

2 HOGMANAY GRANTS COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME 2015 (AN138-2015)

Following the first year of grant support for community celebrations it is reported that 10 applications were received and 9 grants were offered. In total £7,938 was awarded in grants to support Hogmanay 2014 events. In total 1,263 people benefited directly from the events which were supported.

A number of those who enquired about the availability of funding were unable to organise events in the timescale and it is anticipated that there will be a higher level of demand for community grants during 2015.

The spread of those benefitting from grant support ranged from events for older people, teenagers, the general public, and niche audiences.

A balance of £10,000 is carried forward from the allocation previously approved and it is recommended that the Hogmanay Grant Scheme be repeated for events which take place between 30th December 2015 and 3rd January 2016.

It is recommended that the maximum level of grant be increased from £2,500 to £3,000 but that applicants be expected to meet at least one third of the cost of the event.

With these exceptions the criteria will remain as previously approved.