

CABINET MEMBER FOR COMMUNITIES AND COHESION

Venue: Town Hall, Moorgate
Street, Rotherham. S60
2TH

Date: Monday, 28th January, 2013

Time: 12.00 p.m.

A G E N D A

1. To determine if the matters are to be considered under the categories suggested, in accordance with Part 1 (as amended March 2006) of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.
2. To determine any item which the Chairman is of the opinion should be considered later in the agenda as a matter of urgency.
3. Apologies for absence.
4. Declarations of Interest.
5. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 19th November, 2012. (Pages 1 - 3)
6. Update on the conference 'Zero tolerance on forced marriage and 'honour' based violence'.
 - Councillor J. Burton, Adviser, Communities and Cohesion, to provide a verbal update.
7. Presentation on the Rotherham Vulnerable Persons' Unit (VPU).
 - Officers from the Community Engagement Unit, Commissioning, Policy and Performance, Resources Directorate, and the Vulnerable Persons' Unit, South Yorkshire Police, to present.
8. Rotherham Integrated Youth Support Service update.
 - Head of the Integrated Youth Support Service, Schools and Lifelong Learning, Children and Young People's Services, to provide a verbal update.
9. One Town, One Community Small Grants. (Pages 4 - 7)
 - Community Engagement Manager, Commissioning, Policy and Performance, Resources Directorate, to report.
10. Date and time of the next meeting: -
 - Monday 25th February, 2013, to start at 12.00 noon in the Rotherham Town Hall.

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Present:- Councillor Hussain (in the Chair) and Councillors Beck and Burton.

E25. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

There were no Declarations of Interest to record.

E26. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 22ND OCTOBER, 2012.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Cabinet Member for Communities and Cohesion were considered.

Resolved: - That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 22nd October, 2012, be agreed as an accurate record for signature by the Cabinet Member.

E27. CONFERENCE: ZERO TOLERANCE ON FORCED MARRIAGE AND 'HONOUR' BASED VIOLENCE: THE WAY FORWARD - A PUBLIC POLICY EXCHANGE SYMPOSIUM.

Resolved: - That Councillor J. Burton (or her representative) be authorised to attend the conference 'Zero tolerance on forced marriage and 'honour' based violence: the way forward - a public policy exchange symposium' to be held on Tuesday, 4th December, 2012, in London.

THE CABINET MEMBER FOR COMMUNITIES AND COHESION AUTHORISED THE ITEM 'UPDATE ON THE INTEGRATED YOUTH SUPPORT SERVICE' TO BE CONSIDERED IN THE OPEN SECTION OF THE AGENDA AS THE EXPECTED ITEM INDICATED ON THE AGENDA WAS NOT AVAILABLE. HOWEVER, THE INFORMATION THAT WAS AVAILABLE DID NOT REQUIRE AN EXCLUSION UNDER THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1972.

E28. UPDATE ON THE INTEGRATED YOUTH SUPPORT SERVICE.

Further to Minute No. C64 (Implementation of the Integrated Youth Support Service) of the Cabinet meeting held on 19th September, 2012, and Minute No. E22 (Update on the Integrated Youth Support Service) of the Cabinet Member for Communities and Cohesion held on 22nd October, 2012, consideration was given to the presentation of the Head of the Integrated Youth Support Service, Schools and Lifelong Learning, Children and Young People's Services.

The presentation included the progress that had been made towards the development of the Integrated Youth Support Service. The update included: -

- **Needs Assessment and Mapping Document:** - This document had been published by the Integrated Youth Support Service. This was an innovative document that was dedicated to addressing the needs of Rotherham's population of young people. The document would be shared with the Council, the Voluntary Sector Consortium and

Partners, and sought to be an accessible and straightforward resource. The document would underpin the development of the Integrated Youth Support Service;

- **Activities of the Integrated Youth Support Service Working Groups:**
 - The current focus of the working groups included defining vulnerability to appropriately target young people; workforce development to ensure all members of the Integrated Youth Support Service had the opportunity to undertake appropriate training on Rotherham's Early Help Strategy and Families for Change initiatives; and developing the Management Information System;
- **Management Information System:** - Work was being undertaken to ensure that the Service's Management Information System reflected the casework and recorded every support/ intervention received by Service users. It would also record the dates of assessments and demonstrate evidence of impact. The Management Information System should represent the well-laid out and joined-up service that achieved the best outcomes for Rotherham's young people with the resources available;
- **The Accommodation Strategy of the Integrated Youth Support Service:** - Developments in relation to the Service's 'Hubs' for Admin, Activities and Support were noted. It was proposed that there would be hot desk facilities available to the Service's Partner Organisations from the Voluntary Sector Consortium, which would increase the opportunities for joined-up working and improve communication.

Resolved: - (1) That the information shared be noted.

(2) That a further report outlining a proposed staffing structure for the Integrated Youth Support Service be submitted to the meeting of the Cabinet on 5th December, 2012.

E29. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND THE PUBLIC.

Resolved:- That, under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Council)).

E30. EXEMPTION FROM STANDING ORDERS - INTEGRATED YOUTH SUPPORT SERVICE - IT SYSTEMS.

Consideration was given to the report of the Strategic Commissioning Manager, Commissioning, Policy and Performance, Resources Directorate, which detailed the information systems currently used by the Integrated Youth Support Service. The report also described the commissioning arrangements required to ensure the information systems used would best suit the Service's future requirements.

There were two information systems currently being used by the Integrated Youth Support Service, Cognisoft, used by the Youth Service and Connexions, and Care Works, used by the Youth Offending Service. The Care Works contract was due to come to an end on 31st November, 2012, and the Cognisoft contract was due to come to an end on 31st March, 2013.

It was proposed that an exemption to Standing Orders be granted so that both contracts could be brought into line with each ending on 30th September, 2013. The proposal would give the newly-created Integrated Youth Support Service an opportunity to clearly define their information system requirements, allow stronger integrated working with Partners and enable information sharing to improve outcomes and experiences for service users. Joint tendering for both contracts should afford the Local Authority an opportunity to make efficiency savings and it was expected that a wider range of products would be available on the market at that time.

The Cabinet Member considered the proposal to extend the existing contracts and the suggestion of pursuing a combined database and management information system for the Integrated Youth Support Service. The Cabinet Member sought assurances in relation to: -

- Safeguarding the data and information of service users;
- Ensuring there was a facility that retained 'protected' information within the different strands of the Integrated Youth Support Service;
- Ensuring that disability access requirements were met, including compatibility with adaptive software;
- Ensuring that the requirements of the Equality Act were met.

Resolved: - (1) That exemption from Standing Order 47.6.2 (Contracts valued at less than £50,000) be approved in relation to the existing contract with Care Works, so that it be extended until 30th September, 2013.

(2) That exemption from Standing Order 48.2.1 (Contracts valued at £50,000 or more) be approved in relation to the existing contract with Cognisoft, so that it be extended until 30th September, 2013.

E31. DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING.

Resolved: - That the next meeting of the Cabinet Member for Communities and Cohesion take place on Monday 17th December, 2012, commencing at 12.00 Noon in the Rotherham Town Hall.

REPORT TO MEMBERS		
1.	Meeting:	Cabinet Member for Communities & Cohesion issues Delegated Powers
2.	Date:	28th January 2013
3.	Title:	Rotherham One Town One Community Small Grants (All Wards)
4.	Directorate:	Resources

5. Summary

The report provides an overview and update on the “Rotherham One Town One Community Small Grants” initiative and seeks approval for awards for the financial year 2012/2013.

6. Recommendations

6.1 To note the report.

6.2 To agree awards for small voluntary and community sector organisations as detailed in the report at paragraph 7.3.

7. Proposals and Details

7.1 Rotherham One Town One Community (OTOC) Small Grants Programme

Rotherham's One Town One Community initiative demonstrates that people from diverse backgrounds and of all ages in Rotherham get on well together and share the same values and aspirations.

It promotes and celebrates the values that unite people in Rotherham: the values of fairness, understanding, mutual respect and a desire to achieve the best for Rotherham and the local communities in which we live.

A number of strands and themes were developed to support the OTOC programme including a small grants initiative which was looking to promote local grass roots community activity that would support the Rotherham OTOC principles: cohesion, integration, shared values, challenging discrimination, and bringing people from different backgrounds together.

In the past, initiatives have included: Interfaith activity (bringing people together of different faiths and no faith); intergenerational work (bringing together younger and older people to tackle local issues); and intercultural engagement (bringing young people together from different cultures). It has also been used to support activity and materials that challenge prejudice & discrimination through myth busting & public education.

Under the current programme a maximum grant of £1k was made available.

The small grants programme aims to support small, independent community groups who do not have any major source of income or employ any paid workers. Thus groups managed by statutory bodies or other large organisations were not be funded. Similarly there were a range of exclusions such funding was not made available for: party political purposes; purely religious purposes; individual applicants; a party, equipment or related costs; staffing costs.

Due diligence enquiries were made on applicants and audit trail of spend was a condition of grant.

Under phase one of the programme applications were received in November 2011 and January 2012 and grants awarded by a Panel chaired by the Cabinet for Communities & Cohesion and advised by a representative from the voluntary and community sector and Rotherham Partnership.

7.2 2011/12 small grants awarded (phase 1)

The panel approved £13k was awarded in small grants to the following groups:

Group	Summary Description
Kilnhurst Action Group	Contribution towards improving community facilities and use by the wider community
WRAP Rotherham	Course for mental health service users
Rotherham Free liners Angling Association	Social and recreational programme for socially disadvantaged people
Rotherham Older People's Forum	Older people's day event
Mini Millers Club	Set up a pre school/start to play

	activity club – target disadvantaged communities
Acorns to Oaks	Showcase the work of adults with learning difficulties through theatrical performances.
Rotherham in Root	Start up assistance
Richmond Park TARA	Contribution towards improving community facilities and use by the wider community
Bharat Integration Group	Contribution to Holi inclusion event 2012
Swinton Fitzwilliam Mutual Association	Young people designed community artwork project to rejuvenate estate
AWSAG	Cultural Awareness Programme
Active Independence	Contribution towards two events focusing on personalisation
Youth in Action	Community engagement activities focusing on young people
RESCO	Support hard-to-reach communities and individuals facing barriers to employment
Rotherham Diversity Festival	Research project to capture the public views of Rotherham Diversity Festival
Pioneer Social Enterprise Ltd	Volunteer programme and training that addresses employment issues for ex-offenders
Transupport	Promotional activity for support group
Friends of Thornhill School	A parenting programme helping new families integrate in the area
GreenAsh Community TARA	Community action day in Rawmarsh
Oak Trees TARA Group	Contribution towards activities for supported living tenants
Steps Productions	To help address social isolation for elderly residents
Ferham Community Group	"Good citizens" scheme to encourage community involvement

7.3 2012/13 small grant applications for consideration/approval (phase 2)

A balance of £3k remains to be awarded in the current financial year and expressions of interest have been received from the following groups:

Group	Summary Description
Assist Rotherham	Support for asylum seekers and refugees
Bharat Integration Group	Contribution to Holi inclusion event

	2012
St James Parochial Church Council	Support people with mobility impairments or other vulnerable people to access the centre.
Early Days Playgroup	Support for children with disabilities access play scheme

8. Finance

As per report.

9. Risks and Uncertainties

Applicants were required to complete application and monitoring forms and the standard contract conditions for grants applied. This minimized any risk to the authority.

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

As per report.

11. Background Papers

Rotherham One Town One Community Progress Report 2, July 2010.

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