



East Ayrshire
COUNCIL

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Organisation
**Hurlford and Crookedholm
Playgroup**

Reference Number
CG 4569

grant assessment form

1	Aims and objectives of the organisation	
		To provide a safe and stimulating environment where children can work in partnership to solve problems and create and develop their communication skills.
2	Purpose of the grant (including breakdown of costs)	
		The grant would be used to form 30m x 1.5m of tarmac link footpaths to the group's existing designated outside green play area which was the 1 st stage of the outside development. (This area is bordered off with metal fencing and gates.) To excavate and extend an additional existing tarmac play area and to re-surface existing play area. (This area is to the front of the disused coal bunkers at Hurlford Community Centre and is the 2 nd stage of their outside development) 3 quotes have been received with the most expensive being from Asset Improvement Services at a cost of £10,000 inclusive of fees and VAT. The group were advised that it would be EAC Roads Department who would be required to undertake the work.
3a	How many people are on the organisation's Management Committee?	8
3b	What is the organisation's total membership?	29
3c	How many members usually attend the organisation's meetings or events?	28 per session
3d	How many members of the organisation would benefit from the grant?	29
3e	How many members of the community would benefit from the grant?	The area is available for the use of the wider Hurlford community.
4	How will the grant :- (a) develop the organisation; or (b) benefit the local community.	
		The grant would enable the group to extend their outdoor play provision to provide areas which could be used in all weathers and with a variety of equipment safely and with easier access.
		The group have already made contact with the local gardening club regarding the possibility of partnership working to produce decorative planters with the children to enhance the look of the outside area.

All questions on this form must be completed

5	Total cost of project		£10,000
	Amount of grant requested		£2,950
	Bank Balance(s)	Date 25/3/10	£30,478.04
Where the group has more than one bank account all balances should be recorded			
	Cash in hand	Date 25/3/10	£207.70 (A large portion of this will be used to fund an Easter trip, party and Easter eggs.
	Value of any other financial assets	Date	£
Name of other funding sources			
Amount and date of grant			
	£	Date	

6 **If latest balance (including other financial assets) exceeds the cost of the project or is substantial, are these funds ring-fenced for the normal activities of the group or can they contribute to the cost of the project?**

The balance includes a funding cheque of £11,945.73 received to provide pre-school education for the current academic term in partnership with EAC. The group have recently recruited a new manager to meet Care Commission requirements who is due to start in the next couple of weeks; this is an additional salaried post. The balance in the groups bank account will be utilised for general running costs, to purchase equipment for the outside play areas including physical equipment, seating and planters and for the 3rd stage of their outside development which would be the cleaning and conversion of the old coal bunkers to provide for outside equipment storage as previously discussed with Margaret Meechan.

7 **Recommendation**

Support	Yes
Refuse	
Defer	
Amount Recommended	£2,950

Reason for recommendation

It is recommended that the group meet the balance of £7,050. A lease was originally drawn up for this ground by Development and Property Services in 2007 but this was then withdrawn as it was agreed by all parties involved that the area would be open for use by the wider community of Hurlford. The funding would enable the group to have the necessary works undertaken to this area to provide a safer access route to the green area and to provide a safer level hard surface area for wheeled toys etc. This would enhance the area and enable the group to extend their outside play activities which is an important aspect of the service they provide.

Management Risk Ranking <u> </u> / M / H	Child Protection Risk Ranking <u> </u> / M / H
<small>Risk Ranking based on Grant Application and Financial Information used to determine appropriate levels of monitoring and evaluation.</small>	<small>Applications with a HIGH ranking are not recommended for support</small>

8 **If there are any revenue implications how will they be met in future years?**

9 **Does the project represent value for money?** Yes No

10 **Cross boundary grant (if applicable) and division per committee (the calculation should identify the corresponding number of individuals within the respective Local Committee areas who will directly benefit from the grant award)**

	Nos	Amount	%
Northern Local Grants Committee	2	£203.44	7%
Central North Local Grants Committee	26	£2,644.84	90%
Central South Local Grants Committee			
Southern Local Grants Committee			
Other areas outwith EA	1	£101.72	3%
Method of Division	£2,950 divided by 29 children = £101.72 per child.		

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