



30 July 2025

Dear Applicant

Our Ref: FOI 861

Your request for information received on 18 July 2025 has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Request

1. *do you fund whiteabbey community centre.*
2. *For how many years have whiteabbey community centre received funding from nihe.*
3. *Do you know who benifits from any funding in whiteabbey community centre.*
4. *Do you know whiteabbey community centre is members only and therefore those non members in the community do not benofit from funding.*
5. *Who oversees where funding goes at whiteabbey community centre and that it is inclusive and shared fairness and equally within the community.*
6. *Who at whiteabbey community centre makes decisions on how the funding is distributed equally with fairness and inclusiveness.*
7. *How much funding has whiteabbey community centre received from nihe over last 15 years.*
8. *What was this funding used for.*
9. *Has whiteabbey community centre ever received donations or grants from nihe.*

Our response

1. *Do you fund whiteabbey community centre?*

The Housing Executive provide funding to active community groups across the South Antrim area. The Housing Executive have provided funding to Whiteabbey Community Centre following engagement, an application process and demonstration of benefit to Housing Executive tenants. If the application meets Housing Executive criteria it is then assessed and goes through stages of approval where it is deemed to be successful or unsuccessful. Each application is considered on its merit, and the funding is not recurrent.

2. *For how many years have Whiteabbey community centre received funding from nihe?*

The last funding received by Whiteabbey Community Centre from the Housing Executive was 5 years ago in June 2020 for an environmental project 'Our Shared Glen' for £1546. 90. Any previous funding received by Whiteabbey Community Group is a matter of public record.

3. *Do you know who benefits from any funding in whiteabbey community centre?*

Beneficiaries of any funded project are noted in the application including the number of Housing Executive beneficiaries, if the application is successful, the project is evidenced by Housing Staff for press release and recorded in a post project evaluation.

4. *Do you know whiteabbey community centre is members only and therefore those non members in the community do not benefit from funding.*

This is a statement and not a question, any concerns the person seeking the information has regarding the transparency of the groups actions should be addressed to the charities commission as previous funding has been verified by responsible Housing Executive staff member and governance information is checked by external organisation Supporting Communities.

5. *Who oversees where funding goes at whiteabbey community centre and that it is inclusive and shared fairness and equally within the community?*

The Housing Executive can only disclose its role in any funding provided. The Housing Executive staff monitor the progress and conclusion of any projects which successfully receive a funding award. Any funding provided by the Housing Executive must meet the criteria/ objectives in which it has been requested, inclusive of the members of the group, its committee and beneficiaries which is evidenced by Housing Staff for press release and recorded in a post project evaluation.

6. *Who at whiteabbey community centre makes decisions on how the funding is distributed equally with fairness and inclusiveness?*

The groups governance is verified before any application progresses. The Housing Executive provides funding to community groups based on the assessment completed upon the application. The request of the application is verified by Housing Executive staff based upon Housing Executive criteria, policy and procedure.

7. *How much funding has whiteabbey community centre received from nihe over last 15 years?*

8. *What was this funding used for?*

(Answer for questions 7 & 8) The Housing Executive has provided small grants to Whiteabbey Community Centre recorded from 2016-2020 as a matter of public record, for Covid support, environmental improvement, children's activities and senior citizen projects totalling - £6618.40

9. *Has whiteabbey community centre ever received donations or grants from nihe?*

Whiteabbey Community Group has not received donations from the Housing Executive as we do not provide donations. Any funding support has been listed in the answered question above as part of application process to the Housing Executive.

This concludes our response.