

# Planning Committee

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## Grants to Third Sector Organisations 2018/19

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### Executive Summary

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The purpose of this report is to seek Committee approval for the annual grant awards to Edinburgh World Heritage and Edinburgh and Lothians Greenspace Trust. Additionally, Committee is asked to note the allocation of small grants to a range of organisations which contribute to ensuring that Edinburgh's built and natural heritage is maintained and enhanced for future generations.

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### 1. Recommendations

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- 1.1 It is recommended that Committee:
  - 1.1.1 approves a grant for £46,000 to Edinburgh World Heritage and £25,833 to Edinburgh and Lothians Greenspace Trust; and
  - 1.1.2 notes the grant awards to the Cockburn Association, the Scottish Civic Trust, Architectural Heritage Society for Scotland, the Edinburgh Access Panel and Archaeology Scotland as outlined in appendix 1.

### 2. Background

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- 2.1 In [February 2014](#), the Communities and Neighbourhoods Committee agreed “to approve the transfer of responsibility for developing future grant programmes and making grant awards to executive committees and policy development sub-committees”.
- 2.2 The Review of Grants to Third Parties set a requirement that all grant award recommendations should be co-produced with service users, carers and third sector organisations by April 2016. The review also recommended that co-produced grant programmes should ideally be funded for a period of three years to provide financial stability for recipient organisations.

### 3. Main report

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#### **Edinburgh World Heritage**

- 3.1 Edinburgh World Heritage (EWH) provides support to the historic environment through the conservation and repair of historic buildings in partnership with communities across the Old and New Towns of Edinburgh World Heritage Site.
- 3.2 EWH works in partnership with the Council and Historic Environment Scotland (HES) to implement the World Heritage Site Management Plan, fulfilling the collective obligation to UNESCO and the World Heritage Centre.
- 3.3 EWH is partially funded by HES. In recent years it has changed its funding model to include fund-raising and self-financing projects to address the reduction in funding from the Council and HES.

- 3.4 EWH has applied for £46,000. It was awarded £46,000 in 2017/18. It is therefore recommended that a sum of £46,000 be awarded to EWH for 2018/19. This can be accommodated within the overall Planning third party grants budget.

### **Edinburgh and Lothians Greenspace Trust**

- 3.5 Edinburgh and Lothians Greenspace Trust (ELGT) works to enhance the quality of life for Edinburgh communities by improving their local environment. It works with the Council, communities, agencies and partners to create sustainable, well managed and accessible green spaces. The Trust has been jointly funded by Place and Health and Social Care, with the latter awarding £107,302 in 2017/18. Other grants received by ELGT from the Council, were from Communities and Families (£500) and the Neighbourhood Partnership Community Grant Fund (£1,500).
- 3.6 The Trust has applied for £25,833. It was awarded the same sum in 2017/18. It is therefore recommended that a sum of £25,833 be awarded to ELGT for 2018/19. This can be accommodated within the overall Planning third party grants budget.

### **Other Organisations**

- 3.7 Other organisations which help shape planning policies, awareness raising and/or advice on development proposals receive small amounts and the award of grant is delegated to the Executive Director of Place. The following amounts, to be awarded, are provided for information:
- 3.7.1 The Cockburn Association - £6,000;
  - 3.7.2 The Scottish Civic Trust - £1,700;
  - 3.7.3 Architectural Heritage Society for Scotland - £700;
  - 3.7.4 Edinburgh Access Panel - £630; and
  - 3.7.5 Archaeology Scotland - £475.
- 3.8 All of the grants to third parties are shown in appendix 1.

## **4. Measures of success**

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- 4.1 Each grant recipient is required to complete a funding agreement which details objectives that the recipient must agree to achieve. Achieving these objectives will contribute to Council objectives and service plans.

## **5. Financial impact**

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- 5.1 The total award for 2018/19 is £81,338. This represents an increase of £3,183 compared to 2017/18. This is due to a change in the way financial support has been given to the Cockburn Association. The support is given for coordination of the Edinburgh Doors Open Day and the administering of the Civic Forum. To date the organisation has received funds via other planning financial headings, however the

grants process is now considered a more appropriate and transparent mechanism. This approach does not change the overall amount spent from Planning budgets.

## **6. Risk, policy, compliance and governance impact**

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- 6.1 The Communities and Neighbourhoods Committee in February 2014 accepted the recommendations of the Third Party Grants Review.
- 6.2 The third sector Co-production Steering Group, chaired by EVOC, has been set up to share good practice and ensure consistency as grant programmes are developed. Planning staff also attend the Council Grant Managers Forum.

## **7. Equalities impact**

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- 7.1 No infringements of rights or negative impacts on equalities have been identified. The award of third sector grants enhances the ability of the people of Edinburgh to participate in the operation of the Council.

## **8. Sustainability impact**

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- 8.1 The recommendations of grants to the listed organisations will have a significant positive impact on the environment and people's understanding of and engagement with Edinburgh's built and natural heritage.

## **9. Consultation and engagement**

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- 9.1 All grant recipient are communicated with throughout the application process and at appropriate stages throughout the year.

## **10. Background reading/external references**

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- 10.1 [Old and New Towns of Edinburgh World Heritage Site Management 2017-22 Plan](#)
- 10.2 [ELGT Project Report 2016/17](#)
- 10.3 [ELGT Strategy 2015-18](#)
- 10.4 [Review of Council Grants to Third Parties 2013-14](#)

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## **11. Appendices**

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Appendix 1 - Third Sector Grants 2018-19 Supported Activities

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Organisation	Grant Value	Activity
Edinburgh World Heritage	£46,000	<p><b>Old and New Town World Heritage Site (WHS)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide advice and activities in relation to the Outstanding Universal Value (OUV) of the WHS.</li> <li>• WHS Management Plan - Enact specific activities within the Management Plan, as well as other activities which meet the shared objectives of EWH and CEC.</li> <li>• Run a programme of financial assistance for building repair and conservation.</li> </ul>
Edinburgh & Lothians Greenspace Trust	£25,833	<p><b>Edinburgh and Lothians Green Spaces Project</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work to deliver a project programme of initiatives across Edinburgh to deliver environmental, landscape and social benefits.</li> <li>• Identify and develop priority sites and locations for greenspace creation and improvement across the city.</li> <li>• Work with a variety of partners to ensure a wide range of activities, delivering against a number of priorities.</li> <li>• Work with people affected by health inequalities and disadvantage, connecting them with their local greenspaces, to increase physical activity levels and improve mental health.</li> <li>• Work in partnership with local organisations to help them incorporate outdoor activities into their own work.</li> </ul>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bring added benefit to existing projects by being able to lever in additional support/funding and act as a catalyst for new projects identified or initiated by local groups or organisations.</li> </ul>
The Cockburn Association	£6,000	<p><b>Edinburgh Doors Open Day 2018</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide free access to around 130 buildings in Edinburgh, most of which have restricted access to the public outwith the weekend event.</li> <li>• Coordinate talks, tours and heritage themed demonstrations in the week leading up to the event.</li> <li>• Provide a signposting system to show those venues which have disabled access, child-friendly activities, refreshments and toilet facilities.</li> <li>• Produce detailed maps of all the venues within the Edinburgh region which will be numbered and colour coded in order to assist visitors planning their weekend or focusing on local clusters.</li> </ul> <p><b>Edinburgh Civic Forum</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Edinburgh Civic Forum is a network of Edinburgh Community Councils, Residents' Associations and Amenity Bodies. The Cockburn Association will, in collaboration with City Council, administer the Forum's quarterly meetings which aim to increase awareness and interest in the city planning agenda.</li> </ul>

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The Scottish Civic Trust	£1,700	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support Edinburgh-based amenity societies, community-based groups and other heritage organisations in the promotion and enhancement of Edinburgh's built environment, heritage and public realm.</li> <li>• Work with Edinburgh-based heritage and built environment organisations to promote sustainable communities and quality architecture.</li> <li>• Encourage appropriate new residential developments</li> </ul>
Architectural Heritage Society for Scotland	£700	<p><b>Participation in Build Heritage</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promote Edinburgh's built heritage through participation of communities in the planning process and promote the protection and enjoyment of Edinburgh's built heritage more widely.</li> <li>• Increase understanding by communities of the value of the city's built heritage and the effect it has on the environment in which we live; through educational outreach activities, such as lectures, study days, study tours and publications.</li> </ul>
Edinburgh Access Panel	£630	<p><b>Improved Access</b></p> <p>Edinburgh Access Panel is a panel of volunteers, each with a disability or an interest in disabilities. They aim to deliver improved access for disabled people to buildings, transport, streetscape and services in Edinburgh by:</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reactively being available to CEC and other organisations (eg ScotRail) for consultation about their facilities, services and proposals;</li> <li>• Proactively highlighting any opportunities encountered to improve equality for disabled people and raising these opportunities with CEC or other appropriate organisations;</li> <li>• Looking for opportunities to promote equality for disabled people in Edinburgh by delivering services like disability awareness talks and accessibility assessments.</li> </ul>
Archaeology Scotland	£475	<p><b>Scottish Archaeology Month</b></p> <p>Promotes history, heritage and archaeology by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Highlighting a number of attractive heritage assets the city has and events citizens can participate in involving their local and national heritage;</li> <li>• Publicised events will include talks, walks, lectures, family events and potential volunteer opportunities;</li> <li>• Delivering a lecture series at Lauriston Castle about different archaeology and history topics from the Vikings to the Guilds in Edinburgh.</li> </ul>