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Forward Plan

General Exception

Special Urgency

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## 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To seek Cabinet approval on the proposed allocation of grants to outside bodies for the three years 2009/2010 – 2011/2012

Inform Cabinet about the impact of Council grants allocated to outside bodies in 2008/2009.

## 2. CORPORATE PRIORITIES

2.1 The matters discussed in this report impact directly on the following corporate priorities:

- Delivering quality services to our customers
- Keeping the Borough Clean and Green
- Promoting Rossendale as a cracking place to live, visit and invest
- Improving health and well being across the Borough

## 3. RISK ASSESSMENT IMPLICATIONS

3.1 Delivery of grants to outside bodies which are not in accordance to the grants policy could impact on Council performance and negatively impact on the Council's reputation.

## 4. BACKGROUND

4.1 Grants to outside bodies account for a significant element of Council expenditure. Each year Rossendale Borough Council gives out approximately £200,000 in grants, operated through two discrete funds: Community Grants and Neighbourhood Grants. This report deals with approval of Community Grants for the next three years 2009/2010 – 2011/2012.

The second section of the report details the impact of the community grants awarded in 2008/2009. It also includes a list of those groups awarded Neighbourhood Forums grants and Lancashire County Council grants—together it provides an overall picture of grants awarded to third sector bodies in Rossendale and its benefits to the people of Rossendale.

#### **4.2 Proposed allocation of Community Grants for next three years 2009/2010 – 2011/2012**

The majority of community grants were allocated to organisations over a three year period starting from April 2006 and ending in March 2009. Any unallocated funds were awarded throughout the year.

All grant funding agreements, including those covering a three year period come to an end in March 2009. All organisations that currently receive a grant would be required to re-apply for the forthcoming financial year if they wish to be considered for future funding.

Organisations from the Voluntary, Community and Faith sector were invited to apply for the new round of Council grants in December 2008. Grants were awarded in line with the revised grants policy that was agreed by Cabinet in December 2008.

The Council received £414,620 of applications from 34 organisations and this far exceeded the available grant funding. The Grants Advisory Group met on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2009 to assess which funding applications should be recommend to Cabinet.

Priority was given to those applications that directly contribute to the outcomes in the Corporate Plan and the Sustainable Community Strategy. Appendix 1 details the groups that applied, the amount requested and the actual amount recommended by the Grants Advisory Group.

Organisation not receiving funding through the community grants scheme will be encouraged to apply for neighbourhood grants and signposted to other organisations that may assist with finding suitable funding pots.

The large number of application received is a positive indication of the close links being developed between the Council and its communities.

The services/projects provided by the voluntary and community sector and the support it gives to individuals and groups is invaluable. Grants awarded to these local organisations will play a key part in helping to improve the lives of people in the Borough. The achievements compliment the priorities of the Council and the Rossendale Partnership.

## **Grants awarded to third sector organisation during 2008/2009**

### **4.3 Evaluation of community grants awarded for 2008/2009**

On 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2008 Cabinet received a report detailing all the groups that were allocated a community grant for 2008/2009. In total 12 organisations were awarded grant funding for 2008/2009.

These organisations were required to complete a monitoring and evaluation form on the progress of the project/services being delivered as a result of the funding awarded for 2008/2009. The form asks whether they had achieved the outputs and outcomes as agreed in their funding agreements, as well as reporting on the number of beneficiaries or service users and any problems that had occurred.

The types of projects/services funded by the Council and those who benefited from the grants can be viewed in appendix 2. Some of these include:

- The Credit Unions have helped to reduce financial exclusion by providing easy repayment loans to those in financial difficulties.
- The CAB have provided advice and run various outreach services, particularly targeting those that are financially excluded.
- The Family Centres in Bacup and Whitworth have undertaken various activities for families ranging from playgroup sessions, family day trips and after school clubs. The centres are helping to enhance parental skills and strengthen family ties.
- The STAR centre has provided personal support to over 200 victims of crime as a result of grant funding.

The main beneficiaries were young people, the financially excluded, victims of crime, people in debt and families. These are just some of the people that have benefits from council grant.

Some organisation did experience difficulties in delivering their projects/services. Recruiting and retaining volunteers and limited funding sources were stated as the main constraints on service/project delivery. We will work with our partners at REAL, the Community Network and Council for Voluntary Services to help overcome these problems in future years.

### **4.4 Neighbourhood Forum Grants Awarded 2008/2009**

Neighbourhood Forums give grants of up to £750 to third sector organisations. These grants are given out throughout the year and there is a separate policy and application process for awarding these grants which are currently managed by Democratic Services.

35 groups have so far applied for a neighbourhood forum grant for 2008/2009 financial year. Of the 33 groups, 23 have been awarded a grant, 7 are currently awaiting approval and 5 have been rejected.

In total there is a £20,000 budget allocated for neighbourhood grants. Appendix 3 details the organisation that applied, received funding, how much and for what purpose. For 2009/2010 there is a further £20,000 budget allocated for neighbourhood grants. This budget is separate to the community grant budget.

#### **4.5 Lancashire Locals Grants Awarded 2008/2009**

These grants are operated by Lancashire County Council through the Lancashire Locals. At the December Cabinet meeting, members requested that grants awarded through Lancashire Locals are included in this report to provide a better overview of the kind of grants being awarded to groups throughout Rossendale and what these grants are being used for.

Lancashire Locals operate four separate grants funding streams. The total allocated in Rossendale for 2008/2009 is £88,976, of which £86,785 has already been awarded to 27 organisations. Only a small amount of funding remains unspent but it is envisaged that this will be allocated by the end of this financial year. Many of these organisations have also been awarded Community and Neighbourhood Forum grants. An analysis of how Lancashire Local funds have been spent is presented at appendix 4.

### **COMMENTS FROM STATUTORY OFFICERS:**

#### **5. SECTION 151 OFFICER**

- 5.1 Financial matters are highlighted within the report and are funded from existing budget resources.

#### **6. MONITORING OFFICER**

- 6.1 Constitutional amendments will be required to reflect the community grants decision making process.

#### **7. HEAD OF PEOPLE AND POLICY (ON BEHALF OF THE HEAD OF PAID SERVICE)**

- 7.1 There are no HR implications

#### **8. CONCLUSION**

The work of the voluntary, community and faith sector is recognised as extremely important. The services/projects provided by the sector and the support it gives to individuals and groups across Rossendale is regarded as invaluable.

Council grants that are paid out to these organisations plays a key part in helping to deliver much needed services to the people of Rossendale. It contributes to Council priorities and adds value to the existing services being carried out the Borough Council and its partners.

## **9. RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**9.1** That Cabinet approve grant funding to those groups recommended by the Grants Advisory Group for 2009/2010, as detailed in appendix 1.

**9.2** Each year the allocation of grants to outside bodies is set as part of the Council's Budget setting process. Clearly the council's financial position will continue to be challenging particularly in the present economic climate.

It is recommended that those outside bodies who have sought three year funding be subject to a clause allowing their proposed allocation for year 2 and 3 to be reviewed as part of the Council's Annual Budget setting process.

**9.3** That Cabinet notes the positive impacts of the community grants and neighbourhood grants awarded during 2008/2009 to the lives of people in Rossendale.

**9.4** To approve the amendment to the Grants Policy 2008 / 2011:

### **From:**

*Both of these grant types will be determined by the Communities Manager in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Communities and Neighbourhoods, or the Leader of the Council should the elected member be unavailable.*

### **Change to:**

*A 'Grants Advisory Panel' made up of elected members supported by a member of the voluntary sector will make funding recommendations to Cabinet for final approval. All applicants will be told whether or not they are successful within 8 weeks of the closing date.*

**9.5** That Full Council be recommended to amend the current terms of reference in the Council's Constitution for the Grants Advisory Panel as detailed in 9.4 above.

**9.6** Any future amendments to the grants policy be delegated to the Deputy Chief Executive in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Communities and Neighbourhoods

## 10. CONSULTATION CARRIED OUT

- 10.1 Grants Advisory Panel; Portfolio Holder for Communities and Neighbourhoods; Chair of Community Network; Cabinet Meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2008

## 11. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Is an Equality Impact Assessment required Yes

Is an Equality Impact Assessment attached Yes

## 12. BIODIVERSITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Is a Biodiversity Impact Assessment required No

Is a Biodiversity Impact Assessment attached No

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| Background Papers   |                     |
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| Document  | Place of Inspection |
| Proposed allocation of community grants as recommended by Grants Advisory Group (GAG) | Appendix 1          |
| Impact of community grants 2008/09  | Appendix 2          |
| Neighbourhood Forums awarded in 2008/09   | Appendix 3          |
| Lancashire Local Grants awarded in 2008/09  | Appendix 4          |

**APPENDIX 1 – Recommendations for approval of community grants (2009-11)**

| No. | Group / Society                       | Amount Requested |         |         | Recommendations |         |         | Outline of proposed work  | Recommendations on what the funding be used for  |
|-----|---------------------------------------|------------------|---------|---------|-----------------|---------|---------|---|--|
|     |                                       | Year 1           | Year 2  | Year 3  | 2009/10         | 2010/11 | 2011/12 |   |  |
| 1   | Groundwork Pennine Lancashire         | 18,000           | 18,450  | 18,911  | 6,000           | 6,000   | 6,000   | Manage LSP Environment theme group (£3,250), heritage walk programme (£2,750) & project development and fundraising work (12,000)                     | Manage LSP theme group and heritage walk programme   |
| 2   | Bacup Aged, Blind and Disabled Trust  | 10,000           | 10,000  | 10,000  | 3,000           | 0       | 0       | Cover cost of continued provision of facilities and repair work to the lift.  | Repair work to lift  |
| 3   | Citizen Advice Bureau                 | 121,738          | 125,391 | 129,153 | 75,000          | 75,000  | 75,000  | Maintain service  | As stated in grant application   |
| 4   | Age Concern Lancashire                | 22,086           | 20,644  | 21,260  | 0               | 0       | 0       | Continue to provide information and advice service to older people in Rossendale  |  |
| 5   | Weir Community Partnership            | 12,500           | 0       | 0       | 0               | 0       | 0       | Contribution towards appointment of centre manager for Weir Community Centre  |  |
| 6   | Haslingden and Helmshore Credit Union | 4,825            | 4,825   | 4,825   | 4,825           | 4,825   | 4,825   | Office Rent   | As stated in grant application   |
| 7   | Positive Start                        | 20,000           | 0       | 0       | 5,000           | 0       | 0       | Contribution towards refurbishing first floor of community building to be used for parenting classes, health workshops, education, drug awareness etc | As stated in grant application   |
| 8   | Rossendale Radio                      | 25,000           | 0       | 0       | 5,000           | 0       | 0       | Contribution to start up costs to bring radio station on air  | To promote the activities and services being delivered by the Council. Funding subject to clear outputs being agreed |
| 9   | Bacup Credit union                    | 2,166            | 2,166   | 2,166   | 2,166           | 2,166   | 2,166   | Rent and contribution to running costs  | As stated in grant application   |
| 10  | Alf's Black belt Academy              | 3,500            | 0       | 0       | 2,500           | 0       | 0       | Travel expenses to martial arts competitions, erection of sign , costs of printing promotional material   | Travel expenses  |

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|----|--|--|--------|--------|--------|--|--------|-------|-------|--|---------------------------------------|
| 11 | Rossendale Technical Management Services (part of Bacup TMO) |  | 7,137  | 7,137  | 7,137  |  | 0      | 0     | 0     | Rent for unit. Unit is used to store furniture and electrical goods which are re-used for the community  |                                       |
| 12 | Move on Peer Support Service                                 |  | 2,000  | 0      | 0      |  | 0      | 0     | 0     | Provide housing support to young people - funding to encourage young people to sign up to 12 months pass at Haslingden Sports centre                 |                                       |
| 13 | Edenfield Methodist Church                                   |  | 1,000  | 0      | 0      |  | 0      | 0     | 0     | Installation of electricity to cooker in Kitchen   |                                       |
| 14 | Victim Support - Eastern District (based in Accrington)      |  | 5,713  | 0      | 0      |  | 2,000  | 0     | 0     | Funding to help recruit volunteers and then train these volunteers to sport victims of crime.  | As stated in grant application        |
| 15 | Whitworth Elderly and Disabled Care Trust                    |  | 5,000  | 0      | 0      |  | 0      | 0     | 0     | Preparation work for planning permission to convert 4 double rooms into single occupancy to comply with legislation                                  |                                       |
| 16 | Rossendale Enterprise Anchor Limited                         |  | 20,250 | 20,250 | 20,250 |  | 20,000 | 0     | 0     | Support voluntary groups to take a more active role in wider community by offering practical help and strengthening their links to Council.          | Subject to clear outputs being agreed |
| 17 | Edgeside and District Residents Association                  |  | 2,000  | 0      | 0      |  | 0      | 0     | 0     | Run a series of creative workshops for people of all ages e.g. candle making, jewellery to enable people to develop new skills                       |                                       |
| 18 | The Magdalene Project  |  | 5,000  | 0      | 0      |  | 5,000  | 0     | 0     | Support service to victims of sexual abuse. Funding will help to sustain the service until they are able to obtain ongoing funding from key agencies | As stated in grant application        |
| 19 | Mid Rossendale Credit Union                                  |  | 2,750  | 2,750  | 2,750  |  | 2,750  | 2,750 | 2,750 | Office rent  | As stated in grant application        |
| 20 | Rossendale RUFC  |  | 1,855  | 0      | 0      |  | 0      | 0     | 0     | Improve the running of the Rugby Club in order to obtain Clubmark accreditation.   |                                       |
| 21 | West View Community Action Group Resident Forum              |  | 750    | 0      | 0      |  | 0      | 0     | 0     | Funding to carry out community activities such as gardening competition to improve communal gardens at West View                                     |                                       |



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|----|---------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|---|---|--|
| 22 | Pioneer Amateur Boxing Club     | 1,500  | 0      | 0      | 1,500  | 0     | 0 | Purchase of new training equipment for club and cosmetics improvements to training room.  | As stated in grant application               |
| 23 | Horse and Bamboo                | 6,000  | 0      | 0      | 5,000  | 0     | 0 | Contribution towards the costs of running The Boo - which runs professional theatre shows for families with young children  | As stated in grant application               |
| 24 | Rawtenstall Asian Women's Group | 2,000  | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0     | 0 | Sewing machines for patchwork quilting and learning English as by-product   |  |
| 25 | Faith Partnership               | 10,600 | 0      | 0      | 2,600  | 0     | 0 | Running of course for young people to encourage tolerance and community cohesion (£2,600) AND part -time administrator to support the Partnership (£8,000)                      | Running of course for young people           |
| 26 | Cotton Shed Theatre Company     | 2,000  | 0      | 0      | 2,000  | 0     | 0 | Run outreach programme to deliver inclusive theatre workshops to various schools, community centres etc   | As stated in grant application               |
| 27 | 2nd Rossendale Scout Group      | 50,000 | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0     | 0 | Renovation of Scout Group Headquarters on Burnley Rd, Bacup   |  |
| 28 | TWE Fitness                     | 3,000  | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0     | 0 | Fitness and martial arts classes and buying equipment.  |  |
| 29 | Inward House Project            | 750    | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0     | 0 | 8 weekly workshops to enable substance misusing clients to change their lifestyles.   |  |
| 30 | The STAR Centre                 | 10,000 | 10,000 | 0      | 5,000  | 5,000 | 0 | Contribution towards paying for independent domestic violence advisor (£5,000) and counselling and therapeutic services for children who have witnessed domestic abuse (£5,000) | Towards counselling and therapeutic services |
| 31 | Bacup Family Centre             | 15,000 | 15,000 | 15,000 | 12,500 | 0     |   | Continued support to children, parents and families - maintain service  | As stated in grant application               |

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|--|-------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|--------|--|
| 32   | Maden Children's Centre | 2,000          | 0              | 0              | 0              | 0             | 0             | 0      | Family workshops around healthy living e.g. growing vegetables, cooking healthy food.                                  |
| 33   | Monday Club (over 55)   | 3,500          | 1,500          | 1,500          | 0              | 0             | 0             | 0      | Continue to provide older people with meeting place (£500) & contribution towards new community kitchen for the church |
| <b>Total</b>                                   |                         | <b>414,620</b> | <b>253,113</b> | <b>247,952</b> | <b>161,841</b> | <b>95,741</b> | <b>90,741</b> |        |  |
| <b>2009-10 estimated budget - £176,000</b>     |                         |                |                |                |                |               |               |        |  |
| <b>Estimated Balance uncommitted for 09/10</b> |                         |                |                |                |                |               |               | 14,159 |  |

#### Grant application presently funded through regeneration budget

| No. | Group / Society | Amount Requested |        |        | Recommendations |         |         | Outline of proposed work  | Recommendations on what the funding be used for |
|-----|-----------------|------------------|--------|--------|-----------------|---------|---------|---|---|
|     |                 | Year 1           | Year 2 | Year 3 | 2009/10         | 2010/11 | 2011/12 |   |   |
| 34  | PEER Support    | 15,000           | 15,000 | 15,000 | 15,000          | 15,000  | 15,000  | Guidance and support to anyone starting or expanding a business | As stated in grant application                  |

## Appendix 2 – Impact of Community Grants 2008/09

| Organisation   | Key achievements as a result of Council funding   | Groups/Users that have benefited   |
|--|---|--|
| Burnley, Pendle & Rossendale Council for Voluntary Services. | Support to a wide range of voluntary and community organisations ranging from advice on setting up, governance, expansion and funding assistance; support VCF sector groups; represent Rossendale on various groups within the LSP; funding advice to people  | Voluntary, community and faith groups, volunteers and service users.   |
| Mid Rossendale Credit Union                                  | Increased membership, savings and loans.  | All 564 members, most of whom are financially excluded   |
| Haslingden and Helmshore Credit union                        | Continue to work with Greenvale Homes to provide 'handy loans'<br>Promotions of low cost loans to financially excluded people in Haslingden Service<br>Service loans provided by Rossendale Enterprise Loans Initiative - a scheme supported by the Council and Lancashire County Developments Limited.<br>Increased opening hours<br>Increase in number of loans given | Financially excluded; Greenvale homes tenant, individual entrepreneurs   |
| Bacup Credit Union   | Increase in membership and loans, particularly helping those that are financially excluded in the Bacup Area  | At end of first three quarters of 08/09: 1256 members totalling £191,447. 450 loans issued already an increase from last year  |
| Spurgeons  | Playgroup session for children; parent/toddler session; family day trips; after school clubs; Family support  | Over 400 adults and children from the Bacup area.  |
| Groundwork   | Key support to LSP Environment theme group and Countryside working group; organised heritage walks with average attendance of 20 people; supported local businesses to increase their economic efficiency by reducing waste; provide two operational bases for young people - area 51 in Bacup and 'bunker' in Waterfoot  | A range of voluntary and community organisations; young people, businesses   |
| Citizen Advice Bureau  | Continue to provide advice service across Rossendale; Face to face appointments provided; new outreach session at Waterfoot Health Centre; two half days at One Stop Shop; doubled the hours of telephone service, run service at Haslingden Library. Also Council funding helped to attract almost £100,000 of external grants.  | In first three quarters of 08/09: a) 8121 recorded contacts with clients b) 7948 letters written for clients c) 2678 telephone calls on behalf of clients d) 17821 advice issues covered |

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| Rossendale Enterprise Anchor Limited               | Maintenance of CVS database which is used to email out Council information to community members on the database<br>Undertook review of the Community Network and made recommendations to the LSP Executive<br>Provided ongoing support to community groups particularly faith groups; | Over 600 people have received regular information through the contacts database; Increase in number of people dropping into REAL office seeking information and advice |
| Rossendale Domestic Violence Forum                 | Support the Rossendale Domestic Abuse Partnership. Produced Domestic Violence Strategy and working to deliver its action plan; published directory of services; newsletter for service users and created stronger links to children's services  | Support service to over 200 abuse victims and children and developed stronger links with voluntary sector. From Jan - Dec 08 the Centre received 3354 incoming calls   |
| Rossendale Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual and Transgender | Young people were able to receive advice and guidance and meet in a safe environment; improved self esteem.   | 24 young people  |
| Whitworth Historical Society                       | Monitoring form not received  |  |
| Edge side and District Residents Associations      | Monitoring form not received  |  |

### APPENDIX 3 – Neighbourhood Forum Grants Awarded in 2008/09.

| Forum      | Organisation Name  | Description of Proposal   | £ Requested | £ Awarded                  |
|------------|--|---|-------------|----------------------------|
| Bacup      | Aged Blind and Disabled Centre   | Purchase of a keyboard for musical activities   | 750         | 600                        |
| Bacup      | Alf's Black Belt Academy   | To fund tracksuits, fighting suits and basic training and safety equipment.                                 | 750         | 500                        |
| Bacup      | Bacup Amateur Operatic & Dramatic Society                                | Sound and lighting equipment  | 750         | No                         |
| Bacup      | Bacup Borough Football Club  | Coaching sessions.  | 553.65      | awaiting decision in March |
| Bacup      | Central Methodist Church   | Replacement of notice board.  | 400         | 400                        |
| Bacup      | Fearn's Climbing Club  | To purchase specialist climbing equipment   | 750         | No                         |
| Bacup      | Northwest Academy of Arts  | Funding to help the Bacup Film Festival 2008  | 750         | No                         |
| Bacup      | Ramsey Ave Neighbourhood Watch Scheme                                    | Funding for lamp post signs.  | 750         | No                         |
| Bacup      | Rosendale Shotokan Karate Club   | To fund relocation from A B & D Centre in Bacup to Pioneer Gym and publicity                                | 750         | 500                        |
| Bacup      | Stacksteads Countryside Park Group                                       | To purchase a gazebo to be used at Stacksteads Summer Fair  | 400         | 150                        |
| Bacup      | Stacksteads Countryside Park Group                                       | Various environmental improvements  | 400         | awaiting decision in March |
| Bacup      | Stacksteads Countryside Park Group / The Rosendale Rubicon               | Purchase of shed to store tools and equipment   | 750         | Deferred                   |
| Bacup      | The Rosendale Rubicon  | Funding for crown green bowls, sports bags, measures, mats, oils and advertising.                           | 550         | 350                        |
| Bacup      | Tunstead Pre-School  | Funding is required to provide IT learning resources  | 750         | 750                        |
| Haslingden | Edenfield & District Community Association                               | New heater  | 750         | 500                        |
| Haslingden | Edenfield & Stubbins Social Group (Affiliated to Age Concern Lancashire) | Two day trips in August 2008  | 750         | 350                        |
| Haslingden | Edenfield CE Primary School  | To purchase musical instruments so that every child in Key Stage 2 could learn to play a musical instrument | 750         | 350                        |
| Haslingden | Edenfield Methodist Church   | Require funding for an electric cooker to replace existing out of date gas cooker.                          | 600         | 600                        |

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|-------------|--|---|-----|----------------------------|
| Haslingden  | Edenfield Methodist Church,                          | To purchase lightweight folding and stacking chairs   | 750 | 500                        |
| Haslingden  | Edenfield Village Residents Association              | Bench in Children's Playground  | 410 | Awaiting decision in March |
| Haslingden  | Friends of Greenfield Junior Bowling                 | Funding for various equipment e.g. chairs, green protectors, bowls lifters  | 750 | 750                        |
| Haslingden  | Monday Club (Over 60's)                              | Foldable Chairs   | 500 | Awaiting decision in March |
| Haslingden  | Stubbins Residents' Association                      | Purchase 2 large planters for sitting at the top and bottom of the village  | 750 | 500                        |
| Haslingden  | Stubbins Residents' Association                      | Continuation of the Wicker People Theme B) A more permanent "Welcome to Stubbins" sign C) A X'mas tree to be planted in the garden. D) Maintaining and sustaining the project in general. | 750 | 500                        |
| Haslingden  | West View Community Centre                           | To purchase plants, have an Halloween Party, Children's Christmas Party and run 'lets make' series  | 750 | 500                        |
| Rawtenstall | 1969 (Rossendale) SQN Air Training Corps             | To purchase 2 x Desktop Computers and flight training software  | 750 | 750                        |
| Rawtenstall | Rossendale Civic Trust                               | To purchase an EVAC chair to enable them to admit disabled children to the Weavers' Cottage.  | 750 | No                         |
| Rawtenstall | Royal British Legion - Helmshore Branch              | To provide funds to pay for a marching band to lead a parade through Rawtenstall in resemblance of the Fallen of Previous Conflicts.  | 350 | 350                        |
| Rawtenstall | Positive Start                                       | Contribution towards the renovation of a community building.  | 750 | 750                        |
| Rawtenstall | Café Engage  | Require funding for new cooker, new hot water boiler, new kitchen units, new worktops, rewiring and new floor covering tiles.   | 750 | 750                        |
| Rawtenstall | 38th Rossendale (Open) Scout Group                   | Require funding for a set of vehicle access gates along with one solid panel and personnel access for the entrance to the grounds.  | 500 | 500                        |
| Rawtenstall | St Paul's Church of England                          | Funding for the refurbishment of the kitchen to provide catering standard facilities.   | 750 | 750                        |
| Rawtenstall | St Paul's Church of England                          | Funding is required to replace present toilet facilities in order to improve ease of access for all users.  | 750 | awaiting decision in March |
| Rawtenstall | Crawshawbooth Youth & Community Building Association | They require funding to replace the 10 year old heating system.   | 750 | awaiting decision in March |

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| Whitworth | Community Leisure Association of Whitworth | Funding to improve the area at the back of the Leisure Centre to include tables and chairs to allow Gym and Pool users somewhere to relax. | 750 | 500                        |
| Whitworth | Whitworth & Healey Horticultural Society   | Funding is required to purchase plants, compost, fertilizers and other incidentals for the 2009 project.                                   | 750 | awaiting decision in March |
| Whitworth | Whitworth Elderly and Disabled Care Trust  | Funding is required to provide a footpath and access at the side of the Day care Centre  | 750 | awaiting decision in March |
| Whitworth | Whitworth Playgroup                        | Replacement safety matting for the climbing frame which was purchased through the Forum last year  | 340 | 340                        |
| Whitworth | Whitworth Sports Council                   | Funds needed for feasibility study of a project to create an all weather pitch and clubhouse and changing facilities                       | 750 | 400                        |
| Whitworth | Whitworth Town Twinning Committee          | Cover costs of a delegation of 25 people from Kandel to visit Whitworth  | 750 | awaiting decision in March |

## APPENDIX 4

### Analysis of Lancashire Locals (Rossendale) grants awarded 2008-09

#### General

Lancashire Locals operate four separate grant funding streams:

- **Local Gateway Grants** – these are a proportion of the county council's overall VCFS funding devolved to district level; the balance remains at county level for supporting strategic (usually Lancashire-wide) voluntary organisations.
- **Local Grants** – each county councillor has an allocation of £1,250 per annum to give out as small grants to community organisations in his/her division – though the approval of Lancashire Local as a whole needs to be obtained. Two or more councillors can agree to pool funds if they wish to support an organisation covering two or more county divisions.
- **Youth Grants** – the long-standing system of giving small grants to youth groups and individual young people operated through the Young People's Service is also formally within the remit of Lancashire Locals. However in practice the District Youth Council determines these grants and they merely come to Lancashire Local for approval.
- **Climate Change Fund** – This scheme was started in 2007-08 with much of the funding being devolved to Lancashire Locals. In practice it was not possible to make any allocations during 2007-08 so the funding was rolled forward to add to that for 2008-09; i.e. the allocation for 2009-10 will be around half of the figure shown below.

Rossendale's allocations for 2008-09 were:

| <b>Scheme</b>       | <b>£</b>                               |
|---------------------|--|
| Local Gateway       | 25,424 <sup>1</sup>                    |
| Local Grants        | 6,250                                  |
| Youth Grants        | 6,626                                  |
| Climate Change Fund | 50,676 (but see note above re 2009-10) |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>88,976</b>                          |

An analysis of how these funds have been spent to date is presented below. A small amount of funding remains unspent in the Local Grants and Youth Grants budgets which may be determined at the Lancashire Local meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2009.

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<sup>1</sup> This has been overspent in 2008-09. The over spend will be subtracted in equal amounts from the allocations for 2009-10 and 2010-11.



| Organisation                                      | Local Grants | Local Gateway | Climate Change | Youth Grants | Total £ awarded |
|---|--------------|---------------|----------------|--------------|-----------------|
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Rossendale Scout Group/Scout Band |              |               | 15,000         |              | 15,000          |
| 38 <sup>th</sup> Rossendale Scout Group           |              | 2,500         |                |              | 2,500           |
| Bacup Family Centre                               | 500          |               |                |              | 500             |
| Citizens' Advice Bureau                           |              | 6,000         |                |              | 6,000           |
| Civic Trust                                       | 200          |               | 3,795          |              | 3,995           |
| Climate Change Group                              |              |               | 3,225          |              | 3,225           |
| Community Action Rossendale                       | 500          |               |                |              | 500             |
| Disability Information Service (Hyndburn)         |              | 167*          |                |              | 167             |
| East Lancashire Advocacy Service <sup>2</sup>     |              | 4,141*        |                |              | 4,141           |
| East Lancashire Women's Refuge                    |              | 1,500         |                |              | 1,500           |
| Haslingden Amateur Boxing Club                    | 270          |               |                |              | 270             |
| Haslingden & Helmshore Band                       | 400          |               |                |              | 400             |
| Ignite Youth Group                                |              |               |                | 600          | 600             |
| Individual young people                           |              |               |                | 855          | 855             |
| Lancashire Council of Mosques                     |              | 2,000*        |                |              | 2,000           |
| NE Lancashire Dyslexia Association                |              | 750           |                |              | 750             |
| Pioneer Community Club                            |              | 1,648         |                |              | 1,648           |
| Rawtenstall Public Welfare Committee              | 200          |               |                |              | 200             |
| REAL  |              | 1,368         |                |              | 1,368           |
| Rossendale RUFC Juniors                           | 500          |               |                |              | 500             |
| Saint Anne's Church, Edgeside                     |              |               | 14,500         |              | 14,500          |
| Saint Peter's Church, Haslingden                  |              |               | 10,996         |              | 10,996          |
| Saint Peter's Community Centre, Haslingden        |              |               | 3,160          |              | 3,160           |
| Shotokan Karate Club                              | 350          | 1,160         |                |              | 1,510           |
| Stables Trading Company                           |              | 5,000         |                |              | 5,000           |
| Wheels within Wheels                              |              | 5,000*        |                |              | 5,000           |
| Whitworth Family Centre                           | 500          |               |                |              | 500             |
| <b>Totals</b>                                     | <b>3,420</b> | <b>31,234</b> | <b>50,676</b>  | <b>1,455</b> | <b>86,785</b>   |

Note

\* = 1<sup>st</sup> year of three year funding

As noted on the previous page the actual allocation this year is £4,140 less owing to the returned grant from East Lancashire Advocacy Service.

<sup>2</sup> In the event this organisation was not in a position to take up the grant and the funds have been returned and allocated equally between 2009-10 and 2010-11,

## 1. Impact – Evidence

- a. Using the table below please tick whether you have evidence that the policy/strategy has a negative, positive or neutral impact on any of the equality groups listed below

|  |                               | <b>Positive Impact</b> – it could benefit | <b>Negative Impact</b> – it could disadvantage | <b>Reason</b>  | <b>Neutral Impact (Neither)</b> |
|--|-------------------------------|---|--|--|---------------------------------|
| <b>Gender</b>                          | Women                         | X   |  | If applications meet the criteria funding could be awarded to organisations benefiting women or certain categories of women.   |                                 |
|  | Men                           | X   |  | If applications meet the criteria funding could be awarded to organisations benefiting men or certain categories of men.   |                                 |
| <b>Race (Ethnicity or Nationality)</b> | Asian or Asian British people | X   |  | <p>Positive - If applications meet the criteria funding could be awarded to organisations benefiting this equality group.</p> <p>Any organisation involved in racist procedures or promoting racist beliefs will not be granted funding.</p> <p>Policy specifically states RBC is keen to support organisations working with disadvantaged and socially excluded groups.</p> |                                 |

|  |  | <b>Positive Impact – it could benefit</b> | <b>Negative Impact – it could disadvantage</b> | <b>Reason</b>  | <b>Neutral Impact (Neither)</b> |
|--|--|---|--|--|---------------------------------|
|  | Black or black British people                    | X   |  | As above   |                                 |
|  | Chinese or other ethnic people                   | X   |  | As above   |                                 |
|  | Irish people                                     | X   |  | As above   |                                 |
|  | White people                                     | X   |  | All properly constituted community/charitable groups can apply for the funding, subject to the criteria.   |                                 |
|  | Chinese people                                   | X   |  | <p>Positive - If applications meet the criteria funding could be awarded to organisations benefiting this equality group.</p> <p>Any organisation involved in racist procedures or promoting racist beliefs will not be granted funding.</p> <p>Policy specifically states RBC is keen to support organisations working with disadvantaged and socially excluded groups.</p> |                                 |
|  | Other minority communities not listed above e.g. | X   |  | As above   |                                 |

|                   |   | <b>Positive Impact</b> – it could benefit | <b>Negative Impact</b> – it could disadvantage | <b>Reason</b>   | <b>Neutral Impact (Neither)</b> |
|-------------------|---|---|--|---|---------------------------------|
|                   | traveller/European<br>(please state below): |   |  |   |                                 |
| <b>Disability</b> | Physical/learning/mental health             | X   |  | <p>Positive - If applications meet the criteria funding could be awarded to organisations benefiting this equality group.</p> <p>Any organisation involved in any prejudicial procedures or promoting racist beliefs will not be granted funding.</p> <p>Policy specifically states RBC is keen to support organisations working with disadvantaged and socially excluded groups.</p> |                                 |
| <b>Sexuality</b>  | Lesbians, gay men and bisexuals             | X   |  | <p>Positive - If applications meet the criteria funding could be awarded to organisations benefiting this equality group.</p> <p>Any organisation involved in any prejudicial procedures or promoting racist beliefs will not be granted funding.</p>   |                                 |

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|---|---|---|--|--|---------------------------------|
|   |   |   |  | Policy specifically states RBC is keen to support organisations working with disadvantaged and socially excluded groups.   |                                 |
| <b>Gender Identity</b>                                | Transgender people  | X   |  | As above   |                                 |
| <b>Age</b>  | Older people (60+)  | X   |  | As above   |                                 |
|   | Younger people (17-25), and children  | X   |  | As above   |                                 |
| <b>Belief</b>   | Faith groups *  | X   |  |  |                                 |
| <b>Other Groups (e.g. carers, rural isolation)</b>    |   |   |  |  |                                 |
| <b>Equal opportunities and/or improving relations</b> | Note impact on group relations <u>between</u> and any effects on social cohesion. | x   |  | Positive - If applications meet the criteria funding could be awarded to organisations benefiting this equality group.<br><br>Any organisation involved in any prejudicial procedures or promoting racist beliefs will not be granted funding. |                                 |

|  |  | <b>Positive Impact</b> – it could benefit | <b>Negative Impact</b> – it could disadvantage | <b>Reason</b>  | <b>Neutral Impact (Neither)</b> |
|--|--|---|--|--|---------------------------------|
|  |  |   |  | Policy specifically states RBC is keen to support organisations working with disadvantaged and socially excluded groups. |                                 |

**Notes:** \* Faith groups cover a wide range of groupings, the most common of which are Muslims, Buddhists, Jews, Christians, Sikhs, Hindus. Consider faith categories individually and collectively when considering positive and negative impacts

## Equality Impact Assessment

### Checklist & Signature Sheet

|                                 |               |
|---------------------------------|---------------|
| <b>Name of Strategy/Policy:</b> | Grants Policy |
|---------------------------------|---------------|

Please check the following steps have been completed before signing below:

- ✓ Sections 1 to 4 completed
- ✓ Action Plan completed
- ✓ Notified all relevant Officers/Service Areas/Partners

Signed: ...Miladur Rahman.....

Job Title:...LSP Delivery Officer..... Department: ...Communities Team.....

Date commenced Assessment:...6/11/08..... Date completed: .....7/11/08.....

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Date received in HR:.....

Received in HR by:.....

**Please sign the EQIA as indicated above, retain a copy and send a copy of the full EQIA, including the Action Plan, to:**

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**MANAGEMENT ACTION REQUIRED (to be completed by the Head of HR)**

- Referred back to Assessor for amendment .....(date)
- Refer to Committee ..... (specify committee & date)
- Considered by Corporate Equalities Implementation Group..... (date)
- Published/made publicly available on ..... (date)

Signed:..... (Head of HR) Date:.....

Date of Review:.....