives.

3. Leisure Centres – Replacement Fitness Equipment

As reported to the Finance and Resources Committee on 19 September 2016, the original capital programme 2016/17 included provision for replacement fitness gym equipment across the three leisure centres. Before a tender exercise for the procurement of this replacement fitness equipment commenced, a review was undertaken of the requirement for replacement fitness equipment at the leisure centres and the expected cost of the equipment based upon knowledge of the market. This produced revised anticipated costs which were incorporated into the 2016/17 capital programme as follows:

	£
Bramcote Leisure Centre	170,000
Kimberley Leisure Centre	130,000
Chilwell Olympia	<u>100,000</u>
TOTAL	400,000

The subsequent tender exercise resulted in an award of the contract for the replacement fitness equipment to Technogym UK Ltd at a cost of £372,700 as approved by the Finance and Resources Committee on 19 September 2016.

However, further discussions with the equipment provider have identified that further work is required at the leisure centres to enable the equipment to be installed and connected to the internet. The estimated cost for this work across all three sites is £30,000. This includes work to install appropriate cabling and network switches.

In addition, software is required to allow the new equipment to connect to the internet and to make the best use of the functionality that the new equipment will provide. A model known as "Prescribe" has been identified as the best alternative and would cost £30,400 to purchase.

It is anticipated that there will be ongoing revenue costs of £2,450 per annum in respect of internet connection charges in respect of the new equipment along with a further one off cost of £3,000 in 2017/18 associated with the "Prescribe" software. These costs will be met by Liberty Leisure.

4. Leisure – Boditrax

The Finance and Resources Committee on 19 September 2016 approved a capital scheme costing an estimated £33,000 to install Boditrax at all three leisure centres.

Boditrax is a state of the art body composition and activity tracking platform. It allows leisure centre users to understand more about their body, where their strengths and weakness lie and to improve their health, fitness and general wellbeing.

Prior to Boditrax being ordered, work has been undertaken to establish whether alternative "body stat" options are available before making a final decision. It is now anticipated that the appropriate system will cost £11,400 as opposed to the £33,000 originally envisaged.

5. Kimberley Leisure Centre- Replacement Vending Machines

As approved by the Finance and Resources Committee on 19 September 2016, the 2016/17 capital programme includes £12,000 for the purchase of three vending machines at Kimberley Leisure Centre.

In recognition of the additional costs facing the Council as set out in 3 above, Liberty Leisure has agreed to contribute £4,000 towards the cost of the machines. Therefore the Council will be required to borrow £8,000 to meet the total cost as opposed to the £12,000 originally envisaged.

6. Kimberley Leisure Centre – Replacement Pool Chassis and Pipework

The pool chassis generates sodium hypochlorite which is used as the disinfectant for the swimming pools. It recently failed and, whilst it was repaired and is now functioning, it is now approaching the end of its useful life and becoming increasingly inefficient.

It is anticipated that a replacement pool chassis would be more efficient and reduce the risk of failure. The estimated cost of £5,500 could be met from 2016/17 capital contingencies of which there is presently £36,000 available (subject to other reports on the agenda for this meeting).

7. Nottinghamshire Warm Homes on Prescription Pilot Project

Cabinet on 19 April 2016 approved a capital scheme for £28,300 to implement energy saving measures in a number of homes in Broxtowe. This was intended to tackle fuel poverty and help to increase the energy efficiency of these homes. The scheme is being funded by the Local Authority Energy Partnership (LAEP) using monies received from the Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC) and National Energy Action (NEA).

Notification has been received from the LAEP that they now wish to reallocate some of the funds that were originally allocated to Broxtowe to other areas of the county to ensure that the entire allocation for Nottinghamshire is spent by 31 March 2017. It is therefore anticipated that total expenditure on the scheme in Broxtowe will be £20,600 as opposed to the £28,300 originally envisaged.

A further reallocation of funds may be required before 31 March 2017 if requested by the LAEP due to a member of the Energy Team leaving in November 2016. This means that, at present, resources are not available to deliver this project other than completing work that has already started. In total, five homes have been put forward for the project. One home has been assessed and work completed whilst a boiler has been installed at another home. The three other homes are in the process of being assessed. The Council and the LAEP are looking at other options as to how this project should be delivered in future.

8. Technical Infrastructure Architecture

The original capital programme for 2016/17 included £50,000 under technical infrastructure architecture for ESXi replacement. This is the operating system that enables virtual servers to function effectively.

However, the latest indications are that the cost of the ESXi replacement is likely to be approximately £80,000. This is due to a number of factors including additional technical requirements and changes in market conditions.

9. ICT – Replacement/Development Programme

The original capital programme for 2016/17 contained £90,000 for an information and communications technology (ICT) replacement and development programme. This included provision for the replacement of items such as PCs, laptops, servers, printers and scanners in accordance with the Council's ICT replacement programme.

Included in the £90,000 budget was £30,000 for the replacement of the "in cab" devices utilised by the Bartec software used by the Environment Department in their vehicles. The Environment Department are presently looking at a potential replacement for the Bartec software and therefore wish to continue to use the present "in cab" devices until a decision is made to replace the Bartec software. This would not be until 2017/18 at the earliest. Should a decision be made to replace the Bartec software then new 'in cab' devices would be required.

The £90,000 provision in the 2016/17 capital programme for an ICT replacement and development programme can therefore be reduced from £90,000 to £60,000. However, the 2017/18 capital programme that will shortly come forward for consideration by Members will now include £30,000 for the replacement of the “in cab” devices as set out above.

10. Real Time Traffic Light Control

Cabinet on 28 September 2010 approved a capital allocation of £30,000 for the provision of equipment at traffic lights and within buses to allow the lights to recognise approaching buses. The traffic light cycle would then turn green and give priority to bus movements. This was to be implemented at a number of junctions in the Beeston area and the cost was to be met from section 106 ITPS funds received from developers.

The work was to be undertaken by Nottinghamshire County Council but they encountered a number of delays. This budget of £30,000 has been carried forward each year and is therefore in the 2016/17 capital programme.

Notification has now been received from Nottinghamshire County Council that the work was carried out in 2013/14 but they have only now submitted their claim for reimbursement of the cost incurred. The total cost of the work was £30,800 but this includes the Trowell Road/Bilborough Road junction at Balloon Woods which was not part of the Borough-approved programme. The remainder of the costs are to be shared 50/50 between the Borough and County Councils in accordance with the section 106 agreement.

The total cost of the real time traffic light control scheme to the Borough Council is therefore £11,550 as opposed to the £30,000 originally earmarked for this work. This will create an opportunity for the remaining £18,450 of section 106 ITPS funds allocated to this scheme to be re-directed to other schemes in the south of the Borough.

APPENDIX 2

Planned Financing 2016/17 of Schemes in Appendix 1

<u>Scheme</u>	<u>Revised Budget</u> <u>(£)</u>	<u>Borrowing</u> <u>(£)</u>	<u>Capital Receipts</u> <u>(£)</u>	<u>Section 106 (ITPS)</u> <u>(£)</u>	<u>External Grants</u> <u>(£)</u>
Disabled Facilities Grants	606,250				606,250
Assistive Solutions Lending Scheme	46,500				46,500
Leisure Centres – Replacement Fitness Equipment	372,700	372,700			
Leisure Centres – Internet Connection Costs	30,000		30,000		
Leisure Centres – “Prescribe” Software	30,400	30,400			
Leisure - Boditrax	11,400	11,400			
KLC – Replacement Vending Machines	12,000	8,000			4,000
KLC – Replacement Pool Chassis and Pipework	5,500		5,500		
Nottinghamshire Warm Homes on Prescription Project	20,600				20,600
Technical Infrastructure Architecture	80,000	80,000			
ICT – Replacement/Development Programme	60,000	60,000			
Real Time Traffic Light Control	11,550			11,550	
TOTAL	1,286,900	562,500	35,500	11,550	677,350

Report of the Deputy Chief Executive

SECTION 106 FUNDS1. Purpose of report

To provide the Committee with details of section 106 funds that are presently available and their intended use.

2. Background

Section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 provides a mechanism to enable development proposals that would not otherwise be acceptable in planning terms to proceed upon the receipt of contributions from developers in accordance with what are often referred to as section 106 agreements.

Section 106 agreements will vary depending upon the nature of the development and identified local needs. The most common types of developer contributions that the Council has received in recent years are:

- Interim Transport Planning Statement (ITPS)
- Affordable Housing
- Open Spaces
- Environment
- Education

The negotiation, signing and monitoring of section 106 agreements is frequently an activity that requires input from a number of sections within the Council including Legal Services, Planning Services, Housing, Environment and Finance Services. In order to provide proper oversight of these processes and ensure that they are operating effectively, there is a cross-departmental Section 106 Monitoring Group chaired by the Director of Housing, Leisure and Property Services.

The Council has utilised sums received from section 106 agreements to finance a number of mainly capital schemes in recent years. The balance available on each of the funds as at 1 April 2016, any additional sums received in 2016/17 and the anticipated use of these funds in 2016/17 (subject to other reports on this agenda) are set out in the appendix. There are presently no conditions requiring funds received to be spent in 2016/17.

It is presently anticipated that the developer contributions received in respect of Education will be passed on to Nottinghamshire County Council.

Recommendation

The Committee is asked to NOTE the report.

Background papers

Nil

APPENDIX

Interim Transport Planning Statement (ITPS)

Balance available at 1 April 2016	£	£
Bellway Homes – Hassocks Lane	80,561	
Bloor Homes, Kimberley Road, Nuthall	16,077	
Interest	76,555	173,193
Add: Received in 2016/17:		
Rippon Homes – Church Street, Eastwood	9,450	
Fairgrove Homes – Hardy Street, Kimberley	23,034	32,484
Less: Anticipated Use 2016/17:		
Capital Programme 2016 /17		
Broxtowe Country Trail	(16,400)	
Real Time Traffic Light Control	(30,000)	
Bennerley Viaduct	(20,000)	
Pedestrian Signage – DH Lawrence Museum	(5,000)	
Real Time Bus Information – Eastwood to Kimberley	(30,000)	
Bus Stop Infrastructure – Nuthall Area	(10,000)	
CCTV – Beeston Interchange to The Square	(10,000)	
Beeston Shopmobility	<u>(15,000)</u>	(136,400)
Revenue Budget 2016/17		
Cycle Training Centres – Beeston and Stapleford		(15,000)
Balance Presently Available		<u>54,277</u>

Affordable Housing

Balance Available at 1 April 2016	NIL
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Open Spaces

Balance available at 1 April 2016	£	£
Keepmoat Homes, Giltbrook	659	
Barratt Homes, Chilwell	24,792	
Nottingham Express Transit (NET)	3,165	
Barratt Homes, Chilwell	37,540	
Bloor Homes, Kimberley Road, Nuthall	1,399	
Godwin Developments, Chewton Street, Eastwood	50,581	
NCHA, The Island, Eastwood	26,300	
Interest	7,853	152,289
 Add: Received in 2016/17		
Rippon Homes, Church Street, Eastwood	27,784	
Fairgrove Homes – Hardy Street, Kimberley	27,764	55,548
 Less: Anticipated Use 2016/17:		
 Capital Programme 2016 /17		
Parks and Open Space Improvements	(14,850)	
Coronation Park – Skate Park Footpath Links	(9,500)	
Coronation Park – Resurfacing of Footpaths	(6,000)	
Coronation Park – Upgrading of Entrances	(4,500)	
Coronation Park – Removal of Old Skate Park	(6,300)	
Eastwood Community Football Club – 3G Pitch	<u>(60,600)</u>	(101,750)
 Balance Presently Available		<u>106,087</u>

Environment

	£	£
Tesco	1,517	1,911
Interest	394	
 Less: Anticipated Use 2016/17:		
 Capital Programme 2016 /17		
 Beeston Town Centre – Street Furniture		(1,911)
 Balance Presently Available		<u>NIL</u>

Education

	£	£
Bellway Homes, Hassocks Lane	31,894	
Interest	157	32,051
Add; Received in 2016/17		
Bellway Homes, Hassocks Lane	291,065	
Fairgrove Homes – Hardy Street, Kimberley	126,315	417,380
Less: Anticipated Use 2016/17:		0
Balance Presently Available		<u>449,431</u>

Report of the Deputy Chief Executive

GRANT AID REQUEST – PARISH COUNCIL1. Purpose of report

To consider a request for grant assistance in accordance with the protocol for the consideration of grant aid to parish and town councils.

2. Grant aid applications

A request for a capital grant has been received from Brinsley Parish Council to towards the cost of a programme of repairs and replacement in order to maintain a suitable play facility for the local community at the Brinsley Recreation Ground. Brinsley Parish Council has requested financial support of up to £8,000 towards the cost of the works which are anticipated to be around £11,000 in total. Details of this application are included in appendix 1.

The agreed protocol for assessing grant aid to parish and town councils is provided for information in appendix 2. Also provided for information is a list of grants awarded under this scheme since 2010/11.

3. Financial position

No budgetary provision exists for capital grants to parish councils. If Members were minded to approve any capital grants, then an allocation from capital contingencies would be required within which £36,000 remains uncommitted in 2016/17.

Recommendation

The Committee is asked to consider the request and RESOLVE accordingly.

Background papers

Nil

APPENDIX 1

Capital Grants**Brinsley Parish Council – Brinsley Recreation Ground – Play Area Repairs**

An application for a capital grant has been received from Brinsley Parish Council for consideration relating to essential repairs and improvements to the play area at the Brinsley Recreation Ground on Cordy Lane, Brinsley.

The enclosed play area at Brinsley Recreation Ground was installed in 2009 following successful applications for external funding. The facility is well used on a daily basis by children and young people. In addition to the local community, many other people travel to Brinsley to use the recreational facilities, which were supplemented by the Pavilion Café that was operated as a pilot scheme from July to September. Also during the summer holidays, the Parish Council installed a mobile toilet facility to encourage further use of the grounds.

The play area is well maintained with the mowing of grassed areas regularly tended to a high standard by Broxtowe. However, upon closer inspection the 'wet-play' surface area is uneven and requires attention. It is unclear if the problems with the play equipment bases have been caused by continual surface water drainage (as the site gradient slopes downwards from a concrete car park) or that the original bases were of insufficient quality to adequately support the play area. Most of the surface has risen at the outer edge, creating tripping hazards which have increased the risk to the visiting public, particularly small children. Other areas have worn away where play equipment is heavily used. Although some repairs have been carried out and there is an option to continue to repair the surface in critical places to ensure the site is usable, a full replacement of the entire surface will soon be essential for continued use.

There is also an issue with the two access gates to the play area, which are considered to be too high and inadequate. The gates open inwardly and do not have a time restricted closing mechanism. One of the gates can be slammed and resonates loudly after hitting the framework. The Parish Council has been advised that there is no safe method of repair, as to install additional material to cushion the impact the metal gate would actually create vibration and could potentially bounce the gate back into the path of an oncoming child. Any new gates would be installed to a more reasonable height of 1200mm (compared to the current 1600m).

Consequently, Brinsley Parish Council has sought tenders for a replacement surface for the play area, with the cheapest quotation amounting to £8,250 plus recoverable VAT. Further quotations were sought for the replacement access gates, with the cheapest received being £2,880 plus VAT. The Parish Council states that it does not have sufficient funds to meet the cost of this work alone. There is currently no commitment from any other organisation to contribute towards the repair and update of the recreation ground.

Brinsley Parish Council has provided its accounting statements for 2015/16 for scrutiny. Annual expenditure amounted to £139,142, including £47,837 in employee costs, whilst income for the year of £103,078 was in the form of precepts and other receipts. The Parish Council was holding a general reserve of £87,208 as at 31 March 2016 in the form of cash and short-term investments.

Brinsley Parish Council states that the annual net budget plus reserves provide an average amount of funds to cover day-to-day and essential requirements for running the Parish Council. In 2015/16 and 2016/17, Brinsley Parish Council has covered a number of repairs and improvements to premises and grounds which have depleted its reserves, including updating electrical systems, replacing fire doors to the main hall, demolishing of former scout building/sports pavilion, painting and redecorating meeting rooms/office, repointing of the hall, repairs to roof and essential tree maintenance.

Brinsley Parish Council has not formally allocated any funding towards the repair or replacement of the wet-play surface, although it is acknowledged that any essential repairs would have to be completed.

Brinsley Parish Council has requested financial support of up to £8,000 towards the cost of this programme of repairs and replacement in order to maintain a suitable play facility for the local community at the Brinsley Recreation Ground.

APPENDIX 2

Protocol for consideration of grant aid to parish and town councils

The protocol for the consideration of grant aid requests from parish and town councils was agreed by Cabinet on 8 June 2010. The key provisions are:

1. Grant aid will only be given in support of specific projects or services and not as a general grant towards the services provided by a parish/town council.
2. Revenue grant aid will only be considered towards services which act as a replacement for services which otherwise Broxtowe Borough Council would have to provide or which supplement services which the borough council provides so as to reduce the costs that Broxtowe would otherwise incur.
3. In applying for grant assistance the parish/town council will need to demonstrate how the service or project in question contributes to Broxtowe's aims and objectives as laid out in the Corporate Plan and the Sustainable Community Strategy.
4. In applying for grant aid assistance the parish/town council will need to provide evidence as to why they do not have the financial resources to provide the services or project in question and what the consequences would be for local residents and businesses if the service was withdrawn or the project not completed. This will include a requirement for the parish/town council to detail what other funding sources they have secured (or otherwise) and to provide a statement as to any reserves held and their planned use.
5. Preference will be given to support for the provision of mandatory services as compared with discretionary services.
6. Where grant aid is to cover the cost of a specified service, the parish/town council will be responsible at its own cost for providing an audited statement within six months of the end of the financial year concerned to confirm the amount of expenditure incurred and income received against which grant aid may be payable. Any grant payable would then be adjusted retrospectively if necessary following receipt of such an audited statement.
7. Grant aid will only be in respect of additional costs directly incurred by the parish/town council and will not cover the cost of any general overheads which the parish/town council would otherwise incur anyway as a result of their operations.
8. Grant aid will be cash limited in each year and the responsibility for costs increasing beyond the cash limit will normally rest with the parish/town council. Where such cost increases are considered to be unavoidable and beyond the parish/town council's control, then Broxtowe may be approached to seek a further grant award.

9. Where the parish/town council wishes to vary the service provided for which grant aid has been awarded, this should only take place after full consultation and with the agreement of Broxtowe.
10. Preference will normally be given towards one off capital projects rather than as a regular annual contribution towards the ongoing costs of providing services.
11. The parish/town council shall be required to provide such information as Broxtowe may reasonably request as to the actual outputs and outcomes arising from any service or project where Broxtowe makes a contribution.
12. Any grant contribution that may be awarded by Broxtowe need not be at the rate of 100% of net expenditure incurred but may be at a lesser rate to reflect such as its own corporate priorities, budgetary constraints or the availability of similar services or projects elsewhere.
13. Revenue grant aid will normally only be awarded for one year at a time although an indicative amount for the following year may be given at Broxtowe's discretion. Capital grant aid will be towards the cost of a specific one-off project.
14. Requests for grant aid in respect of a particular financial year should normally be submitted by the end of October of the preceding year at the latest to assist with forward budget planning for both Broxtowe and the parish/town council. Broxtowe will endeavour to make a decision on such requests by the end of December in the year preceding that for which grant aid is requested.

Grant Aid to Parish/Town Councils

The table below lists the grants awarded under this scheme since 2010/11.

Date	Council	Amount £	Purpose
07/09/10	Nuthall Parish Council	4,650	Cemetery maintenance
08/03/11	Stapleford Town Council	2,500	Allotment access (Capital)
29/11/11	Nuthall Parish Council	3,900	Cemetery maintenance
29/11/11	Kimberley Town Council	600	Play equipment insurance
19/02/13	Greasley Parish Council	1,000	Community event
15/10/13	Kimberley Town Council	7,000	War memorial renovation (Capital)
01/04/14	Nuthall Parish Council	2,000	War memorial construction (Capital)
16/10/14	Nuthall Parish Council	2,500	Cemetery maintenance
02/06/15	Cossall Parish Council	350	Memorial plaque
19/04/16	Eastwood Town Council	5,000	Building refurbishment works (Capital)
04/07/16	Greasley Parish Council	4,000	Upgraded heating system (Capital)
19/09/16	Awsorth Parish Council	5,000	Heating system replacement (Capital)

Report of the Deputy Chief Executive

<p>GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS, CHARITABLE BODIES AND INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED IN SPORTS, THE ARTS AND DISABILITY MATTERS 2016/17</p>
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1. Purpose of report

To consider requests for grant aid in accordance with the provisions of the Council's Grant Aid Policy.

2. Applications and financial position

Details of the applications received are included in appendix 1 for consideration. The amount available for distribution in 2016/17 is as follows:

	£
Revenue Grant Aid Budget	163,950
Add: Broxtowe Action Fund	6,000
TOTAL PROVISION	169,950
Less: Estimated requirements for: Outstanding Rent Awards/Others (#)	46,500
Less: Other Commitments	95,525
BALANCE AVAILABLE FOR DISTRIBUTION	27,925

(#) – 'Outstanding Rent Awards' includes provision for £7,100 in respect of the applications from the 2nd Beeston Sea Scouts, the 5th Stapleford Scout Group and Bramcote Cricket Club.

Members are reminded that they will need to suitably constrain grant awards if the budget is not to be exceeded. The additional sums requested for 2016/17 in this report, when compared to the previous year, would amount to £1,690 if all applications are fully supported.

A summary of the grants awarded under delegated authority since September 2016 is included for information at appendix 2.

<p><u>Recommendation</u></p>

The Committee is asked to:

- 1. CONSIDER the requests and RESOLVE accordingly.**
- 2. NOTE the grants awarded under delegated authority.**

Background papers

Nil

APPENDIX 1

Applications

The following applications have been received for consideration in 2016/17:

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>App'n Ref</u>	<u>Grant Award 2015/16</u> £	<u>Grant Request 2016/17</u> £
Broxtowe Women's Project	1	6,000	1,200 ^{#1}
Hope Nottingham	2	4,000	2,000 ^{#1}
2 nd Beeston Sea Scouts	3	1,750	1,750
5 th Stapleford Scout Group	4	4,500	4,500
Bramcote Cricket Club	5	865	865
Beauvale Photographic Group	6	No application	1,490
Oliver Blake	7	No application	100
Emma Duxon	8	No application	100
Bradley Fry	9	200	200
		Total	12,205

^{#1} Additional applications from Broxtowe Women's Project and Hope Nottingham who were initially awarded grants of £4,800 and £2,000 respectively in July 2016.

Caring Organisations1. BROXTOWE WOMEN'S PROJECT

Members will recall awarding a grant of £4,800 to Broxtowe Women's Project (BWP) on 4 July 2016 towards the cost of operating the project. Members also resolved that a further grant of £1,200 should be earmarked for BWP in six months' time, pending an update on their activities since April 2016.

The Business and Fundraising Manager of BWP has now provided the following update for consideration of releasing the additional grant award:

"In the period April to 1 December 2016, BWP received 133 referrals that were made through various channels, including self-referral, Women's Aid, children and young people, Health, Police, Adult Social Care and others (these referrals do not include the numbers of women supported by the legal surgery or who contacted the support line). Of these referrals, 110 went on to become new cases involving 125 dependents. These cases are being supported through outreach, group support or via regular phone support.

BWP aims to provide a quality service to women and to provide support as quickly as possible for them. Over 66% of referrals received support on the day of referral, with over 90% having been supported by the next day. All referrals were supported within two weeks of the referral.

Previously, BWP just provided an outreach service to women living in the north of the Borough. Since September 2016 BWP have been providing services to women throughout Broxtowe. BWP has provided a breakdown of the areas of residence where women have since been supported with the highest volumes of support being provided in Eastwood (41%), Stapleford (21%), Kimberley (10%) and Beeston (10%).

The percentage of women that reported an increase in positive outcomes as a direct result of working with BWP during this period included client empowerment (96%), accessed external services (86%), minimised risk (84%), reduced isolation 83%, increased self-esteem (75%), feeling safer (72%), increased skills (72%), improved mental health (65%) and gained employment (21%).

BWP provides a **Legal Surgery** to women in Broxtowe, offering free legal advice on a variety of civil matters such as child contact. The surgery has been running since May and has supported 33 women, providing 16½ hours' of free legal advice. Without this service women would not have been able to access this support locally.

BWP successfully runs its **Freedom Programme** twice a year. This is a 12-week programme that examines the roles, attitudes, beliefs and actions of abusive men in addition to the responses of victims and survivors. The aim is to help them to make sense of and understand what has happened to them. The Freedom Programme also describes in detail how children are affected by being exposed to this kind of abuse and, very importantly, how their lives are improved when the abuse is removed. BWP has delivered the Freedom Programme in Eastwood and is currently running one in Stapleford. A total of 36 women have accessed this intensive training and received additional support from workers since April.

A number of women took part in a service user evaluation event. One of the common themes that women said they needed was additional support around **confidence building** and self-esteem. In order to meet the needs of service users BWP has developed a number of confidence building courses during 2016. There has been a significant increase in the number of women reporting that they have increased self-esteem and improved mental health. In 2015 50% of women reported increased self-esteem and from April to December 2016 this has increased to 75%. Similarly, in 2015 43% of women reported improved mental health as a result of working with BWP, whilst since April 2016 this has increased to 65%.

BWP is currently developing a **volunteer programme** that will provide additional services for women experiencing domestic abuse. This is an opportunity for women to access excellent volunteer work experience and relevant training that will enable them to gain valuable work experience in the field. BWP is currently processing 35 applications of potential volunteers for a variety of roles which include trustee positions, awareness raising, fundraising, helpline and ambassador roles. The first induction training event will take place in January 2017.

BWP has a **support line** for women to call to get advice and support from a specialised worker. During the period from April to December BWP received a total of 302 calls to the helpline and 461 texts.

The Council has regularly supported Broxtowe Women's Project, and in 2015/16 a grant of £6,000 was awarded. In 2016/17 an initial grant of £4,800 was approved towards its rental obligations and other core costs. BWP has now requested that the additional £1,200 grant earmarked as part of their initial application in July 2016 is approved for release.

Members should note that the grant aid policy requires that grant awards of £5,000 or above may be subject to a Service Level Agreement.

2. HOPE NOTTINGHAM

Members will recall considering a request from Hope Nottingham on 4 July 2016 and approving a grant of £2,000 towards the cost of operating the project. Members also resolved that a further grant of £2,000 should be earmarked for Hope Nottingham in six months' time, pending an update on their activities since April 2016.

The Director of Hope Nottingham has now provided the following update for consideration of releasing the additional grant award:

Hope Nottingham (also known as Hope Café) is a project that is operated from Hope House at the Boundary Road Community Centre on Boundary Road in Beeston. The project has around 200 visitors per week, with around 1,000 individuals benefitting from the service each year. Hope House has developed in the last six years from a basic drop-in café to a holistic community hub providing wide ranging support to help people out of crisis and empower them to contribute positively to their community.

In June, the modernisation of the former church space at Hope House was completed, incorporating a new catering kitchen and purpose built advice rooms. Hope Café moved into this space which has offered a much more welcoming environment and more suitable spaces for advice. The increased space is allowing Hope Nottingham to bring in more advice agencies for support, drop-in sessions with CAB for debt advice and Places for People, who provide employment and other advice for people with disabilities.

Greater flexibility in the whole building has allowed Hope Nottingham to develop its literacy and IT tuition groups and begin to develop other projects specifically aimed at supporting employability.

Since April, Hope House has provided around 700 food parcels and supported at least 40 people towards employment, as well as helping people in numerous other ways to overcome wide ranging crises, homelessness and redundancy.

It is notable that whilst the numbers of people being supported towards employment is increasing gradually, the numbers of people being given food parcels is reducing. This is partly because the project is increasingly helping people move on from crisis and become employable. In addition, the number of people coming for food parcels from outside the area has reduced. However, the total number of people Hope Nottingham is feeding across its 14 food banks around Nottingham has remained similar. This is partly because the other food banks have continued to develop so that they are becoming more effective at supporting people in the local area.

Hope Nottingham is working towards some very significant developments for 2017 including:

- From January the Beeston Job Centre will bring job club participants to Hope House each week, to link its programme with Hope Nottingham for its supported work experience programme.
- Developing 'Lightbulb Men's Group' to help people develop practical workshop skills to create, repair and upcycle timber products and electrical goods, creating potential for people to earn for themselves. The core group have fitted out a workshop space at Hope House for this purpose.
- The modernised cafe will open as 'Boundary Corner Café', using surplus food from Tesco and other suppliers to provide affordable meals for local people and potential income for those involved. Alongside this there will be a community marketplace providing an outlet for people making craft and other items for sale.
- The employment pathway programme will begin to offer AIMS award accreditation for life and job skills to help people recognise their own progress and to support them in job applications.
- Working towards an employment training partnership with the Council's Housing Repairs team.

Hope Nottingham, through Hope House, continues to offer a wide range of support for those in greatest need in the Borough. It is increasingly developing towards empowering people to help themselves, to become employable and get sustainable jobs. The scope and effectiveness of the work continues to increase. Hope Nottingham stated that the Rt Hon Anna Soubry MP for Broxtowe recently wrote to the Leader of the Council stating that "Hope provides an excellent level of service and support to its users," and, requesting on our behalf, "more repeat funding".

The Council has regularly supported Hope Nottingham and in 2015/16 a grant of £4,000 was awarded. In 2016/17 an initial grant of £2,000 was approved towards the cost of operating the project. Hope Nottingham has now requested that the additional £2,000 grant earmarked as part of their initial application in July 2016 is now approved for release.

Uniformed Groups

3. 2ND BEESTON SEA SCOUTS

The 2nd Beeston Sea Scouts was established in 1928 and is based at Lilac Grove in Beeston. The group serves the South West Notts Scout District, including Attenborough, Beeston South, Beeston Rylands and Wollaton. It has 45 members (including 30 juniors) with the majority living in the Borough.

The aim of the 2nd Beeston Sea Scouts is to provide scouting activities, under the policy and rules of the Scout Association, with the speciality of water based activities such as canoeing, kayaking, rowing and sailing. The main activities of the group attempt to develop young people in life skills in many areas of physical, social and mental development. Water activities are held at the group's base on the River Trent at Barton Island.

For the year ended 31 December 2015, 2nd Beeston Sea Scouts generated receipts of £13,856 from subscriptions, grants (including £1,750 from Nottinghamshire County Council), donations and fundraising activities. Annual payments amounted to £13,782 and included premises expenses, such as heating and lighting and repairs and renewals, boat maintenance, cost of scouting activities, purchase of equipment and capitation. The cash and bank balances at 31 December 2015 totalled £4,092.

As part of the Council's aim to secure economic rents on its properties, the rental of the Lilac Grove premises has been assessed at £1,750 per annum. The 2nd Beeston Sea Scouts has only limited financial resources and would be unable to sustain a rental charge of this size.

The Council has regularly supported the 2nd Beeston Sea Scouts with grant aid towards its rental obligations. The grants awarded in the past four years were as follows:

2015/16	£1,750
2014/15	£1,750
2013/14	£1,750
2012/13	£1,750

For 2016/17 the 2nd Beeston Sea Scouts has requested a similar grant of £1,750 to cover the market rental of the Lilac Grove premises. This grant award would be for a period of one year and would have no effect on the Council's overall budget, with the potential award being matched by allowances within the premises income budget.

4. 5TH STAPLEFORD SCOUT GROUP

The 5th Stapleford Scout Group was established in 1964 and is based at Stapleford House, Wesley Place in Stapleford (having previously been located at the Scout Headquarters on Welch Avenue). The Group has 86 members of all ages (scouts, cubs, beavers, leaders and voluntary helpers), the majority of whom are residents of Stapleford and Bramcote.

The aim of the 5th Stapleford Scout Group is to provide activities within the Scout Association organisation. The Group provides an interest for local children aged between 6 and 14 years to experience new adventures, learn new team and individual skills required for scouting activities, play new games and meet new friends. The Group is also supported by the local community at regular fundraising events such as jumble sales and fairs.

For the year ended 29 February 2016, receipts of £14,740 were generated from subscriptions, grants, donations and fundraising and other activities. Annual payments amounted to £14,906 and included membership fees, equipment, premises expenses such as rent, heating, lighting, repairs and maintenance and the cost of activities and fundraising events. Cash and bank balances as at 29 February 2016 amounted to £11,003.

The 5th Stapleford Scout Group commenced their lease for first floor at Stapleford House on 26 September 2014. The new tenancy agreements consider the Council's aim of securing economic rents on its properties, with the annual rent of the accommodation being assessed at £4,500. The 5th Stapleford Scout Group has suggested that it only has limited financial resources and would be unable to sustain a rental charge of this size.

The Council has regularly supported the 5th Stapleford Scout Group with grant aid towards its rental obligations. The grants awarded in the past four years were as follows:

2015/16	£4,500
2014/15	£4,500
2013/14	£1,000
2012/13	£1,000

For 2016/17 the 5th Stapleford Scout Group has requested a grant of £4,500 to cover the annual market rental of the accommodation at Stapleford House. This potential grant award would be for a period of one year and would have no effect on the Council's overall budget, with the increased award being matched in the Council's premises income budget.

Miscellaneous Category

5. BRAMCOTE CRICKET CLUB

Bramcote Cricket Club was founded in 1858 and is based at Bramcote Hills Park on Ilkeston Road in Bramcote. The Club currently runs a number of league cricket teams and has occasionally coached midweek junior teams.

The Club is open to anyone interested in playing or coaching cricket and currently has 48 members of all ages, the majority of whom live in Beeston, Bramcote, Chilwell and the surrounding areas. In addition, around 70 juniors also regularly attend to play cricket and visiting clubs from Chilwell, Attenborough and Beeston also enjoy use of the Club's facilities.

For the year ended 31 October 2016, income totalled £11,102 and was mainly generated from subscriptions, match fees, bar sales, grants and sponsorship and other fundraising activities. Expenditure amounted to £18,076 and included capital spending on new cricket nets, bar expenses, ground equipment maintenance, playing equipment, pitch hire, rent, insurances and other running costs. A large grant due towards the capital project has not yet been received. Total cash and bank balances as at 31 October 2016 amounted to £3,353, including £688 in the 'Youth Account'.

The Council owns the clubhouse used by the Club on Bramcote Hills Park and as part of the Council's aim to secure economic rents on its properties the rent has been assessed at £865 per annum.

The Council has supported Bramcote Cricket Club for many years with grants towards its premises costs (including rental). The grants awarded in the past four years were as follows:

2015/16	£865 (plus £2,500 capital grant)
2014/15	£865 (plus £9,196 capital grant)
2013/14	£865
2012/13	£865

The Club also received a £2,500 capital grant in 2015/16 as a contribution towards the cost of constructing two permanent practice nets and artificial wickets. Members will note that this capital grant award and a further request for capital funding are considered elsewhere on this agenda.

For 2016/17, Bramcote Cricket Club has requested a revenue grant of £865 towards the total costs of their annual rent obligations. This award would be for a period of one year and would be matched by allowances within the premises income budget, leaving the Council's overall budget unchanged.

6. BEAUVALE PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP

The Beauvale Photography Group was newly established in September 2016 and is currently meeting at the Sun Inn, in Eastwood. The Group currently has 23 members of all ages, all of whom are residents of Eastwood, Greasley, Newthorpe, Brinsley and Kimberley.

The aim of the Beauvale Photography Group is to provide a forum for local people to learn about photography and share expertise. The Group provides a programme of lectures, workshops and visits to enable members to improve their photography. The Group will also be contributing to the artistic life of the community by holding exhibitions and promoting the area by showing local views in photography.

The newly established Group needs equipment and is looking to purchase a new laptop (£400), projector (£510) and panel display boards (£580) to support its regular programme and exhibitions.

As the Beauvale Photography Group is in its first year of operating, a full set of financial statements is not yet available. The Group does have a bank account and, as at 17 November 2016, this showed a balance of £524. The Group has earmarked these funds towards for forthcoming spending on lecturers, NEMPF membership fees and public liability insurance.

This is the first application that the Council has received from the Beauvale Photography Group and for 2016/17 it has requested a grant of up to £1,490 towards the cost of new equipment.

Individuals Category

7. OLIVER BLAKE

Oliver (17) from Stapleford is a promising road and track cyclist. Oliver is a member of the Long Eaton Cycling Club and regularly competes for the club in the Derby Arena Track League. He also regularly competes in other regional events on both the road and track.

Oliver has only been cycling competitively for two years but has already achieved his category 3 licence. As an indication of his potential in the sport, Oliver competed in the British Cycling Junior and Youth Track Championships in August 2016, racing in four events and setting personal bests in two events.

Oliver trains regularly with his team as he aims to progress on last season's achievements. He is particularly keen to improve and impress at the British Cycling Junior and Youth Track Championships in 2017. Oliver estimates that the cost of his activities to be around £50 per week.

Oliver's application was supplemented by a letter of support from British Cycling that confirms Oliver to be of good regional standard and improving year-on-year.

This is the first application that the Council has received from Oliver and for 2016/17 he has requested a grant of £100 towards the cost of coaching to compete at the British Cycling Junior and Youth Track Championships in 2017.

8. EMMA DUXON

Emma is a 21 year old from Toton and her chosen sport is fencing. Emma won many trophies and awards during her junior career including the East Midlands Junior Championship at U18 level in 2012.

Emma is now regularly competing with the Epee for both the Chilwell Blades Fencing Club and Nottingham University at a senior level in regional and national women's competitions. Although Emma has not won any national medals in 2016, due to competing at a much higher level she did finish 29th at the British Open Fencing Championships and 52nd at the Birmingham International Open event.

On the back of her performances in national events against more experienced opponents, Emma is now recognised as being ranked 43rd in the Great Britain senior women's rankings. This is her highest ranking and represents an improvement of around 80 places in the past year.

This is the third application that the Council has received from Emma who was previously supported in 2012/13 and 2014/15 with grants of £100. For 2016/17, Emma has requested a grant of £100 towards her training and competition expenses, which she estimates to cost around £1,000 per annum.

9. BRADLEY FRY

Bradley (11) is a slopestyle skiing expert from Newthorpe. Despite his young age, Bradley is consistently performing at a high standard in regional and national competitions. His most notable achievements in the 2016 season since his previous application include:

- English Indoor Slopestyle Championships (Manchester, June 2016)
U12 Winner
- Scottish Indoor Slopestyle Championships (Glasgow, September 2015)
U12 Winner
- British Indoor Slopestyle Championships (Manchester, October 2015)
U12 winner

Bradley also became British champion for U12 level at the British Outdoor Slopestyle Championships held at Laax in Switzerland in May 2016. Bradley also achieved a second place in the half-pipe event. Bradley also won both of these events at the earlier Mini-Shred Contest in Laax.

As an indication of his progress in the sport, Bradley has again been invited to compete at the British Championships and the Mini Shred Contest which are again being held in the Swiss Alps in April 2017. Bradley has the support of the national governing body, Snowsports England. He is part of the British Ski and Snowboard Park and Pipe Academy and Voelkl International Freestyle Team.

Bradley estimates that the cost of his skiing activities amount to around £12,000 per annum for training and competing in the UK and travelling to the Alps in France, Italy and Switzerland. Bradley was successful in receiving an award of £400 from Nottinghamshire County Council from their rising star fund.

This is the third application that the Council has received from Bradley having been awarded grants of £200 in both 2014/15 and 2015/16 towards the cost of competing at the British Championships. For 2016/17, Bradley has requested a similar grant towards the cost of training and competing at the British Championships which are being held in Switzerland in April 2017.

APPENDIX 2

Delegated Awards

A summary of the grants awarded under delegated authority since September 2016 is included below.

The Council's policy in respect of grant aid to voluntary organisations is to award the amount requested by the organisation or the maximum specified whichever is the lower. Additional consideration is given to groups who can demonstrate that they are meeting the particular needs of disadvantaged sections of the community. This Committee determines all requests for grants in excess of the £100 maximum.

Group	Total Number of Members	Number of Broxtowe Residents	Grant Awarded in 2015/16	Grant Awarded in 2016/17	Purpose of Grant Award
Attenborough Friendship Group	37	37	£100	£100	General running costs
Eastwood and District Ladies Probus Club	22	18	£100	£100	Speakers fees for meetings
Inner Wheel Club of Beeston	18	18	£100	£100	General running costs

Report of the Deputy Chief Executive

CAPITAL GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS 2016/171. Purpose of report

To consider capital requests for grant aid in accordance with the provisions of the Council's grant aid policy.

2. Grant aid application

A capital grant application has been received from Bramcote Cricket Club for consideration. The total cost of the project to refurbish the all-weather wicket is anticipated at £7,194 and the Club has asked the Council to provide funding of £2,500 towards this project. Details of the application are included in the appendix.

An application for capital funding has also been received from St. Michael's Church in respect of the Bramcote Parish Centre. The total cost of a scheme to improve access to the facility (including new external path work and landscaping and an automated door) is anticipated at £17,520 and the Church has requested a grant of £4,380 (25%) towards the scheme. Details of the application are also included in the appendix.

Given the nature of these schemes, any approved grant would normally be given on the basis of 25% of the actual costs incurred (given that it would relate to a non-Council owned asset) with a maximum figure specified in appropriate circumstances.

3. Financial position

No budgetary provision exists for capital grants to voluntary organisations.

If Members were minded to approve the request from Bramcote Cricket Club this would be funded from a carry forward provision of £2,500 earmarked for the Club from the capital programme in 2015/16.

If Members were minded to approve the request from St. Michael's Church, then an allocation from capital contingencies would be required within which £36,000 remains uncommitted in 2016/17 (subject to other reports on this agenda).

Recommendation

Committee is asked to consider the requests and RESOLVE accordingly.

Background papers

Nil

APPENDIX

1. BRAMCOTE CRICKET CLUB

On 15 March 2016, Cabinet considered an application from Bramcote Cricket Club and awarded a capital grant of up to £2,500 towards the cost of constructing two permanent practice nets and artificial wickets.

The Club also applied to the English Cricket Board (ECB) for funding, a process that has taken almost a year to finalise. The ECB have now confirmed that they are prepared to offer a grant for the full cost of the work (£26,400). Consequently the grant from the Council is no longer required for its intended purpose. However, Bramcote Cricket Club has requested use of the original award of £2,500 towards the refurbishment of the all-weather wicket. This alternative usage of the grant requires Member approval.

Bramcote Cricket Club was founded in 1858 and is based at Bramcote Hills Park on Ilkeston Road in Bramcote. The Club currently runs a number of league cricket teams and has occasionally coached midweek junior teams.

The Club is open to anyone interested in playing or coaching cricket and currently has 48 members of all ages, the majority of whom live in Beeston, Bramcote, Chilwell and the surrounding areas. In addition, around 70 juniors also regularly attend to play cricket and visiting clubs from Chilwell, Attenborough and Beeston also enjoy use of the Club's facilities.

For the year ended 31 October 2016, income totalled £11,102 and was mainly generated from subscriptions, match fees, bar sales, grants and sponsorship and other fundraising activities. Expenditure amounted to £18,076 and included capital spending on new cricket nets, bar expenses, ground equipment maintenance, playing equipment, pitch hire, rent, insurances and other running costs. The grant due from ECB towards the capital scheme was outstanding. Total cash and bank balances as at 31 October 2016 amounted to £3,353, including £688 in the 'Youth Account'.

Bramcote Cricket Club would like to refurbish the all-weather wicket which is 20 years old and in poor condition. It is particularly important to the Club's junior teams who play their games on this pitch, which presently suffers from uneven bounce, worn areas where bowlers run up, etc.

Quotations have been sought for the renovation of the all-weather wicket, with the lowest estimate received being £7,194 (including VAT). The Club has requested a grant of £2,500 towards the cost of renovating the all-weather wicket. The balance of funding will be provided by the Club.

Given the nature of the project this should be regarded as capital request and grant aid, if approved, would normally be given on the basis of 25% of the actual costs incurred (given that it would relate to a non-Council owned asset), with a maximum figure specified in appropriate circumstances. Any grants awarded in respect of capital schemes will not be paid until completion and the relevant invoices have been submitted to the Council.

The Council has supported Bramcote Cricket Club for many years with grants towards its premises and rental costs. The grants awarded in the past four years were as follows:

2015/16	£865 (plus capital grant of £2,500)
2014/15	£865 (plus capital grant of £9,196)
2013/14	£865
2012/13	£865

The capital grant awarded in 2014/15 was towards the cost of essential health and safety works at the pavilion.

A grant application towards the annual rental of the pavilion is considered elsewhere on this agenda. In 2016/17, Bramcote Cricket Club has requested a grant of £2,500 as a contribution towards the cost of renovating the all-weather wicket. The carry forward provision of £2,500 earmarked for Bramcote Cricket Club from the capital programme in 2015/16 would be utilised if a grant were to be awarded.

2. ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH, BRAMCOTE

An application for grant aid has been received from St Michael's Church in respect of the Bramcote Parish Centre on Church Street in Bramcote

The Bramcote Parish Centre is owned by the Church and was constructed in 1986. The Centre provides a community resource, bringing people together from Bramcote, Beeston, Chilwell, Stapleford and Toton. The facilities include a large hall, two meeting rooms and a fully equipped kitchen.

The building is well used by the wider community and is designed to act independently of the Church. A variety of activities take place at the Centre with clubs including senior citizen's groups (silver surfers, silver singles etc.), mother and toddler groups, health and fitness clubs, lads and dads, local history group, women's groups and an orchestra. In addition, the Centre is available for functions and is used for dances, parties and funeral wakes. Approximately 400 people use the Centre on a weekly or monthly basis. The hire charge is £35 for three hours with small reductions for longer periods.

The Church would like to make improvements to the Bramcote Parish Centre to make the facility fully accessible to all users, in particular elderly and disabled people (including wheelchair users) and people with toddlers and prams. The Church wishes to ensure that no user is discouraged by difficulties in gaining access.

The Church itself was extensively reordered in 2013 to become DDA compliant. This required complete replacement of the floor, an internal access ramp, new seating, improved LED lighting and a new path to the street. The Church now wishes to tackle the inadequate access to the Parish Centre, with the current problems being:

- Sloping access right up to the main entrance doors, rather than having a level platform outside
- Entrance doors opening outwards, compounding the problem.
- The doors, as a pair, only having limited maximum opening of less than 725mm which is impractical for anyone in a wheelchair

The proposed solution is to aim to meet the requirements of Part M of the Building Regulations through the careful revised design of the approach and the doors themselves. As it is difficult to gain the extra length to introduce a level access, the solution is to split the route and build a ramp against the face of the building to allow wheelchair access. There will also be an adjacent, clearly marked step with handrails. The path will include a level platform outside the doors.

The existing doors will be replaced with a larger door (split 70:30) to allow easy wheelchair/pram access. An electrical opener is to be included with a push pad operation, both inside and outside. The visibility will be improved with an increase in the glass area, which will provide a more welcoming approach than the current design. A series of drawings and images that illustrate the scheme were provided with the application pack.

The Church has obtained estimates for all of the DDA upgrade work. The first three quotes ranged from £18,790 to £22,972 when tenders were opened by the architects in August 2016. A later tender was priced at £23,620.

All of the tenders were appended to the applications for scrutiny. The project team then decided to divide the project into three sections in the hope of further cost saving by using more local and specialised companies. The outcome of this was a combined price of £15,220 for the external path work (landscaping), balustrade and hand rail and a new automated door (installed). Architect's fees are anticipated at £2,300, with the total cost of the scheme being £17,520. The work will be subjected to appropriate planning approvals.

The Church has requested a grant of £4,380 (25%) towards the total cost of the scheme. The Church has not applied to any other external organisation for funding, with any shortfalls to be resourced from existing funds and additional fund raising. Given the nature of the project this should be regarded as a capital request and grant aid, if approved, would normally be given on the basis of 25% of the actual costs incurred (given that it would relate to a non-Council owned asset), with a maximum figure specified in appropriate circumstances. Any grants awarded in respect of capital schemes will not be paid until completion and the relevant invoices have been submitted to the Council.

The accounts for the Parochial Church Council of St. Michael and All Angels, Bramcote were submitted for scrutiny. For the year ended 31 December 2015, income totalled £212,152 and was mainly generated from donations and fundraising activities. Expenditure of £196,797 included ministry, salaries, premises maintenance and expenses and other operating costs.

Cash and short-term deposits as at 31 December 2015 were £74,658, whilst total funds amounted to £56,877 of which £39,185 was considered to be unrestricted. The Church states that £9,793 is earmarked for the Parish Centre and this project. The remainder is allocated for the purposes stated in the accounts, which currently indicate a year end shortfall.

This is the first application that the Council has received from St. Michael's Church, Bramcote and for 2016/17 the Church has requested a grant of £4,380 as a contribution towards the cost of the scheme to improve access to the Bramcote Parish Centre. No approved capital budget exists for schemes of this nature and an allocation from capital contingencies would be required if a grant were to be awarded.

Report of the Deputy Chief Executive

WORK PROGRAMME

1. Purpose of report
To consider items for inclusion in the Work Programme for future meetings.
2. Background
Items which have already been suggested for inclusion in the Work Programme of future meetings are given below. Members are asked to consider any additional items that they may wish to see in the Programme.

6 February 2017	Budget Guidance for Town and Parish Councils on applying for grant aid
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3. Dates of future meetings
The following additional dates for future meetings have been agreed:
 - 20 March 2017
 - 13 July 2017
 - 12 October 2017
 - 30 November 2017

(All meetings to start at 7.00 pm)

Recommendation

The Committee is asked to consider the Work Programme and RESOLVE accordingly.

Background papers

Nil