

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

HELD: Thursday, 19 October 2017

Start: 3.00 pm

Finish: 4.15 pm

PRESENT:

Councillor: J Davis (Vice Chairman in
the Chair)

Councillors: J Davis C Cooper
Y Gagen D West
T Devine

1 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Dowling.

2 MEMBERSHIP OF THE WORKING GROUP

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 4, the Working Group noted the termination of membership of Councillor Owen and the appointment of Councillor Devine respectively for this meeting only, giving effect to the wishes of the Political Groups.

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

4 REVIEW OF REVENUE FUNDING - CONSULTANTS' REPORT

Consideration was given to the report of the Borough Transformation Manager & Deputy Director of Housing and Inclusion which presented the report of Pulse Consultants who had been engaged by the Council to explore future development options in respect of revenue funding to voluntary organisations.

At the invitation of the Chairman, representatives of Pulse Consultants presented their report to the Working Group and responded to questions from Members and Officers.

In summarising his report the Borough Transformation Manager & Deputy Director of Housing and Inclusion indicated that the Pulse Consultants had produced a comprehensive and objective report that had provided options/ideas for officers to research and develop. He referred to revenue funding to voluntary organisations from April 2018 and sought Members' views in this regard.

RESOLVED A. That Pulse Consultants be thanked for their report.

B. That the mechanism currently adopted for revenue funding to voluntary organisations be applied for applications for funding

from April 2018-March 2019.

- C. That officers undertake further research into options for the development of a new mechanism for the allocation of revenue funding to voluntary organisations from April 2019 onwards, and report back to a future meeting of the Working Group.

5 EVALUATION AND MONITORING OF GRANT AGREEMENTS

Consideration was given to the report of the Borough Transformation Manager & Deputy Director of Housing and Inclusion on monitoring arrangements in respect of the current Grant Agreements with the voluntary organisations currently in receipt of revenue funding for 2017-2018.

RESOLVED That the monitoring clause 8.1(c) in the Grant Agreements with the voluntary organisations currently in receipt of revenue funding be waived and monitoring and evaluation of the Grant Agreements 2017-2018 be by way of written representations in accordance with the requirements contained within the Agreements together with the inclusions of the additional information as outlined in paragraph 3.3 to the report.

6 BOROUGH TRANSFORMATION MANAGER & DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF HOUSING AND INCLUSION

The Borough Transformation Manager & Deputy Director of Housing and Inclusion announced that this would be the final meeting of the working group he would be attending before he left the Council. He expressed his thanks to Members and Officers for their continued support over many years.

In his response the Chairman expressed his thanks on behalf of the Working Group for his service to the Council.