



CABINET: 9 JANUARY 2018

Report of: Director of Housing and Inclusion

Relevant Portfolio Holder: Councillor C Cooper

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**SUBJECT: FUNDING OF VOLUNTARY BODIES & OTHER ORGANISATIONS
WORKING GROUP**

Wards affected: Borough wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To advise Cabinet of the recommendations of the Funding of Voluntary and Other Organisations Cabinet Working Group (Working Group) meetings of 19 October and 13 December 2017 in respect of the monitoring arrangements for the current grant recipients and the applications for one year revenue funding for 2018/2019.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 That subject to 2.2 below, the recommendations arising from the scoring of the applications received from voluntary organisations for one year revenue funding from April 2018 by the Funding of Voluntary and Other Organisations Cabinet Working Group at its meeting on 13 December 2017 be endorsed as detailed in the minutes of the meeting attached at Appendix 3.

2.2 That Applicants be advised of Cabinet's recommendations and that funding is not guaranteed but will form part of considerations when the Council's budget is finalised on 28 February 2018.

3.0 BACKGROUND

3.1 The current grant agreements with the voluntary organisations currently funded by the Council expire on 31 March 2018.

- 3.2 The Working Group met on 19 October 2017 to consider options for an approach to revenue funding to voluntary organisations from 1 April 2018 onwards and to determine how the monitoring arrangements within the Grant Agreements were to be undertaken.
- 3.3 The Working Group resolved to undertake monitoring/evaluation arrangements by way of written representations from the voluntary organisations.
- 3.4 The Working Group resolved to extend the mechanism adopted last year to determine revenue grant applications for the forthcoming financial year 2018-19.

4.0 CURRENT POSITION

- 4.1 22 applications for revenue funding were received, one of which did not fulfil the eligibility criteria. The Working Group met on 13 December 2017 to score and prioritise the applications and to 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 2018-2019 are within the current budget.

6.0 COMMENTS OF THE DIRECTOR OF HOUSING AND INCLUSION

- 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 In order to provide three months' notice to any organisation that may not be successful in securing further funding from the Council, all applicants have been advised of the Working Group's recommendations.

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 19 October 2017
3. Minutes of the Funding of Voluntary & Other Organisations Working Group held on 13 December 2017.