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Dear Roy

There is presently a myriad of grants, the great majority of which are revenue funding of organisations which have been made for many years. My intention is to rationalise the grants budget into a single capital pot and aim to do away with revenue funding ASAP. I believe this will have a number of advantages:

1. This will remove the dependency culture of some organisations who would rather rely on HCC than go and raise their own money for running costs
2. We will fund mainly capital projects of which every one will be a good news story for HCC and individual Members
3. If we need to make savings on grants it is much easier to reduce a capital pot which will simply increase the competition element rather having a death by dozens of cuts in revenue streams

I hope you are happy with this approach to move from opaque revenue funding to transparent capital funding for specific schemes.

I have asked that the Select Committee Chairman and Vice Chairman are briefed and the Committee advised in the autumn. This would then start from 2019/2020.

Best wishes

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