

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

HELD: 10 AUGUST 2015

START: 10.00AM

FINISH: 10.30AM

PRESENT:

Councillors: Dowling (Chairman)
Davis
Owen
West

Officers: Transformation Manager (Mr S Walsh)
Principal Member Services Officer (Mrs S Griffiths)

1. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors Davis and Dowling declared non-pecuniary interests in agenda item 5 (Review of Revenue Funding to Voluntary Organisations) in view of their appointments by the Council to the West Lancashire Council for Voluntary Service.

3. MINUTES

RESOLVED That the minutes of the last meeting of the Working Group held on 16 December 2014 be agreed.

4. TERMS OF REFERENCE

Consideration was given to the Terms of Reference of the Working Group.

RESOLVED That the Terms of Reference be noted.

5. REVIEW OF REVENUE FUNDING TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS

Consideration was given to the report of the Transformation Manager which outlined options for a revised mechanism of funding to voluntary organisations from April 2016 onwards. He explained how grants were currently awarded and reviewed and reported that the findings of an equality health check and recent advice had provided an opportunity to revise the current mechanism and proposed that option 2 as outlined in the report would be an appropriate way forward.

- RESOLVED
- A. That the Transformation Manager under his delegated authority revise the mechanism for the making of grants to voluntary organisations in line with Option 2 outlined in Appendix A to the report.
 - B. That in order to achieve best use of resources, determination of the amount of grant (if any) to be allocated to individual voluntary organisations be undertaken after the applications have been received.
 - C. That Cabinet be recommended to award the grants from April 2016 by way of a one year Grant Agreement and a further review be undertaken in relation to the allocation mechanism for 2017/2018 onwards.
 - D. That the Transformation Manager be requested to arrange visits to the voluntary organisations in receipt of funding in 2016/2017 by Members of the Working Group.