

FALKIRK COUNCIL

Subject: FOLLOWING THE PUBLIC POUND 2014/15 MONITORING REPORT - COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
Meeting: EXTERNAL SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
Date: 7 JANUARY 2016
Author: DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

1. INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE OF PAPER

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update Members on the work of the external organisations who receive funding and who provide services in relation to community development within the Falkirk area and who fall within the Following the Public Pound reporting and monitoring arrangements. This report covers the reporting period 1 April 2014 to 31 March 2015.
- 1.2 External organisations are often voluntary or charitable organisations who have been provided with funding on the basis that they are able to provide services which could not readily be provided within the council, services are however provided in a way that compliments those provided by the council and other statutory partners.

2. KEY AIMS OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Policy Context - National

- 2.1 The 4 key policy goals of the '**Community Learning and Development (Scotland) Regulations 2013**' are:-
- To ensure communities across Scotland - particularly those that are disadvantaged - have access to the CLD support they need.
 - To strengthen co-ordination between the full range of CLD providers, ensuring that CPPs, local authorities and other providers of public services respond appropriately to the expectations set by the CLD Strategic Guidance.
 - To reinforce the role of communities and learners in the assessment, planning and evaluation processes, enabling them to shape CLD provision.
 - To make the role and contribution of CLD more visible.
- 2.2 The Regulations and the recently published Falkirk's Community Learning and Development Action Plan as complementary to the public sector reform programme and the developing role of Community Planning. It does this through emphasising the importance of community engagement prioritising preventative measures, working to reduce inequality, targeting the underlying causes of inter-generational deprivation and low aspiration, and making the best use of resources to achieve maximum impact.

2.3 The benefits of successful community empowerment and engagement would see:

- local democratic participation boosted
- increased confidence and skills among local people
- higher numbers of people volunteering in their communities
- more satisfaction with quality of life in a local neighbourhood
- the delivery of better, more responsive services and better outcomes for communities.

Policy Context – Local

2.4 By funding the local organisations, the Council is taking positive action to make sure that everyone has the chance to achieve the vision set out in Scotland's National Outcomes and Falkirk Single Outcome Agreement. The work agendas of the organisations are identified through local community audits and local community planning and, as such, they contribute to early interventions that prevent both potential harm to people and communities and the future demands on public services that might have resulted.

2.5 As mentioned earlier, Falkirk Council published its 3 year CLD Action Plan. The Plan details how the CLD sector within the Falkirk Council area intends to meet the CLD needs of individuals and communities residing within the Council area. Through funding the organisations, the Council is able to prioritise the promotion of socio-economic resilience and positive attitudes towards lifelong learning with individuals, families and communities.

3. OVERVIEW OF FUNDED ORGANISATIONS WHICH CONTRIBUTE TO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

3.1. The table below shows the external organisations that received council funding during 2014/2015 either in kind or by direct financial support in order to enable them to contribute the council's goal of increasing our efforts to tackle disadvantage and discrimination.

Name of Organisation	Funding
Denny Community Support Project Support group within Denny area.	£29,536 – Direct grant (£29,536 13/14) £22,000 - Grant from Community Safety Partnership £51,536 - Total
Dennyloanhead Community Project Support for Dennyloanhead Hall	£12,561 - Direct grant (£12,561 13/14) £20,500 - Income generated from let fees £33,061 - Total
The Powerstation Community facility in Whitecross	£10,620 - Direct grant (£10,620 13/14) £ 3,500 - In kind support £14,120 - Total
Workers Education Association	£49,635 - Direct grant £ 8,000 - In kind support £57,635 - Total
Dobbie Hall Trust	£14,356 Direct Grant

CVS Falkirk & District	£211,327 - Direct Grant £633,959 – External Funding and Income £845,286 -Total Income
TOTAL OF FUNDING PROVIDED	£1,015,994

4. ASSESSMENT OF INDIVIDUAL ORGANISATIONS PERFORMANCE

- 4.1. An individual report is attached for all of the external organisations shown above. Each report provides an overview of the service provided, the agreed objectives or outcomes, performance information during the reporting period and a financial overview. It should be noted audited accounts for each of the organisations for 2014/15 will be required by the Monitoring Officers, however some may not be currently available largely due to the timing of the annual general meetings of each organisation.
- 4.2. As part of the assessment process external organisations are allocated a risk rating based on governance arrangements, financial management and past performance. The ratings are low, medium or high and provide monitoring officers with an indication of the minimum level of monitoring and support which should be established. External organisations deemed as low risk are monitored at least annually, medium risk or external organisations should be monitored at least quarterly and high risk at least monthly. Monitoring is recommended to take the form of regular reports which measure performance against outcomes and/or objectives and provide financial monitoring information. Monitoring officers are also required to hold meetings with the external organisation throughout the year.

5. CONCLUSION

- 5.1. Members are invited to consider each organisations report and select from the following options for each external organisation:
 - a) Approve report and acknowledged progress by the external organisation in meeting council priorities
 - b) Request further information on specific aspects of the service provided.
 - c) Request action with follow-up for subsequent Scrutiny Committee consideration.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 6.1 Members are asked to consider individual reports for external organisations and select an option from those presented at 5.1.**

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Director of Children's Services

Date: 14 December 2015

Contact Officer: Mark Meechan, ext 6692

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

NIL

FALKIRK COUNCIL : EDUCATION SERVICES
FOLLOWING THE PUBLIC POUND : ANNUAL REPORTING STATEMENT 2014/15

Organisation Name: Denny Community Support Project	Project: CLD Project
Name of Lead Officer: Mark Meechan	Current Agreement Dates: 31 March 2016

A: OVERALL ORGANISATION AIMS

<p>i. <u>Summary of Key Aims & Objectives:</u></p>
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To improve the quality of life, health and well-being and opportunities available to residents with the area, in particular those residents at risk of disadvantage or exclusion.

<p>ii. <u>List of Agreed Outcomes:</u></p>
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- To provide a range of community learning and development activities to support the delivery of safer communities, reduce anti-social behaviour and promote learning and development opportunities for young people and adults including:
- To provide a range of positive opportunities for children and young people by providing children's groups, youth groups and opportunities to gain accreditation.
- To provide adult learning opportunities the promote progression to further learning, accreditation and/or involvement within the school and wider community.
- To promote and support volunteering locally.
- To provide community meeting space and local information point, including internet access.
- To raise awareness of the service with the local community.

<p>iii. <u>Why Service/Project is Funded Externally Rather than by the Council:</u></p>

The Project has the specific asset base, capacity, skills, knowledge and expertise to effectively deliver on the agreed performance targets, whereas the Council does not.

B: ACTUAL PERFORMANCE V's OBJECTIVES / AGREED OUTCOMES

<p>i. <u>Summary of Key Achievements:</u></p>

Denny Community Support Group (Denny Community Flat) provide and support a range of activities in the regeneration area of Denny. They also receive funding from the community safety which contributes to their youth work and playscheme provision. Currently the Community Flat provide the following groups and opportunities:

- **Youth groups** (Junior, Senior & Consultation Group)
310 young people participated in youth provision this year.
- **Playschemes**
Last year 170 young people participated in playschemes operated by Denny Community Flat, which is nearly double the number in the previous year.
- **Family Day**
105 individuals participated in Family Activities including the Family Day Trip this year.

- **Adult Learning & Support Groups**

The flat provides a range of self-supporting and adult learning groups to promote learning and reduce social isolation. These groups last year included a work club, a men's group, a women's group, Arts & Crafts and a Develop Your Potential Course (personal development & employability skills). The flat also support the SHINE group which is a support group for parents of children with additional support needs. Over 80 individuals benefited from the free internet access offered by the Community Flat

- **Community Garden**

Working with the litter strategy team the Flat continues to develop the community garden. Another piece of land has been adopted and will be ready in the spring as a series of raised bed allotments. This project is led by a group of 12 volunteers, and they have also involved the youth clubs in its development.

- **Making Services Available Locally**

The community flat also provides space and support to local agencies to provide services within the Bridge Crescent area, including Denny CAB, Falkirk Credit Union and Signpost Forth Valley.

Total no of volunteer positions: 80 roles fulfilled by 35 volunteers, 15 of whom are young people

Total no of staff: 1 Project Manager, 1 x part time cleaner

ii. Summary of Key Issues/ Challenges Facing Organisation:

The project has continued to develop the capacity of their committee and organisation to grow and develop including:

- Community engagement and consultation on the development of new services
- Participating in a successful local partnership with CLD, Denny WASP, CAB and Forth Valley College to develop the range of digital access and courses available locally to people looking for work
- An ongoing commitment to staff and volunteer development and training
- Successfully pulling in additional funding to the Denny area from external sources, including DWP to increase the range of services available

iii. How has Organisation Contributed to Council/ Service Priorities:

Denny Flat's development plan has linked to its new Joint Working Agreement and has clear links to CLD Service Priorities. It particularly contributes to the following priorities through the activities listed above.

1. We will work with schools and other partners to improve the outcomes for children and young people
2. We will improve the outcomes for young people and adults with core skills and health and wellbeing needs
5. We will support the delivery of income maximisation initiatives such as the credit union

- The Community Flat also participates in networking opportunities with other organisations in the learning community area and is developing links through the support to credit union and community garden with:

- Denny High School, Denny Primary School, Bonnybridge Primary School and Bankier Primary School.

v. List any Areas where there has been Shortfall in Performance:

The Flat has not fallen short in any area of agreed work.

i. How often are Review Meetings held with Lead Officer:

Meetings are held between the Project Manager and the Lead Officer every six weeks. The Lead Officer also attends committee and sub-group meetings as and when appropriate.

C: FINANCIAL / RISK ASSESSMENT OVERVIEW

<p>i. <u>Total Support Provided (Financial & In- Kind Contributions):</u></p>

Grant from CLD, Education Services - £29,536

Grant from Community Safety Partnership - £22,000

TOTAL - £51,536

<p>ii. <u>Last Period of Submitted Audited Accounts:</u></p>
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2013/2014

<p>iii. <u>Future Risks (Financial, Operational or Structural) Faced by Organisation:</u></p>

Future risks to the Project would be financial in terms of a potential reduced grant from Council (Core costs). This could impact on the Projects ability to secure further external funding, and their ability to deliver core services in an area of high deprivation.

<p>v. <u>Overall Risk Rating (Low/Medium/High):</u></p>

If grant funding at present level is maintained there would be a low risk to the Project and in essence Service delivery.

D: CONCLUSIONS

<p>i. <u>Summary/Opinion of Organisations Overall Progress During Year:</u></p>

Satisfactory progress in achieving outcomes. Significant return on the amount of funding invested.

E: COMPLETED BY

Lead Officer: Mark Meechan

Date: 01/12/15

FALKIRK COUNCIL : EDUCATION SERVICES
FOLLOWING THE PUBLIC POUND : ANNUAL REPORTING STATEMENT 2014/15

Organisation Name: Dennyloanhead Community Project	Project: CLD Project
Name of Lead Officer: Mark Meechan	Current Agreement Dates: 31 March 2016

A: OVERALL ORGANISATION AIMS

i. Summary of Key Aims & Objectives:

To improve the quality of life, health and well being and opportunities available to residents with the area, in particular those residents at risk of disadvantage or exclusion.

ii. List of Agreed Outcomes:

To provide a range of community learning and development activities to support the delivery of safer communities, reduce anti-social behaviour and promote learning and development opportunities for young people and adults including:

To provide a range of positive opportunities for children and young people by providing children's groups, youth groups and opportunities to gain accreditation.

To provide adult learning opportunities the promote progression to further learning, accreditation and/or involvement within the school and wider community.

To promote and support volunteering locally.

To provide community meeting space and local information point, including internet access.

To raise awareness of the service with the local community.

iii. Why Service/Project is Funded Externally Rather than by the Council:

The Project has the specific asset base, capacity, skills, knowledge and expertise to effectively deliver on the agreed to performance targets, whereas the Council does not.

B: ACTUAL PERFORMANCE V's OBJECTIVES/AGREED OUTCOMES

i. Summary of Key Achievements:

Dennyloanhead Hall provides a local community facility for 18 regular groups and lets. The annual footfall survey shows an increase in weekly users of the centre, up from 744 last year to 790 this year.

The hall is also the venue for a large number of children's parties throughout the year. The centre has also been successful in securing funding for the following activities:

- Digital Learning Opportunities
- Family Learning/Personal Development Courses (an open event, meeting with partners and analysis of need has already been carried out)
- A new older people's activity group
- Summer Playscheme

The hall also provides support to a new youth club that was set up with support from CLD in 2011. 6 members of this youth group have already submitted Youth Achievement Awards portfolios.

The group have an active and involved committee, have participated in training to develop and maintain their own website, and a development plan, which links to their new JWA. Members of the committee regularly take part in training and development activities, and participate in networking activities facilitated locally and by CVS Falkirk.

They have 20 regular volunteers supporting the development of the hall.

The Management Committee were recently awarded the Queen's Award for services to the voluntary sector.

ii. Summary of Key Issues/ Challenges Facing Organisation:

The committee carry out regular consultation and show a commitment to organisational development and volunteer support. They are heavily reliant on volunteers to run the centre, as the funding they receive allows them to employ only a part time clerical assistant and part time cleaner. The organisation would not be able to run the centre without the commitment of local volunteers.

iii. How has Organisation Contributed to Council/ Service Priorities:

The organisation contributes to service priorities through providing a community facility, particularly targeting those at risk of experiencing disadvantage or exclusion.

iv. List any Areas where there has been Shortfall in Performance:

There has been no shortfall in performance.

v. How often are Review Meetings held with Lead Officer:

The lead officer attends a minimum of 4 committee meetings per year, and has regular review meetings in between times with the Secretary of the organisation.

C: FINANCIAL / RISK ASSESSMENT OVERVIEW

i. Total Support Provided (Financial & In- Kind Contributions):

Grant from CLD, Education Services - £12,561

Generated from Lets - £20,500

TOTAL - £33,061

ii. Last Period of Submitted Audited Accounts:

2013/14 (The organisation will not have their AGM until October)

iii. Future Risks (Financial, Operational or Structural) Faced by Organisation:

Future risks to the Project would be financial in terms of a potential reduced grant from Council (Core costs). This could impact on the Projects ability to secure further external funding, and to continue to provide the current level of service.

iv. Overall Risk Rating (Low/Medium/High):

If grant funding at present level is maintained there would be a low risk to the Project and in essence Service delivery.

D: CONCLUSIONS

i. Summary/Opinion of Organisations Overall Progress During Year:

Satisfactory progress in achieving outcomes. Significant return on the amount of funding invested.

E: COMPLETED BY

Lead Officer: Mark Meechan

Date: 01/12/15

FALKIRK COUNCIL : EDUCATION SERVICES FOLLOWING THE PUBLIC POUND : ANNUAL REPORTING STATEMENT 2014/15

Organisation Name: Powerstation Project, Whitecross.	Project: Community Learning and Development Project.
Name of Lead Officer: Mark Meechan	Current Agreement Dates: 2015-2016

A: OVERALL ORGANISATION AIMS

Summary of Key Aims & Objectives:

- To improve the quality of life, health and wellbeing and opportunities available to residents with the area, in particular those residents at risk of disadvantage or exclusion.

List of Agreed Outcomes:

- To provide a range of community learning and development activities to support the delivery of safer communities, reduce anti-social behaviour and promote learning and development opportunities for young people and adults including:
- To provide a range of positive opportunities for children and young people by providing children's groups, youth groups and opportunities to gain accreditation.
- To provide adult learning opportunities the promote progression to further learning, accreditation and/or involvement within the school and wider community.
- To promote and support volunteering locally.
- To provide community meeting space and local information point, including internet access.
- To raise awareness of the service with the local community.

Why Service/Project is Funded Externally Rather than by the Council:

- The Project has the specific asset base, capacity, skills, knowledge and expertise to effectively deliver on the agreed to performance targets, whereas the Council does not.

B: ACTUAL PERFORMANCE V's OBEJECTIVES / AGREED OUTCOMES

Summary of Key Achievements:

- The Community Café has been up and running for almost a year and this has been a great success. Seven people attained their Food & Hygiene Certificate, and regularly volunteer at the Café. Not only do they have many regular customers, they also have many takeaway customers.
- The Junior Youth Club continues to be a huge success with between 25 - 30 children attending weekly. There are around 10 fully disclosed volunteers who run this on a rota basis. Through weekly monies collected we had enough funds to take all the children on a summer trip. This was a huge success with both the children and the volunteers. (The trip went to Blair Drummond Safari Park and all the children had a fantastic day.)
- The annual Fun Day was held on August 16th 2015. This was a "roaring success" with around 150 villagers attending. With Bouncy Castles, Stalls, Face Painting and the Café running it was a fun filled day for everyone. There was also a "Party Fire Engine" with Fireman Sam, and all the children got a ride through the village, which they all loved. Plans are already in place for next year's Fun Day. The event also helped to bring the village together, and it is hoped that this can be built on to generate more community spirit in the village, and help get more volunteers.
- There were some funds left from the Coalfields money so after some discussion with the Coalfields Trust they agreed the Project could redirect the funds to regenerate the garden area. After various quotes a local

firm was used to carry out the works and they were “absolutely amazing!” Due to the terrible weather in the summer the works were delayed. However, the week before the Fun Day the work was completed. The firm also donated prizes for the Fun Day, flags for the front of the building and also large wooden decorative flowers that they erected all around the garden. This whole project was driven forward by the Project secretary, Margaret Henderson, who begged and borrowed to acquire free building materials and plants from local firms. The end result is a “fantastic” multipurpose Community Garden that can be used by everyone throughout the year.

- There are health improving activities provided through a weekly Zumba class and a weekly Clubbercise class, which are regularly well attended.
- A Family Group has been established and runs on a Saturday morning for families with young children. The children have the chance to play and meet new friends and the mums and dads can have a chat and a cuppa.
- After some discussion among the committee it was decided to start holding social evenings in the hall to raise some much needed funds. A Karaoke Night, Race Night and Quiz Night were just some of the suggestions. As a result their first Quiz Night will be held on 26th September, and already there’s been quite a lot of interest in the community, so a good turnout is expected that night.
- The Project secretary, contacted Martin Day, M.S P, recently and through conversation she mentioned that our building had been the target of some vandalism. He attended our Fun Day, and presented us with a cheque for £300 to help replace the c.c.tv cameras that were damaged, and to erect some security lighting.

Future Plans

- The Project currently has an application in with Coalfields Trust to employ a “Community Connector.” This person would be responsible for supporting and continuing work on items still to be addressed in our 5 year Action Plan. This would be a fantastic opportunity for us, for although we have achieved an enormous amount in such a short space of time, there are larger issues that will take longer to achieve. Ideally this would be a local person so this would also be an employment opportunity.
- The Project is considering setting up a local Art Class, as they have a local artist who has shown an interest in starting up weekly Art Classes. Details to be confirmed.
- Angus Macdonald M.S. P has also been in contact with an interest in using The Powerstation for a monthly surgery. Details to be confirmed.
- The Project is working on a Newsletter that would be distributed to all residents, with information about upcoming events and activities.
- “As you can see we have had another busy year and will continue with all aforementioned activities, improving where we can.”

Summary of Key Issues/ Challenges Facing Organisation:

- The Senior Youth Club has been a bit slow to take off with around 5 youngsters attending weekly. After discussion with the PT CLD Assistant, a new approach will be tried, starting up an induction section and have P7 pupils alongside S1 pupils from 6pm - 6.45pm. This is to give the younger, young people an insight into the Senior Youth Club, to let them see what it’s like and what they could get from it. All S1 - S6 pupils are still being encouraged to go along weekly.
- Sustainability is an ongoing issue in terms of supporting current provision and planning and supporting new delivery. The Committee is still encouraging the community to get more involved in The Powerstation. The Café is bringing more new faces in, and they’re able to see first-hand what’s been achieved so far, what’s on offer for them now and also in the future. The Fun Day is also hoped to have generated more interest in local people getting involved in volunteering, and in participating.
- Taking forward the Community Connector initiative will help with sustainability but will also present challenges in managing the initiative.
- The Project has had a busy year and is giving itself a lot to live up to, but they remain committed to doing so. Work on developing the committee, its skills and cohesion will be very important.
- As noted in previous reports the grant provided by the Council enables the Project to pay for property costs and some caretaking hours. What this grant can buy continues to diminish. The Project needs to find additional resources to fund its activities and this can be challenging and energy/morale sapping.

How has Organisation Contributed to Council/ Service Priorities:

- It has provided directly activities for young people through a junior youth club, and it has made the facility available to Community Learning and Development to deliver a senior youth club. These groups have delivered social, educational and recreational opportunities and benefits, as well as contributing to the council's anti-social behaviour agenda.
- Social isolation has been reduced through the activities that operate through the Project.
- Health improvement opportunities are provided through activity classes.
- Social capital in the village has increased and improved through additional volunteers, community activists and a refurbished community facility.
- The community café provides opportunities for healthier eating, as well as developing improved social contact and intergenerational links.
- Social cohesion and community spirit is being developed and encouraged through the Fun Day, and through other activities such as the community café.
- The facility also provides a base for the delivery of IT classes by CLD, helping to improve core skills.
- The facility helps to reduce isolation by enabling services to be delivered locally in an "isolated" community. Not only is it used by other community support agencies but it has been used by other organisations to bring services into the community.
- The environment has also been improved through the community garden.

List any Areas where there has been Shortfall in Performance:

There is no evidence of any shortfall. Evidence presented would indicate that the Project is over performing in relation to the grant it receives from the Council. It would benefit the Project to revise the way it lays out its performance standards and targets by using the more up to date layout within the more recent template for Joint Working Agreements. By doing this it would be able to more clearly demonstrate how well it is doing. This will be worked on with the Project Committee.

How often are Review Meetings held with Lead Officer:

The monitoring officer met with the committee in March 2015, in the Powerstation to hear a full presentation of the work of the project during 2014/15, and to receive a written report on this, and also to see the results of the refurbishment. A further meeting is scheduled to be arranged in October to fit in with the previous reporting timescale of November. The monitoring officer has also visited the Project, on an ad hoc basis, on several occasions to see how it is doing...and to sample the excellent fayre on offer in the community café!

In addition the local Community Education Worker, who supports the Project, is in regular contact with the Project and its committee, and attends its committee meetings.

C: FINANCIAL / RISK ASSESSMENT OVERVIEW

i. Total Support Provided (Financial & In- Kind Contributions):

Grant of £10,620

£ 3,500 - In kind support (CLD staff input)

Total: £14,120

ii. Last Period of Submitted Audited Accounts:

2014/2015

iii. Future Risks (Financial, Operational or Structural) Faced by Organisation:

- With the project now being on a sounder financial footing it has managed to attract external funding and the new committee has significantly increased its capacity to run the project effectively.

iv. Overall Risk Rating (Low/Medium/High):

- If current progress is maintained the overall risk to service delivery would be low.

D: CONCLUSIONS

<p>i. <u>Summary/ Opinion of Organisations Overall Progress During Year:</u></p>

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• This project has shown increased usage and community involvement that is evident through open days, youth clubs, school holiday programmes, work clubs and community café. The project is making satisfactory progress during 2014/15. |
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E: COMPLETED BY

<p>Lead Officer: Mark Meechan</p>
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<p>Date: 01/12/15</p>

FALKIRK COUNCIL : EDUCATION SERVICES
FOLLOWING THE PUBLIC POUND : ANNUAL REPORTING STATEMENT 2014/15

Organisation Name: Workers Education Assoc(WEA)	Project: CLD Project
Name of Lead Officer: Mark Meechan	Current Agreement Dates: 31 March 2016

A: OVERALL ORGANISATION AIMS

i. Summary of Key Aims & Objectives:

To improve the quality of life, health and well being and opportunities available to residents with the area, in particular those residents at risk of disadvantage or exclusion.

ii. List of Agreed Outcomes:

To provide a range of community learning and development activities to support the delivery of safer communities, reduce anti-social behaviour and promote learning and development opportunities for young people and adults including:

To provide a range of positive opportunities for children and young people by providing children's groups, youth groups and opportunities to gain accreditation.

To provide adult learning opportunities the promote progression to further learning, accreditation and/or involvement within the school and wider community.

To promote and support volunteering locally.

To provide community meeting space and local information point, including internet access.

To raise awareness of the service with the local community.

iii. Why Service/Project is Funded Externally Rather than by the Council:

The Project has the specific asset base, capacity, skills, knowledge and expertise to effectively deliver on the agreed to performance targets, whereas the Council does not.

B: ACTUAL PERFORMANCE V's OBJECTIVES / AGREED OUTCOMES

i. Summary of Key Achievements:

- Increased number of new and continuing literacy learners – 90 new learners.
- Increased number literacy learners achieving and working towards accreditation. – 35 learners accredited.
- Increased number of workplaces participating – 15.
- Increased number of learning options available with new courses developed.
- All literacy learners report an increase in skills, confidence and abilities. 100% of evaluations report that the learning is beneficial to working, community and personal life.
- Positive evaluations from all workplace managers/owners.
- Community Programme – 5 Programmes of learning with 49 learners participating and 5 achieving accreditation.

• Summary of Key Issues/ Challenges Facing Organisation:

- Demand outstripping resources.

ii. How has Organisation Contributed to Council/ Service Priorities:

We will improve the delivery and support to inward migrants.

- 25 new ESOL learners in 2 workplaces.
- ESOL learners signposted to and taking up other CLD provision.

We will deliver family learning and parenting work to improve outcomes for children and families/carers.

- Dyslexia Awareness session deliver to family centre.
- Dyslexia awareness sessions delivered to CLD staff.
- *We will improve the capacity of our CLD workforce through the delivery of continuous programme of professional development activities.*
- Integrating accreditation with employability support programmes course developed and delivered in early 2015.
- Dyslexia awareness sessions delivered to 9 CLD staff.

iii. List any Areas where there has been Shortfall in Performance:

None

iv. How often are Review Meetings held with Lead Officer:

Quarterly

C: FINANCIAL / RISK ASSESSMENT OVERVIEW

i. Total Support Provided (Financial & In- Kind Contributions):

Grant from CLD, Education Services - £49,635

£ 8,000 - In kind support (Accommodation, parking and clerical support)

External Income/Grant Funding Secured - None

£57,635 - Total

ii Last Period of Submitted Audited Accounts:

2013/14

iii. Future Risks (Financial, Operational or Structural) Faced by Organisation:

Future risks to the Project would be financial in terms of a potential reduced grant from Council (Core costs). This could impact on the Projects ability to secure further external funding.

iv. Overall Risk Rating (Low/Medium/High):

If grant funding at the present level is maintained there would be a low risk to the Project and in essence Service delivery.

D: CONCLUSIONS

i. Summary/Opinion of Organisations Overall Progress During Year:

Satisfactory progress in achieving outcomes. Significant return on the amount of funding invested. For example, an SROI study was carried out on this project and it identified that for every £1 invested in the project there was a social return of £9.94.

E: COMPLETED BY

Lead Officer: Mark Meechan

Date: 01/12/15

FALKIRK COUNCIL : EDUCATION SERVICES
FOLLOWING THE PUBLIC POUND : ANNUAL REPORTING STATEMENT 2015/16

Organisation Name: Dobbie Hall Trust	Project: CLD Project
Name of Lead Officer: Mark Meechan	Current Agreement Dates: JWA to be completed.

A: OVERALL ORGANISATION AIMS

i. Summary of Key Aims & Objectives:

To improve the quality of life, health and well-being and opportunities available to residents with the area, in particular those residents at risk of disadvantage or exclusion.

ii. List of Agreed Outcomes:

- Specific outcomes will be developed by the Dobbie Hall Trust and by the Council in 2016-2017.
- Joint Working Agreement between the Dobbie Hall Trust and Falkirk Council will also be developed in 2016-2017

iii. Why Service/Project is Funded Externally Rather than by the Council:

The Project/Committee have the specific asset base, capacity, skills, knowledge and expertise to effectively deliver on targets, whereas the Council does not.

B: ACTUAL PERFORMANCE V's OBJECTIVES / AGREED OUTCOMES

i. Summary of Key Achievements:

Dobbie Hall Trust provide and support a range of activities in the Larbert and Stenhousemuir areas. This includes:

- Keep Fit Classes
- Larbert Amateur Operatic Society
- Dancing Classes for children and young people
- Kickboxing Fitness Classes
- CAMRA Real Ale Event
- Sports events, including darts and wrestling

ii. Summary of Key Issues/ Challenges Facing Organisation:

A recent condition survey of the building has identified a number defects which are the Dobbie Hall Trust responsibility under the current lease; the cost of these is estimated at £192k. A similar scale of works is required at the adjacent Rotary Hall property. Meetings have taken place with Dobbie Hall Trust to progress a prioritised programme of improvement works to the building and to assess the potential to attract external funds to support longer term investment in the property.

The Council's Asset Management Unit are discussing new lease terms with Dobbie Hall Trust which the Trust request are on similar terms to those of other community halls. These will be considered once the initial works have been undertaken and an approach towards funding the main programme of repairs is identified.

The Dobbie Hall Trust is exploring various funding options with the assistance of CLD and the External Funding Unit the Trust secured £4,250 from the Falkirk Community Grant Scheme to conduct a community consultation of the future uses of the Dobbie Hall.

The Dobbie Hall Trust was keen to provide the wider community the opportunity to have a say in the future planning of services, activities, and events at the Dobbie Hall. Therefore, the Trust commissioned Community Enterprise Ltd. to carry out a community wide consultation in order to inform the way forward and future development of the Dobbie Hall. The Trust have now completed this work and intend to meet with the Council representatives and other interested parties in early 2016 to discuss the outcome of this work.

iii. How has Organisation Contributed to Council/ Service Priorities:

At this point in time, the Dobbie Hall Trust does not have a formal Joint Working Agreement with the Council it does have a development plan that has clear links to CLD Service Priorities. It particularly contributes to the following priorities through the activities delivered within the Dobbie Hall.

3. We will work with schools and other partners to improve the outcomes for children and young people
4. We will improve the outcomes for young people and adults with core skills and health and wellbeing needs

v. List any Areas where there has been Shortfall in Performance:

ii. How often are Review Meetings held with Lead Officer:

Meetings are held between the Dobbie Hall Management Committee and Council Officer every eight weeks.

C: FINANCIAL / RISK ASSESSMENT OVERVIEW

i. Total Support Provided (Financial & In- Kind Contributions):

Grant from CLD, Education Services - £14, 356

External Income/Grant Funding Secured: £14, 356

ii. Last Period of Submitted Audited Accounts:

2013/2014

iii. Future Risks (Financial, Operational or Structural) Faced by Organisation:

Future risks to the Project would be financial in terms of a potential reduced grant from Council (Core costs). This could impact on the Projects ability to secure further external funding, and their ability to deliver core services. Also, if the Dobbie Hall Management Committee are unable to secure external funding to enable the upgrade of the property then this may adversely affect their ability to further development the business model for the Hall.

v. Overall Risk Rating (Low/Medium/High):

If grant funding at present level is maintained there would be a low risk to the Project and in essence Service delivery.

D: CONCLUSIONS

i. Summary/Opinion of Organisations Overall Progress During Year:

Satisfactory progress in achieving outcomes.

E: COMPLETED BY

Lead Officer: Mark Meechan

Date: 01/12/15

FALKIRK COUNCIL : CORPORATE AND NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES
FOLLOWING THE PUBLIC POUND : ANNUAL REPORTING STATEMENT 2015/16

Organisation Name: CVS Falkirk & District	Project: Core Support Funding
Name of Lead Officer: Andrew Wilson	Current Agreement Dates: 1 April 2014 – 31 March 2015

A OVERALL ORGANISATION AIMS

Summary of Key Aims & Objectives

To support, develop and represent Third Sector organisations so that they can participate positively in the planning and delivery of high quality services across the Falkirk Council area, for the benefit of local people and communities.

List of Agreed Outcomes

This report covers the joint working agreement for 2014/15, although this has now been replaced by one covering 2015/16.

The specific objectives which CVS operated within for 2014/15 included:- .

1. Volunteering, social enterprise and third sector partnering make key contributions to the delivery of Falkirk's SOA and Strategic Community Plan;
2. CVS develops its performance against the Common Services Framework for TSIs. This is the framework used by the Scottish Government in determining the performance and effectiveness of all 32 TSI's across Scotland;
3. Develop and enhance the Community Care and Health Forum to effectively participate and engage with appropriate partners in the planning and delivery of services; and
4. Further develop the service to secure Best Value.

The 2014-15 JWA is aligned to the Scottish Government framework for TSI's.

Why Service/Project is Funded Externally Rather than by the Council

This isn't an area of service the Council can directly provide, as representation of Third Sector interests needs to be undertaken by an independent and impartial organisation. F-CVS also fulfil the role as the Third Sector Interface for the area

B ACTUAL PERFORMANCE vs. OBJECTIVES / AGREED OUTCOMES
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Summary of Key Achievements

- 797 people registered with CVS for volunteering. Of those who registered CVS facilitated 663 matches. The Volunteer Awards ceremony was attended by 450 people. During the year CVS presented 569 Saltire Awards to young volunteers, and 171 Celebration of Volunteering certificates for Forth Valley College students and school pupils.
- The regular Funders Fayre was held in Grangemouth in March 2015. This was attended 17 funders and 170 delegates. In addition to major events CVS is rolling out a programme of smaller outreach events into local communities. This will include giving continuing priority to

working with and supporting 'hard to reach' groups.

- During 2014/15 CVS has been a core member of the Falkirk Community Planning Partnership, particularly in helping to deliver the partnership's improvement programme. This included co-chairing the CPP's Participation and Engagement workstream with Community Learning and Development colleagues in Children's Services.
- CVS has supported 26 social entrepreneurs and organisations during 2014/15, and supported the establishment of the Falkirk District Social Enterprise Network. The network supports local social enterprises by:
 - Promoting social enterprise and socially enterprising organisations;
 - Signposting to specialist support; and
 - Providing learning events.
- One of the core roles of CVS is to help build the capacity of the local Third Sector. During 2014/15 CVS supported 16 local Third Sector organisations with a range of support including:
 - Funding;
 - Legal structure and constitution;
 - Governance;
 - Partnership working; and
 - Sustainability

Summary of Key Issues/ Challenges Facing Organisation

- CVS envisages continuing pressure on core funding and grant awards, into the foreseeable future, particularly with Councils expected to experience further funding reductions. In order to mitigate this, CVS will seek to innovate its service offer to public sector partners and to look to support Third Sector organisations more widely to offer sustainable and value for money service delivery solutions;
- Voluntary Action Scotland is undertaking a review of all 32 Third Sector Interfaces. The outcome of this review may significantly change what CVS locally is required to focus on; and
- A significant amount of the existing volunteering workload may move to an online based service offered by Volunteering Scotland, with CVS only being left by supported volunteering.

How has Organisation Contributed to Council/ Service Priorities

CVS continues to offer services to the local community in connection with volunteering, social enterprise and developing community organisations.

List any Areas where there has been Shortfall in Performance

CVS has renewed its Board membership and now has a full staff complement to face the increasing demands for its services.

The CVS website is now fully operational and all the agreed forums, including online forums have been established. No further performance shortfalls have been noted in the 4 x quarterly monitoring reviews undertaken during 2014/15.

How often are Review Meetings held with Lead Officer

Once per quarter with meetings minuted.

C FINANCIAL / RISK ASSESSMENT OVERVIEW

The following summary provides a list of the main sources of income for CVS.

Summary of CVS Income 2014 & 2015

Income Source	Total - 2014 (£)	Total - 2015 (£)
Council Core Funding	113,748	113,748
Other Council Funding	97,579	18,430
Scottish Government Core Funding	185,600	185,600
NHS Forth Valley Funding – Partnership Innovation Fund	325,884	154,546
NHS Forth Valley Funding – Other	35,000	66,883
Trading Income	67,762	21,200
Other Income	19,713	130,410
Total Income	845,286	690,817

Note: Extracted from the CVS audited accounts for 2014/15

CVS has highlighted the anticipated reductions in Council funding from 1 April 2015 onwards. During the financial year CVS experienced a reduction in generated income of 13%, although aligned expenditure was reduced by 21%. Both Council and Scottish Government core funding remained stable during the financial year. As an alternative to % reductions in both Council budgets which currently supports these services, CVS proposes the discontinuation of health and social care funding which currently stands at £18,430 in return for protection of core funding at existing levels.

Last Period of Submitted Audited Accounts

2014/15 – on-going financial position is monitored on a quarterly basis.

Future Risks (Financial, Operational or Structural) Faced by Organisation

The organisation is vulnerable should any of its key funders significantly reduce funding. This would have a direct impact on the number of people employed by CVS and present serious challenges in being able to deliver core services within the current agreement and in line with current demand.

During the year CVS directors reviewed its reserves policy and decided to maintain the current position, which requires maintaining reserves equivalent to 3 months unrestricted operating expenditure.

Overall Risk Rating (Low/Medium/High)

Medium – reflected in the regime of quarterly meetings which continues to monitor key risks.

D CONCLUSIONS**Summary/ Opinion of Organisations Overall Progress During Year**

The financial year 2014/15 has been a year of consolidation for CVS, with Board membership being refreshed and full staffing. This provides a platform to further progress and improve services. This will be underpinned by sustained stability during 2015/16 and beyond. CVS remains vulnerable to continued downward pressure on funding and will need to ensure that it fulfils its core priorities, particularly in improving representation of the Third Sector through the local interface.

The updated Joint Working Agreement for 2014-15 better aligns CVS activity with the key outcomes in Falkirk's Single Outcome Agreement.

E COMPLETED BY

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