

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

**HELD: 15 DECEMBER 2015**

Start: 6.00pm

Finish: 7.20pm

**PRESENT:**

Councillors: Dowling (Chairman)  
Davis (Vice Chairman)  
Owen West

Officers: Transformation Manager (Mr S Walsh)  
Capital and Service Accountant (Mrs S Samosa)  
Principal Member Services Officer (Mrs S Griffiths)

**6. APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies for absence.

**7. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**8. MINUTES**

RESOLVED That the minutes of the last meeting of the Working Group held on 10 August 2015 be approved as a correct record.

**9. APPLICATIONS FROM VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS FOR REVENUE FUNDING FROM 2016 ONWARDS**

Consideration was given to the report of the Transformation Manager which provided details of applications from voluntary organisations for revenue funding from 2016 onwards.

He reported upon the voluntary organisations that were currently in receipt of funding from the Council until 2016 and the current budget for this provision and indicated that the applications received for funding for the financial year 2016 far exceeded the amount within this budget.

He went on to remind Members of the revised mechanism for awarding funding that had previously been agreed by the Working group and provided a summary of how (or otherwise) the applicants had met the eligibility criteria. He also provided an analysis of each organisation's financial situation and business plan, together with the other information submitted by the applicants, for example in relation to Health & Safety and Equality & Diversity etc..

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In accordance with the mechanism Members were requested to consider whether each application had met the eligibility criteria and to score and prioritise the applications and make recommendations to Cabinet.

Prior to consideration of the applications discussion ensued on possible future mechanisms for funding of voluntary organisations from 2017 onwards and in particular the exploration of the adoption of a commissioning style approach.

RESOLVED (A) That in accordance with the priority list, Cabinet be recommended to:-

i) approve the following funding by way of a one year Grant Agreements to:-

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| • Lancashire West CAB  | £50,000 |
| • Dial A Ride Association  | £28,575 |
| • WL CVS   | £32,500 |
| (subject to receipt of a satisfactory Health & Safety policy in accordance with the Council's Health & Safety Manager's recommendations /financial statements) |         |
| • Disability Advice WL   | £ 5,900 |
| • Bereavement Counselling Services   | £ 5,922 |
| • West Lancs. Ark  | £18,000 |
| (subject to receipt of satisfactory Health & Safety policy in accordance with the Council's Health & Safety Manger's recommendations)                          |         |

ii) Advise the following organisations that funding is not available due to their position on the priority list:-

- Age UK
- Lancashire Community Finance
- Timesavers

iii) Refuse the following applications for the reasons indicated:-

- Communities in Action NW (not met eligibility criteria – in having not provided end of year financial statements)

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- Forward Motion Art CiC (not met eligibility criteria – in having not provided current end of year financial statements)
- Homestart (not met eligibility criteria – inadequate health & safety policy)
- Learning Stars (not met eligibility criteria – in not having provided satisfactory financial statements nor business plan)
- Relate – Lancashire (not met eligibility criteria – Inadequate health & safety policy)

- (B) That Cabinet be requested to consider a growth bid of £4,560 to the Funding of Voluntary Organisations budget in order to provide one year grants to the voluntary organisations listed in A) i) above. If the growth bid is not achieved the proposed grants to the Lancashire West CAB and the Lancashire Dial A Ride Association both be reduced by £2,000 and the grant proposed to the West Lancashire CVS be reduced by £1,000.
- (C) That the applicants be advised that the recommendations of the Working Group will not guarantee funding, but will form part of considerations when the Council's budget is agreed on 24 February 2016.