

EXECUTIVE BOARD – COMMISSIONING SUB-COMMITTEE**12 MARCH 2014**

Subject:	Communities of Identity Commissioning (Established Communities)		
Director(s):	Candida Brudenell - Director Quality and Commissioning		
Portfolio Holder(s):	Councillor Liversidge, Portfolio Holder for Commissioning and the Voluntary Sector		
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Key Decision	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Reasons: Expenditure <input type="checkbox"/> Income <input type="checkbox"/> Savings <input type="checkbox"/> of £1,000,000 or more taking account of the overall impact of the decision	Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Capital <input type="checkbox"/>		
Significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in an area consisting of two or more wards in the City	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		
Subject to call-in <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes No <input type="checkbox"/>	Total value of the decision: £0		
Relevant Council Plan Strategic Priority:	Wards affected: All		
World Class Nottingham	<input type="checkbox"/>	Date of consultation with Portfolio Holder(s): 5 November 2013 16 December 2013 21 January 2014 25 February 2014	
Work in Nottingham	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Safer Nottingham	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Neighbourhood Nottingham	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Family Nottingham	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Healthy Nottingham	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Leading Nottingham	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Summary of issues (including benefits to citizens/service users):			
On 10 July 2013 the Executive Board Commissioning Sub-Committee agreed to move to a more streamlined model of grant funding for Communities of Identity (COI) and agreed to commission lead organisations to deliver outcomes for each of the priority groups. The benefits of this include greater transparency and accessibility for the COI, an outcomes-based system that clearly demonstrates impact and the opportunity to respond to the diversity of Nottingham City.			
This reports recommends:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nottingham Equal and the Pakistan Centre as joint Lead Organisations for the Established City Wide Communities priority. 			
Recommendation(s):			
1. Agree Nottingham Equal and the Pakistan Centre to be the joint Lead Organisations for the priority group Established Communities			

1 BACKGROUND (INCLUDING OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION)

- 1.1 Historically, a number of different grant programmes to COI were administered by Nottingham City Council. The grant programmes had been run in a range of different ways and had been in place for up to 20 years in some cases. During that time, there have been a number of new and emerging communities who have not been able to access this support.
- 1.2 Five applications were received against the three priority groups. After initial assessment and scoring of applications Gender and Sexual Orientation and New and Emerging / Refugee and Asylum Seeker priorities were able to be considered by the Grant Panel and recommendations made in December 2013. However, the applications for the priority of Established Communities were not. A re-submission under the priority of Established Communities was requested and new applications received.

- 1.3 The Grant Funding process was agreed by Executive Board Commissioning Sub-Committee in July 2013. The Grant Panel met on February 25 2014 to evaluate applications and recommend the Lead Organisation to Executive Board Commissioning Sub-Committee. Using feedback from the VCS and learning from previous grant panels the Panel included the Director for Quality and Commissioning at Nottingham City Council; a VCS Grant Team representative from Nottingham City Council, a Community Cohesion representative from Nottingham City Council, two black, Asian and minority ethnic VCS Advocates and the Portfolio Holder for Commissioning and Voluntary Sector.

2 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The Grant Panel considered two applications. Both applications presented different offers and supported different organisations and communities. Both applications scored identically in a fair and transparent assessment process against the priority outcomes, value for money and community cohesion.
- 2.2 Due to the different offers and the scoring it is recommended that both organisations act as Leads for their partnerships for a period of 12 months only, until 31 March 2015. During this time, the Leads will be supported to work together in readiness for 2015-2016.

3 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 To fund only one organisation was not appropriate in this instance as the assessment process resulted in both organisations scoring identically.

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (INCLUDING VALUE FOR MONEY/VAT)

- 4.1 This report has no financial implications as funding was agreed at Executive Board Commissioning Sub-committee on 11 December 2013. This is financed from existing budget provision.

5 RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES (INCLUDING LEGAL IMPLICATIONS AND CRIME AND DISORDER ACT IMPLICATIONS)

- 5.1 Based on the information provided in the report there are no significant legal issues however to ensure grant recipients are accountable to the Council for the funding provided appropriate grant conditions must be put in place to include monitoring, reporting and claw back provisions.
- 5.2 It is envisaged that the new funding arrangements will promote community cohesion and therefore have a positive impact on crime and disorder.

6 SOCIAL VALUE CONSIDERATIONS

- 6.1 These proposals support Nottingham City Council's approach to social and environmental well-being in connection with public service contracts for the VCS by requiring community groups to share space and work in partnership or to form consortia. This work will contribute to an increase and improvement in social and community cohesion and will help to foster a greater understanding and respect between communities and cultures.

7 REGARD TO THE NHS CONSTITUTION

7.1 Not applicable.

8 EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA)

8.1 An EIA has been produced and updated to reflect the recommendations within this report.

9 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS OTHER THAN PUBLISHED WORKS OR THOSE DISCLOSING CONFIDENTIAL OR EXEMPT INFORMATION

9.1 None.

10 PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT

10.1 Executive Board Commissioning Sub-Committee Report July 2013 – Communities of Identity Grant Funding

10.2 Executive Board Commissioning Sub-Committee Report December 2013 - Communities of Identity Commissioning

11 OTHER COLLEAGUES WHO HAVE PROVIDED INPUT

11.1 Geoff Walker – Head of Departmental Finance Support

11.2 Andrew James - Team Leader Contracts and Commercial