

HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Title/Subject Matter: Presentation to Members by Voluntary Organisations that are in receipt of three year funding awards

Meeting/Date: Overview & Scrutiny Social Wellbeing Panel 6 October 2015
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Executive Portfolio: Councillor R Harrison

Report by: Daniel Smith Healthy Communities manager

Ward(s) affected: All or list individual Ward(s)

Executive Summary:

Members of the Overview & Scrutiny Panel requested the opportunity to here direct from the organisations that have been in receipt of three year funding awards.

Recommendation(s):

Members comments are requested

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1. WHAT IS THIS REPORT ABOUT

- 1.1 The Council currently operate two main funding programmes for supporting the Voluntary Sector, (a) Strategic Grants 2015-16 budget £236,700 allocated for a three year period 1-4-2013 to 31-3-2016 and (b) Community Chest grants awarded annually 2015-16 budget £60,000. The organisations attending the meeting of the scrutiny panel tonight are all in receipt of strategic grants.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The last review of voluntary organisations considered by Members was in 2011. Both strategic and annual programmes have now been operating under present arrangements for three years, Strategic grants have been protected from any budget savings required in recent years as a result of the three year funding agreements between the authority and organisations.

- 2.2 In the present financial year strategic grants are made to the following organisations:-

Rural Cambridgeshire Citizens Advice Bureau	£115,000
Disability Information Services Huntingdonshire	£ 19,000
Hunts Forum for Voluntary Organisations	£ 38,000
Care Network	£ 10,000
Huntingdon Volunteer Centres	£ 37,000
Huntingdon Shopmobility	£ 29,700

- 2.3 When Members established the current procedures for commencement in financial year 2013-14. Members agreed the following for strategic grants:-

- a) be not for profit organisations;
- b) be undertaking work in Huntingdonshire and must be able to demonstrate a need for the service within the community it serves;
- c) be engaged in activities which fit with the Council's priorities and objectives; and
- d) be properly managed and able to demonstrate that they are able to achieve the objectives for which the grant is applied for.

3. Voluntary Sector Presentations

- 3.1 Those organisations in receipt of three year funding have been allocated a twenty minute period 10 minutes for their respective presentations and ten minutes for questions from Members. All organisations have been requested to inform members what has been achieved with the funds allocated:-

- a) What has been delivered;
- b) How do the organisation consider that they assist this authority address its corporate objectives; and
- c) What challenges do the organisation consider they will have to address in the future.

Organisations have been allocated presentation time slots in alphabetical order:-

7.15pm to 7.35pm **Care Network** – Grant Aid allocation over 3 financial years - £30,000

7.35pm to 7.55pm **Disability Information Service Huntingdonshire** - Grant Aid allocation over 3 financial years - £57,000

7.55pm to 8.15pm **Huntingdon Shopmobility** - Grant Aid allocation over 3 financial years - £113,700 (£36K retained by HDC to meet Rental Costs)

8.15pm to 8.35pm **Hunts Forum for Voluntary Organisations** - Grant Aid allocation over 3 financial years – £124,000

8.35pm to 8.55pm **Huntingdonshire Volunteer Centre** - Grant Aid allocation over 3 financial years - £111,000

8.55pm to 9.15pm **Rural Cambs Citizens Advice Bureau** - Grant Aid allocation over 3 financial years £345,000 (£19,368 retained by HDC to meet rental costs of St Neots office)

3.2 All organisations have been requested to provide Members with a copy of their most recent annual reports.

4. COMMENTS OF OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY PANEL

4.1 To be circulated separately

5. LINK TO THE CORPORATE PLAN

5.1 The Councils support for the voluntary sector directly supports the Councils strategic priorities and objectives - Working with our Communities.

- Create safer, stronger and more resilient communities;
- Improve health and wellbeing; and
- Empower local communities.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

- **Voluntary Sector Review -**
Overview & Scrutiny (Social Wellbeing)
19 September 2011;
Cabinet 20 October 2011;
Council 2 November 2011.
- **Voluntary Sector Funding 2013/14 Onwards –**
Overview & Scrutiny (Social wellbeing)
25 June 2012;
Cabinet 19 July 2012.

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