

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

**HELD: Wednesday, 13 December
2017**

Start: 5.30pm

Finish: 7.20pm

PRESENT:

Councillor: G Dowling (Chairman)

Councillors: J Davis C Cooper
Y Gagen P Cotterill

Officers: Group Accountant (Mr P. Quick)
Principal Member Services Officer (Mrs S Griffiths)

7 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Owen.

8 MEMBERSHIP OF THE WORKING GROUP

There were no changes to membership of the Working Group.

9 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Cooper declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 6 (Applications from Voluntary Organisations for revenue funding for 2018-19) in relation to applications received from Learning Stars and the Burscough Community Farm due to her association with these organisations.

10 MINUTES

RESOLVED That the minutes of the last meeting of the Working Group held on 19 October 2017 be agreed as a correct record.

11 MONITORING AND EVALUATION OF GRANT AGREEMENTS 2017-2018

Further to the meeting of the Working Group held on 19 October 2017 the 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 2017/18. The written submissions received by the voluntary organisations were considered by the Working Group.

RESOLVED That the final payment of grant for 2017-18 for the following voluntary organisations be confirmed:-

- a) Lancashire West Citizens Advice Bureau
- b) Disability Advice West Lancashire
- c) West Lancashire Dial A Ride Association
- d) Homestart – Central Lancashire

- e) Bereavement Counselling Service
- f) West Lancs. ARK
- g) West Lancashire CVS

**12 APPLICATIONS FROM VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS FOR REVENUE
FUNDING FOR 2018-19**

Consideration was given to the report of the Director of Housing and Inclusion which provided details of applications received from voluntary organisations for revenue funding from April 2018-March 2019.

She reminded Members of the voluntary organisations that were currently funded by the Council until March 2018 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 she provided a summary of how (or otherwise) the applicants had met the eligibility criteria together with an analysis of each applicant's financial position, business plan and appropriate policies. The Working Group were advised that all the Health and Safety policies included within the applications had been approved by the Council's Health and Safety Manager.

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 for 2018-19 by way of a one year Grant Agreement to the following voluntary organisations:

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West Lancs. Disability Advice	8,500
WL CVS	25,000
WL Dial A Ride Association	25,000
SW Lancs. Independent Advice Network	15,000
WL CAB	40,000
WL ARK	9,000
Homestart Central Lancs.	9,000
Bereavement Counselling	3,500
BDS Training	1,240

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

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Artz for All
Lancashire Community Finance
Nifty Fifties
Learning Starts
The Sewing Rooms
Sporting Challenge
Third Way
WL Debt Advice

Age UK
Womens Refuge
Burscough Community Farm

- iii) That the application from Skelmersdale Action for Youth be refused as it did not meet the eligibility criteria due to the relevant documents not being submitted with the application.
- (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 28 February 2018.

