

**FUNDING OF VOLUNTARY BODIES &
OTHER ORGANISATIONS CABINET
WORKING GROUP**

HELD: Wednesday, 22 February 2023

Start: 5.32 pm
Finish: 5.40 pm

PRESENT:

Councillor: G Dowling (Chairman)
C Coughlan (Vice Chairman)

Councillors: A Fowler P Burnside
G Clandon

Officers: Simon Kirby, Head of Wellbeing and Place Services
Kathryn Moffitt, Community & Wellbeing Manager
Elizabeth Morgan, Digital Communications Manager
Kirsty Breakell, Democratic Services Officer

1 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies received.

2 MEMBERSHIP OF THE WORKING GROUP

There were no changes to the membership of the Working Group.

3 FUNCTIONS OF THE CABINET WORKING GROUP

The functions of the Funding of Voluntary Bodies Cabinet Working Group were agreed as :

Functions:

- (a) From time to time as appropriate to review the Council's mechanisms for the making of revenue grants to the Voluntary and Other Organisations with whom it has SLA's and to devise and recommend appropriate allocation systems giving due consideration to the views of the organisations concerned and also best practice.
- (b) To assess the level of funding currently made to the individual organisations with a view to achieving value for money and the sustainability of the voluntary sector and to recommend the level of grant to be made to the individual organisations for the next financial year. In particular to examine the possibility of 3 year funding which would give the organisations greater financial stability.
- (c) To monitor the Compact with Voluntary Organisations and the Service Level Agreements with funded organisations.
- (d) To consider a unified mechanism for the making of Arts and Sports, Community Safety and Community Chest grants.
- (e) To review the information/publicity produced and to examine the production of joint publicity (i.e. Community Chest, Arts and Sports and Community Safety Grants) with a view to improving promotion and information on the availability of Council grants.

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations Of Interest.

5 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Working Group held on 24 September 2019, be agreed as a correct record.

6 COMMUNITY VOLUNTARY GRANTS

Consideration was given to the report of the Director of Transformation, Housing and Resources contained on pages 7-12 of the Book of Reports, which sought to provide members with an update in relation to the funding of Voluntary Bodies and other Organisations during 2020 – 2023 and to seek Members approval to issue new grant awards for the 12-month period, April 2023 – March 2024.

RESOLVED:

- A. That the current model for issuing grant funding, moves from a three-year award (with funding distributed at the beginning of each 12-month period) to an initial 12-month grant agreement.
- B. Subject to meeting the new specification requirements, two new grants are awarded totalling £50,000 each to the Birchwood Centre and the Citizen Advice West Lancashire, for a period of 12 months from 1st April 23 – 31st March 24.
- C. The Corporate Director of Transformation, Housing and Resources in consultation with the Portfolio Holder, be given delegated authority to approve service specifications and make inconsequential administrative amendments to the scheme going forwards.
- D. Following satisfaction of specification requirements, the Corporate Director of Transformation Housing and Resources in consultation with the Portfolio Holder, be authorised to issue the grants in accordance with the scheme of delegation