

FUNDING OF VOLUNTARY AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS CABINET WORKING GROUP

HELD: 14 JANUARY 2016

Start: 6.00pm

Finish: 6.40pm

PRESENT:

Councillors: Dowling (Chairman)
Owen
West

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

10. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Davis.

11. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

12. MINUTES

RESOLVED That the minutes of the last meeting of the Working Group held on 15 December 2015 be approved as a correct record.

13. APPLICATION FROM VOLUNTARY ORGANISATION FOR REVENUE FUNDING

Consideration was given to the report of the Transformation Manager which provided further details in respect of the application for revenue funding from 1 April 2016 onwards received from Homestart Central Lancashire.

He indicated that since the meeting of the Working Group on 15 December 2015 further information that had been submitted with their original application had been identified and the application now met the eligibility criteria. He requested the Working Group to consider the application in accordance with the process adopted in relation to the other applications and to revise the priority list and make recommendations to Cabinet.

He further provided an analysis of the organisation's financial situation and business plan together with the supporting information submitted by the applicant.

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

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

- Lancashire West CAB £ 45,000
- Dial A Ride Association £ 25,720
- WL CVS £ 29,250
(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 £ 5,310
- Bereavement Counselling Services £ 5,330
- West Lancs. Ark £16,200
(subject to receipt of satisfactory Health & Safety policy in accordance with the Council's Health & Safety Manager's recommendations)
- Homestart Central Lancashire £11,270
- (subject to confirmation that grant funding is to be used in West Lancashire)

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)
- Forward Motion Art CiC (not met eligibility criteria – in having not provided end of year financial statements)
- 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)

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- (B) That Cabinet be requested to consider a growth bid of £1,840 to the Funding of Voluntary Organisations budget in order to provide one year grants to the voluntary organisations listed in A) i) above.
- (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.