

BUDGET AND PERFORMANCE PANEL

Funding to Outside Bodies 13th March 2007

Report of Corporate Director (Finance & Performance)

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To provide Members with details of funding to outside bodies and for Members to consider how to effectively monitor this funding.

This report is public

RECOMMENDATIONS

- (1) That the report be noted.**
- (2) That Members note that funding to Williamsons Park will be scrutinised at the next meeting but agree to defer consideration of scrutinising other outside bodies until the Grants Task Group reports to Cabinet, in order to take account of recommendations with regard to monitoring of funding to outside bodies.**

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 At the meeting of the Budget and Performance Panel on 13th February 2007 the issue of funding to outside bodies was raised. It was agreed that a summary of all outside bodies receiving financial assistance from the City Council would be made available for the next meeting. This summary is attached.

2.0 Details

- 2.1 Members will note that this information relates to organisations in receipt of in excess of £1,000 annually.

At the last meeting it was agreed that Members would need to give consideration as to how to effectively monitor funding to outside bodies and that as an interim measure funding to Williamson Park be scrutinised at the Budget and Performance Panel meeting on 12th June, 2007.

Members may be aware that amongst the remit of the Grants Task Group was that the Budget and Performance Panel continues to strengthen its role in monitoring and reviewing funding to voluntary organisations. Emerging recommendations relating to this include that the Budget and Performance Panel consider nominating a panel of three members to review and monitor non-housing organisations with Service Level Agreements, and that site visits are undertaken to aid in the monitoring process, although any site visits would be in proportion to the value and nature of the SLA. The Final Report will be considered by Cabinet in the new municipal year.

The draft recommendations relating to monitoring are as follows:

- a) That site visits are undertaken to aid in the monitoring process in proportion to the value and nature of the SLA.
- b) That Officers draw up a new application form, taking into account best practice to allow clearer monitoring with outcomes clearly linked to service delivery.
- c) That the Budget and Performance Panel consider nominating a panel of three members to review and monitor non-housing organisations with Service Level Agreements and that consideration be given to adopting a more flexible approach to the timing of this monitoring.
- d) That the Budget and Performance Panel present a report to the Cabinet Member with responsibility for the SLA when monitoring has taken place
- e) That it be recommended to Cabinet that consideration be given to who the Cabinet Member with Special Responsibility is for each SLA.
- f) That Councillors who are appointed to voluntary organisations have no role in the monitoring process.
- g) That Councillors be appointed on the basis of expertise, knowledge, relevance and enthusiasm rather than on a proportional basis.
- h) That the monitoring process includes an update of paperwork relating to the application form reflecting the changes of the Council and/or the applicant.

Whilst arrangements will be made to consider the funding to Williamson's Park at the first meeting of the new municipal year, Members may wish to defer consideration of scrutinising other outside bodies until the Grants Task Group has reported, in order to take account of their recommendations.

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FUNDING TO OUTSIDE BODIES

Service Level Agreements

Service Level Agreements to non-housing voluntary organisations	Awarded £
Age Concern Lancashire	7,100
Lancaster Citizens Advice Bureau	85,200 + 6,500 for rent
Morecambe & Heysham Citizens Advice Bureau	86,200
One Voice	5,600
North Lancashire Victim Support	4,500
Lune Valley Transport (Dial a Bus)	3,200
Preston Community Transport (Shopmobility)	11,300
Relate	6,500 for rent
Preston & West Lancashire REC	2,200
Lancaster and District Twinning Society	3,900
The Rainbow Centre	5,000
CVS	18,000 + 5,000 (additional payment)
YMCA	26,600
Marsh Community Centre	12,000
Dukes Theatre Grants	145,900
Dukes Theatre Rent	13,500
LITFEST	8,400
Ludus Dance Grants	17,400
Ludus Dance Rent	11,000
More Music (Morecambe)	10,600
Storey – Rents	24,900
Storey – Grants	9,400
ACE (Arts Council England) - SLA Grant	9,186
Service Level Agreements to prevent homelessness	
Signposts	14,500
Night Shelter*	4,500
Lancaster and District Homeless Action Service	30,300
Morecambe Homeless Action Service	3,500
Lancaster and District Women's Aid	11,400
YMCA	22,500
* Night Shelter currently closed: this funding to be transferred across to YMCA when 50 Portland St reopens	

In addition to these SLA's, Financial Services have identified the following grant allocations for 2007/08:

Carnforth & District Chamber of Trade (Xmas Decorations) £2,000

Heysham Neighbourhood Council (Xmas Decorations) £1,000

Business Development Grants (various grants allocated each year) £21,000

Heysham Heritage Centre £5,000

Festivals Innovation Fund (various grants allocated each year) £30,700

Welfare Grants (various allocated each year) £6,400

Williamson Park Co. £165,900