



AGENDA ITEM: 5(b)

CABINET: 13 JANUARY 2015

Report of: Transformation Manager

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SUBJECT: FUNDING OF VOLUNTARY & OTHER ORGANISATIONS WORKING GROUP

Wards affected: Borough wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To advise of the recommendations of the Funding of Voluntary and Other Organisations Cabinet Working Group meetings of 26 September and 16 December 2014 in respect of the presentations/written submissions received from the voluntary organisations in relation to the monitoring/evaluation of the service level agreements and the application for further funding received from the Lancashire West Citizens Advice Bureau.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 That the recommendations arising from the monitoring and evaluation of the Service Level Agreements by the Funding of Voluntary and Other Organisations Cabinet Working Group at its meeting on 16 December 2014 be endorsed as detailed in the minutes of the meeting attached at Appendix 2.

2.2 That funding be made available to the Lancashire West Citizens Advice Bureau of £48,425 per annum from 2015 in principle and determined when the budget is set on 25 February 2015. This funding be subject to a one year Grant Agreement.

3.0 BACKGROUND

a) Monitoring Service Level Agreements

- 3.1 The Funding of Voluntary and Other Organisations Working Group met on 26 September this year and resolved to undertake the monitoring and evaluation of the service level agreements by way of written representations from those groups in receipt of revenue funding. At this meeting a representative of the West Lancashire Dial A Ride Association provided an oral monitoring/evaluation report to the Working Group.
- 3.2 Following the meeting the voluntary organisations were requested to submit written representations and were provided with an opportunity to meet with the Working Group when the monitoring/evaluation submission would be considered.
- 3.3 The Funding of Voluntary and Other Organisations Working Group met on 16 December 2014 to consider the submissions and to receive an oral presentation from a representative of Disability Advice West Lancashire who had requested to meet with the Working Group. No other organisations had requested to meet with Members on this occasion.

b) Application for further funding

- 3.4 At its meeting on 26 September 2014 the Working Group also received an application for further funding from the Lancashire West Citizens Advice Bureau for 2015 onwards and received a presentation from their representative in support of the application.
- 3.5 The Working Group considered the application at its meeting on 16 December 2014.
- 3.6 The minutes of the meetings containing the recommendations to Cabinet, are attached as an Appendix to this report.

4.0 FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The total grants recommended to be made in 2015-2016 amount to £136,234 which will be accommodated within the current budget provision.

5.0 COMMENTS OF THE TRANSFORMATION MANAGER

- 5.1 The Working Group considered the monitoring/evaluation submissions from each of the voluntary organisations together with the oral presentation from the Disability Advice West Lancashire and indicated that no further submission/meetings with the Organisations was required.
- 5.2 The application for funding of the Lancashire West Citizens Advice Bureau was considered in line with the judgement with criteria approach and on merit. Members were minded to continue funding this organisation at the current level

by way of a one year Grant Agreement in order to provide consistency with the Agreements with the other voluntary organisations. The duration of all the Agreements will end on 31 March 2016.

- 5.3 The level of funding recommended by the Working Group to each individual voluntary organisation can be accommodated within the current budget.

Background Documents

The following background documents (as defined in Section 100D (5) of the Local Government Act 1972) have been relied on to a material extent in preparing this Report.

Monitoring/Evaluation Submissions

Age UK

West Lancashire Council for Voluntary Service

West Lancashire Dial A Ride Association

Relate – Lancashire & Cumbria

Victim Support - Lancashire

Application

Lancashire West Citizens Advice Bureau

Equality Impact Assessment

There is a significant direct impact on members of the public, employees, elected members and / or stakeholders. Therefore an Equality Impact Assessment is required. A formal equality impact assessment is attached as an Appendix to this report, the results of which have been taken into account in the Recommendations contained within this report.

Appendices

1. Equality Impact Assessment
2. Minutes of the Funding of Voluntary & Other Organisations Working Group held on 26 September 2014
3. Minutes of the Funding of Voluntary & Other Organisations Working Group held on 16 December 2014