

CABINET MEMBER FOR COMMUNITIES AND COHESION

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

Date: Monday, 25th February, 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 28th January, 2013. (Pages 1 - 4)
6. Members' Community Leadership Fund - request to carry forward under-spends. (Pages 5 - 7)
 - Community Liaison Officer, Housing and Neighbourhoods, Neighbourhood and Adult Services, to report.

The Cabinet Member authorised consideration of the following report, received after the deadline, in order to progress the matter referred to.

7. Rotherham One Town One Community - small grant application. (Pages 8 - 10)
8. Exclusion of the Press and the Public.

The following item is likely to be considered in the absence of the public and the press as being exempt under Paragraph 4 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act, 1972 (as amended March, 2006) (Information relating to any consultations or negotiations, or contemplated negotiations, in connection with any labour relations matter).

9. An update on the creation of an Integrated Youth Support Service in Rotherham. (Pages 11 - 29)
 - Head of the Rotherham Integrated Youth Support Service, Schools and Lifelong Learning, Children and Young People's Services, to report.

10. Date and time of the next meeting: -

- Monday 25th March, 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.

E32. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

There were no Declarations of Interest to record.

E33. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 19TH NOVEMBER, 2012.

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 19th November, 2012, were considered.

Resolved: - That the minutes of the previous meeting be agreed as a correct record for signature by the Cabinet Member.

E34. UPDATE ON THE CONFERENCE 'ZERO TOLERANCE ON FORCED MARRIAGE AND 'HONOUR' BASED VIOLENCE'.

Councillor Jo Burton, Adviser to the Cabinet Member for Communities and Cohesion, provided an update about the conference she attended on 4th December, 2012, entitled 'Forced Marriages and 'Honour' based Violence'. Councillor Burton had attended the conference in order to learn and share best practice with other organisations.

Main issues arising included: -

- The Forced Marriages Act, 2007, provided a specific civil remedy to prevent forced marriage and assist victims where a marriage had already taken place;
- Consultation on whether forced marriage should be criminalised had concluded, and responses were wide-ranging;
- Greater clarification was required on the numbers of forced marriages that had / were taking place;
- Better national use of existing reporting mechanisms was required;
- Nationally, better identification/knowledge of perpetrators, victims and communities where forced marriage and honour-based violence occurred was needed;
- Working with agencies abroad;
- Key partners in the U.K. included schools, public health, and health and wellbeing boards.

Resolved: - That the information shared be noted.

E35. PRESENTATION ON THE ROTHERHAM VULNERABLE PERSONS' UNIT.

The Cabinet Member welcomed Carol Adamson, Community Engagement Officer, Commissioning, Policy and Performance, Resources Directorate, and PC Nick Knowles, South Yorkshire Police, to the meeting. Carol and Nick had prepared a presentation about Rotherham's Vulnerable Persons' Unit (VPU).

The VPU had been set up in response to national and local Serious Case Reviews surrounding issues of repeat anti-social behaviour and hate crimes affecting vulnerable people, and issues related to the PREVENT agenda (anti-terrorism). The VPU also linked in to the One Town One Community and community cohesion and integration work streams, Rotherham's Think Family initiative and Early Help Strategies, the Hidden in Plain Sight report, the Government's Hate Crime Action Plan and Tell MAMA (Measuring Anti-Muslim Attacks).

Vulnerable people would be identified by Police call handlers using three questions: -

1. Has this happened before?;
2. Do you feel that this was directed at you personally?;
3. How is this affecting you?.

- The Police case manager then completed a fifteen question risk assessment;
- The VPU would ensure that risk assessments were completed to identify anti-social behaviour and hate crime incidents affecting vulnerable people;
- They would monitor cases assessed as medium or high risk and ensure appropriate partnership responses were put in place.

The aims of the VPU included: -

- To improved identification of medium and high risk repeat victims;
- To Develop structured responses to repeat incidents – including liaison with Safer Neighbourhood Teams (SNTs) and Vulnerable Adult Risk Management Conferences (VARMs);
- To ensure appropriate professionals had ownership of cases/issues and outcomes;
- To ensure that there was an audit trail of decision making and accountability;
- To reduced demand on Police and Partner Agency resources through the co-ordination of multi-agency risk management plans.

PREVENT: -

- The VPU co-ordinated a partnership approach to the 2012 Counter Terrorism Local Profile (CTLP) and supported Safer Neighbourhood Teams to: -
 - Raise awareness of PREVENT and develop referral processes;
 - Community engagement development;
 - Increase intelligence structures;
 - Coordinate work with colleges, schools and youth services to support young people and help them to challenge extremist ideologies;
 - Provide e-safety awareness training in public-use internet facilities;

- Provide support to the Rotherham PREVENT Silver Group.

Progress of the VPU: -

- Weekly community tension assessments undertaken – review of effectiveness and establishing improved links;
- Anti-social behaviour case management;
- Quality checking how hate incidents had been dealt with;
- Hate Crime Scrutiny Group – review cases with stakeholders and make recommendations for improvement/s;
- Re-establishment of hate crime third party reporting centres – separate from the Police and Council Services;
- Re-establishing processes with RMBC Streetpride for removing graffiti linked to hate/hostility;
- Support for the new Vulnerability and PREVENT Silver Joint Area Group sub-group.

Statistical evidence had shown an increase in recorded hate crimes and non-crimes. It was thought that the increase was due to increased reporting, rather than increased incidents. In 2011, 211 incidents had been reported. In 2012, there were 265 recorded incidents.

Discussion ensued and the following issues were raised: -

- Development of a robust case management database that all Partners could access;
- Joint working with Safer Neighbourhood Teams;
- Joint working with voluntary and community groups.

The Cabinet Member thanked Carol and Nick for their informative presentation and contribution to the discussion.

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

(2) That a Members' Seminar be held to inform all Councillors about the work of the Vulnerable Persons' Unit and the services available to support those at risk of hate crimes, anti-social behaviour, and the PREVENT initiative.

E36. ROTHERHAM INTEGRATED YOUTH SUPPORT SERVICE UPDATE.

This item was deferred in the absence of the Head of the Integrated Youth Support Service.

Resolved: - That a written update report on the Rotherham Integrated Youth Support Service be presented to the next meeting of the Cabinet Member for Communities and Cohesion to be held on Monday 25th February, 2013.

E37. ONE TOWN, ONE COMMUNITY SMALL GRANTS.

Consideration was given to the report presented by the Community Engagement Manager, Commissioning, Policy and Performance, Resources Directorate, which outlined applications received to the One Town One

Community Small Grants initiative for the 2012/13 financial year.

The report outlined the purpose of the One Town One Community Small Grants initiative. During the 2011/12 financial year, £13,000 had been awarded to twenty-two groups under Phase One of the programme. The submitted report outlined the requests that had been received for Phase Two of the programme for the 2012/13 financial year.

It was noted that £3,000 was available to be awarded during the financial year and that the maximum small grant available was £1,000. The Programme aimed to support small, independent community groups who did not have any major source of income and or employ paid workers.

In addition to the applications published on the agenda, the following applications were also requested for consideration by the Cabinet Member: -

- Military Community Group;
- Pride of Rotherham;
- Rotherham Cultural Group;
- Treeton Cyber Café.

Discussion ensued on the applications as submitted.

Resolved: - (1) That the following applications be approved, and the amounts indicated be awarded from the One Town One Community Small Grants initiative (Programme Two) for the 2012/13 financial year: -

- Assist Rotherham - £1,000;
- St. James' Parochial Church Council - £250;
- Early Days Playgroup - £250;
- Pride of Rotherham - £200;
- Treeton Cyber Café - £250.

(2) That a decision in relation to the following applications be deferred pending further clarification: -

- Military Community Group;
- Rotherham Cultural Group.

E38. DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING: -

Resolved; - That the next meeting of the Cabinet Member for Communities and Cohesion take place on Monday 25th February, 2013, to start at 12.00 noon in the Rotherham Town Hall.

ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO CABINET MEMBER

1. Meeting:	Cabinet Member for Communities and Cohesion
2. Date:	25th February, 2013
3. Title:	Members' Community Leadership Fund - request to carry forward under-spends.
4. Directorate:	Neighbourhoods and Adult Services

5. Summary

To report the current position with regard to expenditure from the Community Leadership Fund for 2012/13 and to request a carry forward of up to £1000 per Member from the remaining budget into the next financial year.

6. Recommendations

- **That Cabinet Member approves a carry forward of a maximum of £1000 per Member into the 2013/14 financial year.**

7. Proposals and Details

7.1 Background

The Community Leadership Fund was established in 2003 to enable Members to address local priorities, support grassroots groups and quickly instigate changes in response to local opinion.

The budget for the financial year 2012/13 is £63k plus a carry over from the previous financial year of £19k, resulting in a total budget of £82k.

Each Member currently has £1000 per year to spend, at their discretion, on issues both within their local Ward or on borough wide initiatives that benefit local people. This can be on stand-alone projects or match funding with other partners.

The Fund has proved to be a valuable tool for elected members. It encourages local community activity whilst promoting the leadership role of the local councillor.

The scheme is extremely popular and hundreds of projects are supported each year that contribute directly to the achievement of the Council's key priorities. Feedback received from groups supported within the last twelve months clearly emphasises that even small amounts of funding can make a big difference at a time when funding options elsewhere have been vastly reduced.

As at January 2013, 117 projects have been supported across the borough with the top three project categories being as follows:-

- Activities for young people
- Helping local events that bring the community together
- Supporting educational/learning projects

7.2 The Carry Over Facility

The principle of the carry over facility was approved by Cabinet during 2007 and has operated each year since. This flexibility gives Members the option to carry forward up to £1000 each into the next financial year to purposely 'save' their allocation to spend on larger projects or have a contingency fund to react quickly to any urgent issues that may arise within their Ward.

It has proved to be a popular option. At the end of the financial year 2011/12 79% of Members chose to carry forward monies, the majority (53%) in the £200-£300 range.

Discussion with members across the borough has highlighted that the carry forward tends to be used either for specific projects that are due to begin in the next financial year, or as a contingency fund for issues that may occur in the Ward as the year progresses.

8. Finance

Members currently have an allowance of £1000 per year equal to a total budget pot of £63000. The budget is managed and administered by the Neighbourhoods Partnerships team within the Housing and Neighbourhoods service.

The budget for the financial year 2012/13 is £63k plus a carry over from the previous

financial year of £19k resulting in a total budget of £82k.

The total spent for the current financial year 2012/13 as at the 6th of February 2013 is approximately £39k. This figure will be updated on the date of the meeting.

Some items are still to be charged to the budget and in the previous two financial years in excess of £18k was spent during February and March. Based on this information it is therefore likely that £25k will be the approximate amount requested for carry forward into the next financial year.

9. Risks and Uncertainties

Feedback from Members suggests they are receiving an increasing number of requests for assistance from the Fund at a time when national, regional and local funding to many projects and groups is being reduced or withdrawn.

Any reduction in funding will potentially have a negative impact on the community leadership role of individual ward councillors and their advocacy of the value of local democracy and active citizenship.

Feedback from projects clearly demonstrates that even small amounts of funding can have a large impact.

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

The breadth and diversity of projects supported by the Community Leadership Fund contributes to all five strands of the Corporate Plan and in particular to:-

Making sure no community is left behind

Helping to create safe and healthy communities.

This key theme is reflected within Strategic Objective 5 of the NAS Service Plan 2010-13:-

We will ensure that Citizens are satisfied with their community as a place to live

11. Background Papers and Consultation

1. The Corporate Plan November 2010
2. NAS Service Plan 2010-2013

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REPORT TO MEMBERS		
1.	Meeting:	Cabinet Member for Communities & Cohesion issues Delegated Powers
2.	Date:	25th February 2013
3.	Title:	Rotherham One Town One Community Small Grants (All Wards)
4.	Directorate:	Resources

5. Summary

The report seeks approval for the award of a small grant to Rotherham Military Community Veterans Centre Group (MCVC Group).

This matter was previously considered by Elected Members on 25th January 2013 as part of the overview and update on the “Rotherham One Town One Community Small Grants” initiative but was deferred pending clarification and further information on the application.

6. Recommendations

To agree award of £250 for Rotherham Military Community Veterans Centre Group (MCVC Group).

7. Proposals and Details

Rotherham Military Community Veterans Centre Group (MCVC Group).

- The MCVC Group is a newly established group in Rotherham to develop and widen the range of services provided for and in conjunction with the ex-forces community.
- They are a separate group from SSAFA who continue to locate financial assistance for those in need. The two groups do link with the work that they do.
- The council is supporting the development of the MCVC group to allow them to become an independent group working for the benefit of the community. A small amount of financial support has been given to the group, to hold a series of drop in sessions at the Unity Centre, to allow them to promote their work.
- So far MCVC has been successful in obtaining a grant from “Awards for All” but this doesn’t directly cover all their costs for running the drop in sessions on a regular basis. The grant will be used to undertake a baseline survey to identify the needs of the ex-forces community in Rotherham.
- The aim of applying for a grant from One Town One Community Small Grants was partly to fund the running of the “drop in sessions” until we have the results of the survey and can apply for and raise other funds.

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.

Due diligence enquiries were made on applicants and audit trail of spend was a condition of grant. This minimized any risk to the authority.

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

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.

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.

11. Background Papers

Rotherham One Town One Community Progress Report to Cabinet Member for Communities & Cohesion issues Delegated Powers, 2 July 2010.

Rotherham One Town One Community Small Grants Report to Cabinet Member for Communities & Cohesion issues Delegated Powers, 28th January 2013.

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