

Information/Discussion Paper

Social and Community Overview and Scrutiny Committee - 11th January 2006

Annual Review of the Council's Conditional Offers of Grant 2005-2006

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 attached Cabinet report outlines the findings and recommendations arising from the first interim review of the council's conditional offers of grant awarded to its voluntary and community sector partners.
- 1.2 The Social and Community Overview and Scrutiny Committee are asked to note the reviews findings and recommendations proposed in the Cabinet report which will be presented to the Cabinet at its meeting of 24 January 2006

2. Summary of the Issue

- 2.1 Cabinet agreed on 25 January 2005 to award new three year conditional offers of grant to ten organisations that are funded under the Social and Community portfolio.
- 2.2 In doing so, the Cabinet agreed to implement a new and more robust monitoring and review process for the first interim review (2005-2006) for these agreements. The review being based on an officer lead review panel and the integration of a new performance monitoring pro-forma.
- 2.3 The reviews were undertaken during October/November 2005 and their findings and recommendations are now being presented to the Cabinet for its consideration.
- 2.4 The Cabinet report – Annual review of the Council's Conditional Offers of Grant 2005-2006 is attached. This report sets out the recommendations made by the funding review group and highlights some of the key points that were raised during each of the interim reviews.

3. Summary of evidence/information

- 3.1 The reviews were undertaken by the new officer lead conditional offers of grant funding review group which comprises of the lead officers co-ordinating the grants on behalf of the council, with representatives from the Community Services Division and the Art Gallery and Museum and representation from the Business Support Division

4. Next Steps

- 4.1 The funding review group has highlighted a number of potential developments in its report (Section 2.5) which it proposes it will look at during the next two years prior to the agreements major reviews planned for the latter part of 2007.

Background Papers	Cabinet Report 24 January 2006 – Annual Review of the Council's Conditional Offers of Grants 2005-2006
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