

EXECUTIVE BOARD – COMMISSIONING SUB-COMMITTEE
15 JANUARY 2014

Subject:	Streamlining Investment to the Voluntary and Community Sector: Grant Funding Progress So Far		
Corporate Director(s)/ 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 type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" 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	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Subject to call-in <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes No <input type="checkbox"/>	Total value of the decision:		
Relevant Council Plan Strategic Priority:	Wards affected: All		
World Class Nottingham	<input type="checkbox"/>		
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):			
This report sets out Nottingham City Council's progress so far with regard to Streamlining Investment to the Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS).			
Work has been undertaken to ring fence and streamline Grant Funding to the VCS to create a clear and more accessible process. This builds on Nottingham's Compact Plus Framework, which is the formal partnership agreement between the Nottingham City Council and the VCS, and the awarding of the infrastructure contract to Nottingham VCS and partners which is to build and support capacity within the VCS.			
The streamlined model for Grant Funding at both Area and City-wide levels is set out in the attached strategy for agreement.			
The VCS Grant Funding Progress So Far... document has been out for consultation since July 2013, there has not been any feedback or requests for alterations to this document during this period.			
Recommendation(s):			
1. To agree the VCS Grant Funding Progress So Far... (Appendix 1) in order to formally record the streamlined model of Grant Funding.			

1 BACKGROUND (INCLUDING OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION)

1.1 A great many changes have occurred nationally and regionally since Nottingham's Compact Plus Framework was written in 2008. These include a coalition Government, a refreshed national Compact, the Localism Act (2011) the Equality Act (2010) the Public Services (Social Value) Act 2012. There is a drive to make efficiencies to balance the need for savings and an increasing demand for services. In view of these developments a corporate Voluntary and Community

Sector Funding Strategy for the Council is needed to build on the steps already undertaken with the Area Based Grant Funding, which has been widely consulted on and implemented.

2 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 To continue to build on the relationship between Nottingham City Council and the VCS and to document the progress so far to Streamlining Investment to the VCS; The full document is contained in Appendix 1.

3 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 Not to present progress. The absence of a documented progress may result in inconsistent Grant processes developing. For this reason, this option was rejected.

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (INCLUDING VALUE FOR MONEY/VAT)

- 4.1 There are no financial implications pertaining to this report.

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

- 5.1 On the facts contained in the report the report raises no significant legal issues.
- 5.2 It is envisaged that the new approach 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.

7 REGARD TO THE NHS CONSTITUTION

- 7.1 Not applicable.

8 EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA)

- 8.1 An EIA is not required.

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 – Streamlining Investment to the Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS): Grant Funding Strategy.

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