

WARDS AFFECTED:
ALL

ITEM No

WEST AREA COMMITTEE

**AREA COMMITTEES
15 MARCH 2006**

**JOINT REPORT OF CORPORATE DIRECTOR OF NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES,
CORPORATE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES AND HEALTH AND CORPORATE
DIRECTOR OF CITY DEVELOPMENT**

**VOLUNTARY SECTOR RECURRING GRANT AID PROGRAMME – CORPORATE
SINGLE GATEWAY**

1 SUMMARY

The Single Gateway is the Corporate process for all grant aid requests. A report was agreed in principle at the Executive Board 20th December 2005 subject to comments from Area Committees. Information on affected voluntary and community groups which are located in your Area are contained in the appendix to this report.

2 RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Area Committee consider and comment on proposals for recurring grant aid contained within the attached appendix which lists community groups which are located in your area.

3 BACKGROUND

3.1. Executive Board on the 20th December 2005, approved in principal recurring grant aid proposals, subject to comments from the relevant Area Committees in which the affected voluntary and community groups are located. Attached is a copy of a summary sheet of the voluntary and community groups in your Area. Each funding department published the criteria for their service area within the application pack. Application packs were circulated and distributed during August and September 2005. Further information on the criteria used can be obtained from the contact officers.

3.2 Within the Social Services related grants to the Executive Board Report there is £31,866.50 unallocated funds. Social Services have identified a need for a BME service and/or an Older Person service. Before a final decision is taken on the allocation of this funding, Social Services propose to re-appraise the applications that they have already received against the Council's strategic and service priorities, and corporate and service criteria. A further report will be presented to the Executive Board March 2006

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None

5 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

Grant aid benefits a wide and diverse range of voluntary and community groups and projects, many providing services and activities for disadvantaged sections of the

population. Voluntary and community groups are key partners in a community cohesion strategy and the sustainable regeneration of communities (both geographically and identity based). An important element of a community cohesion strategy is to ensure that all the allocation of funding through grant aid and is equitable, and that the Council and all sections of the population are clear why resources have been allocated to certain voluntary and community groups. It is proposed that a review is undertaken to the staff support given by Community Services to B.M.E groups

6 List of background papers other than published works or those disclosing confidential or exempt information

Individual application forms and prepared schedules for each department.

7 Published documents referred to in compiling this report

Joint report of Corporate Director of Neighbourhood Services, Corporate Director of Social Services and Health and Corporate Director of City development – Voluntary Sector Recurring Grant Aid Programme Corporate Single Gateway

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List of Organisations within Report AreaCOMMUNITY

	Current			Recommendations			
Broxtowe Partnership Trust			23,178	0	0		Will be eligible for Neighbourhood Management Funding
Totals			23,178	0	0		
Play							
Youth							
Birchover Sports & Community Group	18,341	18,341	0	0	18,341		No application made
The Zone	30,524	30,524	31,220	24,200	6,324		Fund the cost of salaries. Contribution towards rent internally
YMCA - Aspley	23,348	23,348	111,257	30,070	-6,722		Contribution towards staffing. A review to take place during 2006
Total	77,213	72,213	142,477	54,270	17,943		

HOUSING

None

SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

None

DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Organisation	Current Funding 2005/06 (£)	Score	Funding Requested (£)	Funding Recommended (£)
BEST	29,500	72	40,000	40,000*