



Report to: Meeting of the Trustees of the Gilstrap & WE Knight Charities – 27 February 2024

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Report Summary	
<b>Report Title</b>	Application for Grant Funding
<b>Purpose of Report</b>	For the Trustees to consider the application made to the Gilstrap Charity for grant funding to support the improvement in access to sport for underprivileged children.
<b>Recommendations</b>	That the Board of Trustees consider and determine the application received from the Free Football Club.

## 1.0 **Background**

1.1 In 2017, the Trustee Board refreshed and approved a funding criteria for grant aid support from the Gilstrap Charity. The Charity's Scheme has been amended a number of times in recent years, firstly when Nottinghamshire County Council (NCC) built a library in Newark (thereby obviating the need for the original use of the Gilstrap Building as a library) and secondly when the Gilstrap building had been leased to NCC for use as the Registrar's office. However, whilst the objectives have been reviewed over the years, the original concept has been reaffirmed with emphasis on education and promoting knowledge of the history of Newark.

1.2 The current approved criteria is as follows:

2.1.1 Preference will be given to funding applications which promote education and understanding of historic buildings within Newark and the history of Newark generally to reflect the original Trust purposes.

2.1.2 Funding applications will be required to demonstrate a direct benefit to the community of Newark or a section/s of that community (eg projects involving local schools).

2.1.3 Applicants will be required to provide full details of any match funding or third party funding.

1.3 It should be noted that the area of benefit for the Charity, whilst previously defined as the area of the former borough of Newark, was amended when the Scheme was last reviewed in 2013 to cover the parish of Newark.

1.4 A copy of the background information that is included on the Charity's website concerning how potential grant applications will be considered is attached as **Appendix A** to Agenda Item No. 7. Applicants are requested to complete a pro-forma application form that gives full details of their project, its objectives, budget and other funding secured.

## **2.0 Application Received**

2.1 An application has been received from the Free Football Club. The nature and objectives of the club is to remove all barriers to child participation in sport and to improve access to sport for underprivileged children. Further details of the project are detailed in the written application which is attached as **Appendix B** to this report.

2.2 The application notes that £200 is being sought in order for the first sessions to be organised and equipment to be sources for service users.

## **3.0 Implications**

In writing this report and in putting forward recommendations, officers have considered the following implications: Data Protection; Digital & Cyber Security; Equality & Diversity; Financial; Human Resources; Human Rights; Legal; Safeguarding & Sustainability and where appropriate they have made reference to these implications and added suitable expert comment where appropriate.

### **Financial Implications**

Currently £276,362 is available for funding of future projects or grant applications. Therefore if the above application is approved this will bring the available balance down to £274,360.

### **Background Papers and Published Documents**

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

None