

WOLLATON & LENTON ABBEY AREA COMMITTEE – 3 June 2013

Title of paper:	Streamlining Investment to the Voluntary Sector: Area 7 Proposal	
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Relevant Council Plan Strategic Priority:		
World Class Nottingham		
Work in Nottingham		✓
Safer Nottingham		✓
Neighbourhood Nottingham		✓
Family Nottingham		✓
Healthy Nottingham		✓
Leading Nottingham		
Summary of issues (including benefits to citizens/service users):		
<p>This report summarises the progress on Phase One of Streamlining Investment to the Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS). This was undertaken in order to make investment in the VCS simpler, more transparent and easier to understand for the sector. The report gives an overview of the Area Based Grant award process. It sets out alternative arrangements that are being recommended to Executive Board Commissioning Sub Committee for management of the Area Based Grant in Area 7.</p>		
Recommendation(s):		
1	To note the recommendations presented to Executive Board Commissioning Sub Committee on 22 May 2013.	

1. BACKGROUND (INCLUDING OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION)

- 1.1 Historically, a number of different grant programmes were administered across the Council. Over the past year work has been undertaken to streamline this approach in order to make investment simpler, more transparent and easier to understand for the Sector.
- 1.2 On 19 September 2012, Executive Board Commissioning Sub-committee agreed a new Area Grant Fund Process. Area service specifications were published on 30 November 2012 with a deadline for receipt of applications of 12 February 2013. Following Area Grant Panels in February, recommendations were taken to each Area Committee for comment and to Executive Board Commissioning Sub-committee on 27 March for agreement.
- 1.3 As part of this process no organisations applied to represent Area 7 as Lead Organisation. A number of organisations have been approached by Nottingham City Council to ascertain whether they would consider leading in the Area but given

the limited amount of funding available or due to internal considerations all have declined. Appendix 1 outlines the amount of funding available under each grant programme.

2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 It is proposed that the Wollaton Park Community Association (who are the only community association based in Area 7) be managed under a direct SLA with Nottingham City Council.
- 2.3 It is further proposed that the youth element (PAYP – Positive Activities for Young People) of the Area Based Grant in Area 7 be transferred to the Area 7 Committee and be ring fenced within their budgets for the delivery of activity as outlined in the specification document for Area Based Grant, an except of which can be seen in Appendix 2. The Area Committee can then influence the use of this grant to best effect within their communities.

3. OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 None.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (INCLUDING VALUE FOR MONEY/VAT)

- 4.1 The projected cost of this decision contained within Appendix 1 is covered by existing budget provision.

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

- 5.1 It is noted that this report sets out the amount of grant to be allocated to each Area in line with the new Area Grant Fund Process approved by Executive Board Commissioning Sub-Committee on 19/09/2012. There are no risk management issues, legal implications or crime and disorder act implications for comment.

6. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 6.1 An Equality Impact Assessment has not been carried out as this report does not include proposals for new or changing policies
- 6.2 Where there have been reviews on some elements of this funding some EIAs have been undertaken. The next stage of this programme will include further EIA work.

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

- 7.1 None

8. PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT

8.1 Various:

- Executive Board Commissioning Sub Committee Strategic Commissioning Intentions Report – July 2011.
- Executive Board Commissioning Sub Committee Streamlining Investment to the Voluntary and Community Sector – Progress July 2012.
- Executive Board Commissioning Sub Committee Streamlining Investment to the Voluntary and Community Sector – Progress September 2012.
- Area Committee Report: Streamlining Investment to the Voluntary Community Sector September 2012.
- Executive Board Commissioning Sub Committee Streamlining Investment to the Voluntary and Community Sector – Progress November 2012.
- The Nottingham Plan to 2020.
- The Commissioning Framework, Nottingham City Council – 2010.
- Executive Board Commissioning Sub Committee Streamlining Investment to the Voluntary Sector – Finance allocation May 2013.

Appendix 1 - Grant Allocation by Area

Area	Total Grant 2013-14 (9 months)	Total Grant 2014-15 (12 months)	Grant period 2013-14 (9 months)				PAYP * (12 months)
			Community Associations	Economic Development	Community VSIP	Youth VSIP	
7	6,784.25	7,773.00	2,966.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,818.00

Note

Budget areas are split evenly over the four quarters, with the exception of Positive Activities Young People (PAYP).

PAYP (*) is paid over a 9 month period. All of the 12 month allocation is paid July – March, thus within the total grant identified (**) the 9 month figure does not correlate with 75% of the 12 month figure as it contains PAYP in its entirety.

Appendix 2 - Children and Young People priorities

Detail		
a. Diversionary Activities		
Objective	Evidence	Type of Measure
Provision of opportunities for regular participation in positive activities at a local level for 8 to 17 year olds living in geographical areas or from groups that experience high levels of disadvantage.	Evidence of engaging with hard to reach young people through registrations. Regular programme of activity. Evidence of activity to target disadvantaged groups. Referral routes identified.	Output
Delivery of up to 50 hours per young person per project of innovative, diversionary activities which are fun, interactive and supportive focused towards children and young people deemed to be at risk, or who have known challenges in their lives.	Registration of participants for the required time. Activity that supports those at risk and evidence that shows this engagement. Activity that supports challenges that participants face and evidence that has assessed this. Referral routes identified.	Output

Detail	
<p>b. Targeted Activities - The target group will be children and young people aged 10 upwards in specified high risk areas whose street-based group behaviour (including involvement in gangs) is causing significant concerns within their communities, and who are not engaged by other universal or targeted provision, in Areas with high levels of youth crime and anti-social behaviour.</p>	
Objective	Type of Measure
<p>Reintegration of children and young people who are targeted into effective engagement with universal and / or targeted services.</p>	<p>Outcome</p>
Evidence	
<p>Evidence of engaging with identified young people through registrations. Evidence of effective engagement of young people into services through registration forms. Evidence of positive outcomes from this engagement – case studies. Referral routes identified.</p>	<p>Output</p>
<p>Specific attainment and achievement targets for individual children and young people.</p>	<p>Attainment and achievement records tracked from initial benchmarked level. Evidence of working with schools and pupil referral units to track development. Evidence of improvements – case studies.</p>
<p>Reductions in the behaviour causing significant concerns within their communities.</p>	<p>Evidence of community cohesion in projects and following interventions. Reduction in anti-social behaviour in communities.</p>
	<p>Outcome</p>