

TITLE: GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY SECTOR BODIES 2006/07

TO/ON: THE CABINET / 29 MARCH 2006

BY: HEAD OF COMMUNITY AND PARTNERSHIPS

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STATUS: FOR PUBLICATION

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1. The purpose of the report is for members to approve Grants to voluntary sector organisations which will benefit residents in Rossendale.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1. That members approve the grants allocations recommended by the grants advisory panel set out in the attached appendix 1 totalling **£260,844**.

3. REPORT AND REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS AND TIMETABLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION

- 3.1. Each year the local authority offers grant assistance to a range of community and voluntary sector organisations who can demonstrate that they assist the council and the LSP to achieve its corporate aims in line with the Grants to Voluntary Sector Bodies Policy.
- 3.2. This year the council received 39 applications for grants in addition to the commitment we have with a further 9 groups and organisations.
- 3.3. The total amount applied for from voluntary sector organisations was **£406,823** against an available sum of **£260,844**
- 3.4. The advisory group consisted of 6 elected members (and was politically balanced) and a representative from Burnley Pendle and Rossendale Council for Voluntary Services. A place was also offered to the Community Network who felt that at this stage they did not want to take up the offer.
- 3.5. The advisory group's recommended allocations are specified within the appendix 1.

3.6. All grants will be offered subject to strict monitoring of outcomes and equalities. Where grants are offered for more than one year there will be a service level agreement drawn up.

4. CORPORATE IMPROVEMENT PRIORITIES

4.1. FINANCE AND RISK MANAGEMENT

4.1.1 The councils' agreed budget for 2006/07 for grants to voluntary sector bodies is **£260,844**. There are therefore no risks associated with the allocation of this money.

4.2. MEMBER DEVELOPMENT AND POLITICAL ARRANGEMENTS

4.2.1. There are no member development issues.

4.3. HUMAN RESOURCES

4.3.1. There are no Human Resource Issues.

5. ANY OTHER RELEVANT CORPORATE PRIORITIES

6. RISK

6.1 None

7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS ARISING FROM THE REPORT

7.1. There are no legal implications

8. EQUALITIES ISSUES ARISING FROM THE REPORT

8.1 Please see attached EIA.

9. WARDS AFFECTED

9.1 All wards are affected

10. CONSULTATIONS

10.1 By individual application from the institutions.

11. Background documents:

Grant Applications

Policy on grants to voluntary sector bodies

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