
SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE FUND

Report by Director – Resilient Communities

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

16 May 2023

1 PURPOSE AND SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report provides evaluation and outcomes of the awards made in relation to the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Fund, which was open from 5 January 2022 to 30 April 2022.**
- 1.2 It was agreed at Executive Committee on 16 November 2021 to allocated £70k to create a Queen's Platinum Jubilee Fund. The purpose of this fund was to enable non-profit making community/voluntary groups, schools and churches within the Borders to apply for grant funding to take part in celebratory events/community and legacy projects to mark the late Queen's Platinum Jubilee Weekend 2 – 5 June 2022.
- 1.3 Approval for decision making for the fund was to be agreed at Officer level, with final approval and sign off by the Director - Resilient Communities.
- 1.4 The Executive Committee asked that a report providing evaluation and outcomes of the awards made in relation to the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Fund be brought back to at a later date.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 I recommend that the Executive Committee:-**

Notes the number, evaluation and outcomes of the awards made from the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Fund.

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 It was agreed at Executive Committee on 16 November 2021 to allocate £70k to create a Queen's Platinum Jubilee Fund. The purpose of this fund was to enable non-profit making community/voluntary groups, schools and churches within the Borders to apply for grant funding to take part in celebratory events/community and legacy projects to mark the late Queen's Platinum Jubilee Weekend 2 – 5 June 2022.
- 3.2 The extended Bank Holiday, from Thursday 2 to Sunday 5 June provided an opportunity for communities and people throughout the United Kingdom to come together to celebrate the historic milestone. The four days of celebrations included public events and community activities, as well as national moments of reflection on the late Queen's 70 years of service.
- 3.3 It was agreed that the fund would open on 5 January 2022 to allow communities to plan events and activities, and close on 30 April 2022 to allow grant payments to be processed before the Platinum Jubilee Weekend.
- 3.3 Awards up to a maximum of £2,500 were available. Due to the timescales involved, and to allow processing of awards to be made on a fast track basis - approval for decision making for the fund was agreed at Officer level, with final approval and sign off by the Director, Resilient Communities.
- 3.4 The Fund opened on 5 January and closed on 30 April 2022 as agreed. Due to the significant interest and community demand generated, the fund was oversubscribed at several points in time and the funding allocation was increased to meet that demand. The Director of Resilient Communities and the Director of Finance & Corporate Governance agreed to allocate additional funding from underspends in the department's budget which the Executive Committee approved through financial reporting on 14 June 2022 (£54k) and 16 August 2022 (£40k).

4 EVALUATION AND OUTCOMES

- 4.1 A total of £164,091.72 was awarded to 114 organisations and community groups. Awards ranged from £120 to £2,500 with the average award being £1,439. For a breakdown of the number of successful applicants per Locality and the total funds awarded per Locality, see Appendix 1.
- 4.2 It was the intention of the fund to increase the number of opportunities for communities to celebrate the special occasion and/or create a lasting legacy of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Of the 114 successful applications, 75 received a grant for celebratory and community activities and 39 received a grant for legacy and community facilities.
- 4.3 To date, 96 evaluations have been submitted – a return rate of 85.7%. 2 evaluations are due in June due to project extensions. Examples of QPJF projects supported are available here [Queen's Platinum Jubilee Fund](#)

4.4 The QPJF Fund enabled communities to come together and celebrate this historic milestone. The range of organisations who applied for funding reflects the high level of interest that there was in this fund. Projects made use of local sites and spaces and connected people across generations to recognise the Queen's 70 years of public service.

5 IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Financial

There are no further financial implications relating to this report. Financial implications were considered in the original report to the Executive. An overview of the final spend is detailed within Appendix 1.

5.2 Risk and Mitigations

There are no risks associated with this report.

5.3 Integrated Impact Assessment

There is no impact or relevance to Equality Duty or the Fairer Scotland Duty for this report. This is a routine evaluation report which forms part of the governance of Community Funding function within the Council.

5.4 Sustainable Development Goals

There are no direct economic, social or environmental issues with this report which would affect the Council's sustainability policy.

5.5 Climate Change

There are no direct carbon emissions impacts as a result of this report

5.6 Rural Proofing

N/A

5.7 Data Protection Impact Statement

There are no personal data implications arising from the proposals contained in this report

5.8 Changes to Scheme of Administration or Scheme of Delegation

No changes to the Scheme of Administration or Scheme of Delegation are required as a result of this report

6 CONSULTATION

6.1 Acting Chief Financial Officer, Acting Chief Corporate Governance, the Chief Officer Audit and Risk, the Director (People Performance & Change), the Clerk to the Council and Corporate Communications were consulted with and any comments received were incorporated into the final report –

Approved by

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Title

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Background Papers: Scottish Borders Council's Queen's Platinum Jubilee Fund – Report to Executive

Previous Minute Reference: Executive Committee, 7 December 2021

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APPENDIX I

Locality	Funding Awarded		
	Groups Awarded	Total	% of Fund
Berwickshire	26	£36,407.60	22.3%
Cheviot	26	£37,349.58	22.8%
Eildon	31	£47,004.99	28.7%
Teviot & L	18	£26,771.82	16.4%
Tweeddale	13	£16,557.73	10.1%
Overall	114	£164,092	100.0%

Locality	Evaluations Returned	Evaluations Overdue
Berwickshire	18	8
Cheviot	23	1 (1 due 01.06.2023)
Eildon	27	3 (1 due 31.05.2023)
Teviot & Liddesdale	16	2
Tweeddale	12	1