

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

**HELD: Thursday, 6 October 2016**

Start: 9.00 am  
Finish: 11.40am

**PRESENT:**

Councillor: G Dowling (Chairman)

Councillors: J Davis Y Gagen  
G Owen D West

Officers: Borough Transformation Manager & Deputy Director of Housing and Inclusion (Mr S Walsh)  
Strategic Housing Manager (Mr S Jones)  
Service Accountant (Mrs K Samosa)  
Principal Member Services Officer (Mrs S Griffiths)

Also Present: Mr T Lewis (Disability Advice West Lancashire)  
Mrs D Gradwell & Mr G Simpson (Lancashire West CAB)  
Mr G Mitten & Ms J Bradley (West Lancashire CVS)

**9 APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies for absence.

**10 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Davis declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 4 (Evaluation and Monitoring of Grant Agreements – West Lancashire CVS) as a former Trustee of Wigan and Leigh Council for Voluntary Service.

**11 MINUTES**

RESOLVED That the minutes of the last meeting of the Working Group held on 23 September 2016 be approved as a correct record.

**12 EVALUATION AND MONITORING OF GRANT AGREEMENTS**

Further to the meetings of the Working Group held on 21 July 2016 and 23 September 2016 the Borough Transformation Manager and Deputy Director of Housing and Inclusion reported upon the monitoring/evaluation requirements contained within the Grant Agreements with the voluntary organisations in receipt of revenue funding for 2016/17.

Representatives from the Voluntary Organisations were invited to the meeting to make a presentation to the Working Group and Members of the Working Group were given an opportunity to raise questions/comments on issues relating to the monitoring/evaluation of the Grant Agreements.

RESOLVED (A) That in relation to the following organisations:-

- i) Disability Advice West Lancashire  
Full payment of grant for 2016-17 be confirmed subject to receipt of satisfactory financial statements
  - ii) Lancashire West Citizens Advice Bureau  
Full payment of grant for 2016-17 be confirmed subject to receipt of satisfactory financial statements
  - iii) West Lancashire CVS  
Full payment of grant for 2016-17 be confirmed subject to receipt of satisfactory financial statements
- (B) That officers be requested to submit a growth bid of a sum of up to £5,000 in respect of the Revenue Funding for Voluntary Organisations Budget, in order to support the costs of the engagement of a consultant to explore commissioning models for revenue grants to voluntary organisations within the Borough.

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**Chairman**