

Information/Discussion Paper

Social and Community Overview and Scrutiny Committee - 12th January 2005

Annual Review of the Council's Conditional Offers of Grant 2004-2005

This note contains the information to keep Members informed of matters relating to the work of the Committee, but where no decisions from Members are needed

1. Why has this come to scrutiny?

- 1.1 The Social and Community Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the Cabinet agreed on 13 September 2004 that the council should undertake a more robust and effective funding review process to monitor its conditional offers of grant and the performance of the organisations being funded.
- 1.2 The review was completed at the end of November 2004 and its findings and recommendations are now detailed in the attached report.

2. Summary of the Issue

- 2.1 The attached report, which is due to go before the Cabinet on 25 January 2005, outlines the recommendations arising from the annual review of the council's conditional offers of grant to its voluntary and community sector partners. The review was undertaken by a newly established Corporate Funding Review Group, in November 2004, and concentrated on the ten organisations covered by the Social and Community portfolio.
- 2.2 The Social and Community Overview and Scrutiny Committee are asked to note the recommendations proposed in the Cabinet report which will be presented to the Cabinet at its meeting of 25 January 2005

3. Summary of evidence/information

- 3.1 The Cabinet's report – Annual Review of the Council's Conditional Offers of Grant 2004-2005 is attached. This report sets out the recommendations made by the Corporate Funding Review Group and highlights some of the key points that were raised during each of the annual reviews.

4. Next Steps - possible next steps for the committee to consider e.g. potential witnesses, further report, site visit etc.

4.1 In light of the experience gained in undertaking this year's review, the funding review group has recommended that a revised review format should be introduced for the future. This will enable a more structured approach to be taken when reviewing the funded organisations and would follow a standardised review template enabling organisations to be appraised more comprehensively. These recommendations and a proposed review template are set out in the Cabinet report and its appendices.

Background Papers

13 September 2004 – Social and Community Overview and Scrutiny Committee report – 2004-2005 Annual Reviews of Conditional Offers of Grant (SLAs)

21 October 2003 – Cabinet report – Funding of External Organisations ~ Report from the Social and Community Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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