

FUNDING OF VOLUNTARY & OTHER ORGANISATIONS WORKING GROUP

HELD: Wednesday, 14 December 2016

Start: 10.00 am

Finish: 11.15 am

PRESENT:

Councillor: G Dowling (Chairman)

Councillors: Councillor Y Gagen
Councillor G Owen

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)

13 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Davis and West.

14 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Dowling declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 4 (Applications for Revenue Funding 2017-18 – Application from Alzheimer’s Research) as an employee of Alzheimers’ Society.

15 **MINUTES**

RESOLVED That the minutes of the last meeting of the Working Group held on 6 October 2016 be approved as a correct record.

16 **APPLICATIONS FOR REVENUE FUNDING 2017-18**

Consideration was given to the report of the Borough Transformation Manager and Deputy Director of Housing and Inclusion which provided details of applications received from voluntary organisations for revenue funding from April 2017-March 2018.

He reminded Members of the voluntary organisations that were currently funded by the Council until March 2017 and of the current budget provision and indicated that the total sum of applications received far exceed the amount within this budget.

In accordance with the adopted mechanism for revenue grant funding he provided a summary of how (or otherwise) the applicants had met the eligibility criteria together

with an analysis of each applicants financial situation, business plan and appropriate policies.

Members scored and prioritised the applications in accordance with the adopted mechanism and made recommendations accordingly.

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

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

West Lancashire CVS (subject to receipt of Satisfactory financial Statements)	29,250
Homestart Central Lancs	11,270
Lancashire West CAB	43,160
WL Dial A Ride Assn	25,720
Disability Advice WL	8,510
Bereavement Counselling	5,330
West Lancs. ARK	13,000

- ii) Advise the following applicants that funding is not available due to their position on the priority list

The Sewing Room
Learning Stars
Evermore Enterprises
Lathom Almshouse

- iii) Refuse the following applications as they have not met the eligibility criteria for the following reasons:-

Skelmersdale & District Foodbank (not provided an adequate health & safety policy)
Listening Hands Therapy (not provided end of year financial statements/premature – newly formed organisation)
Moorgate Guides (not provided an adequate Health & safety policy)
Alzheimer's Research UK (not provided end of year financial statements/not demonstrated how it directly benefits the residents of West Lancashire)

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WL Pensioners Forum (not provided an adequate Health
& safety policy/business plan)

Devine Days (not provided adequate health & safety
policy)

- (B) 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 22 February 2017.