

**APPENDIX 3**

**FUNDING OF VOLUNTARY AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS CABINET WORKING GROUP**

HELD: 16 DECEMBER 2014

Start: 10.00am

Finish: 11.15am

**PRESENT:**

Councillors: Ashcroft (Chairman)

Westley  
Mrs C Evans

Officers: Transformation Manager (Mr S Walsh)  
Treasury Management and Service Accountant (Mr J Smith)  
Principal Member Services Officer (Mrs S Griffiths)

In attendance: Sandy Brown (Vice Chair – Disability Advice West Lancashire)  
Tony Lewis (Manager – Disability Advice West Lancashire)

**7. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillor S Bailey.

**8. MEMBERSHIP OF THE WORKING GROUP**

There were no changes to membership of the Working Group.

**9. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**10. MINUTES**

RESOLVED That the minutes of the last meeting of the Working Group held on 26 September 2014 be approved as a correct record.

**11. ANNUAL MONITORING OF REVENUE GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS AND APPLICATION FOR FUNDING FROM 2015 ONWARDS FROM THE LANCASHIRE WEST CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU**

Consideration was given to the report of the Transformation Manager in relation to the above. He reminded Members that the Working Group had previously agreed to undertake monitoring of the Service Level Agreements by way of written representations, and that a request to meet with the Working Group had been received from Disability Advice West Lancashire.

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Tony Lewis and Sandy Brown made a presentation to the Working Group. Tony Lewis provided a brief background of the service referring to the number of years in operation, accreditations awarded, the services offered for disabled people and carers in West Lancashire. He went on to report upon the organisations:-

- Business plan for 2016 onwards
- Performance management framework
- Rebranding/introduction of membership scheme/client focus group
- Clients and income generated
- Expansion of trustees
- Uniqueness
- Outcomes
- Volunteers

Sandy Brown reported upon the organisation's governance and future projects and particularly referred to the use of social media in service delivery.

The Chairman thanked Tony Lewis and Sandy Brown for their attendance.

RECOMMENDED (A) That Cabinet be requested to:-

i) continue funding the following voluntary organisations in accordance with the terms contained within the Service Level Agreements:-

- a) Age UK Lancashire (£12,136)
- b) Disability Advice West Lancashire (£5,920)
- c) Relate Lancashire & Cumbria (£3,545)
- d) West Lancashire Dial A Ride Association (£28,575)
- e) Victim Support Lancashire (£4,854)

ii) continue funding the West Lancashire Council for Voluntary Service (£32,779) subject to the receipt of satisfactory financial statements.

(B) That a grant of £48,425 be made to the Lancashire West Citizens Advice Bureau by way of a one year Grant Agreement.

(C) That the Transformation Manager be requested to arrange a visit to the Voluntary Organisations by Members of the Working Group.

## **12. EQUALITY & DIVERSITY**

The Transformation Manager provided an update of the Working Group.