



AGENDA ITEM: 4(a)

CABINET: 2 FEBRUARY 2016

Report of: Interim Borough Transformation Manager

Relevant Managing Director: Managing Director (Transformation)

Relevant Portfolio Holder: Councillor Y Gagen

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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 10 August, 15 December 2015 and 14 January 2016 in respect of the applications for one year revenue funding from 2016.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the recommendations arising from the scoring of the applications received from voluntary organisations for one year revenue funding from April 2016 onwards by the Funding of Voluntary and Other Organisations Cabinet Working Group at its meeting on 14 January 2016 be endorsed as detailed in the minutes of the meeting attached at Appendix 4
- 2.2 That the call-in procedure is not appropriate for this item as the recommendations of the Working Group form part of the considerations when the Council's budget is finalised on 24 February 2016.

3.0 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The current grant agreements/service level agreements with the voluntary organisations currently funded by the Council expire on 31 March 2016.

- 3.2 The Working Group met on 10 August 2015 to consider options for an approach to revenue funding to voluntary organisations from 1 April 2016 onwards.
- 3.3 The Working Group resolved to advertise the availability of the funding in line with the Equality & Diversity agenda. Accordingly, a notice was posted on the Council's website and in the local press. Subsequently a scoring mechanism was adopted to formulate a priority list of applicants.

4.0 CURRENT POSITION

- 4.1 14 applications for revenue funding were received and the Working Group met on 15 December 2015 and 14 January 2016 to score and prioritise and make recommendations as to the amount of funding (or otherwise) to award.
- 4.2 The minutes of the meetings containing the recommendations to Cabinet, are attached as an Appendix to this report.

5.0 FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The total grants recommended by the Working Group to be made in 2016-2017 exceed the current budget by £1,840 and have recommended a growth bid.

6.0 COMMENTS OF THE INTERIM BOROUGH TRANSFORMATION MANAGER

- 6.1 The Working Group were provided with details of how (or otherwise) the applicants had met the eligibility criteria, an analysis of each of the organisation's financial statements and business plan together with a commentary on each of the applicants health & safety policy.
- 6.2 Applicants have been advised of the Working Group's recommendations and that funding is not guaranteed but will form part of considerations when the Council's budget is finalised on 24 February 2016.

Background Documents

There are no background documents (as defined in Section 100D(5) of the Local Government Act 1972) to this report.

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 10 August 2015
3. Minutes of the Funding of Voluntary & Other Organisations Working Group held on 15 December 2015
4. Minutes of the Funding of Voluntary & Other Organisations Working Group held on 14 January 2016