

CABINET MEMBER FOR COMMUNITIES AND COHESION

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

Date: Monday, 25th March, 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 25th February, 2013. (Pages 1 - 4)
6. Update on the creation of the Integrated Youth Support Service.
 - Head of the Integrated Youth Support Service, Schools and Lifelong Learning, Children and Young People's Services, to provide a verbal update.
7. Infrastructure and Corporate Initiatives Fund (ICIB) - Grant Aid for Community Legal Advice & Information Services, 2013/14. (Pages 5 - 8)
 - Community Engagement and Cohesion Manager, Commissioning, Policy and Performance, Resources Directorate, to report.

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

8. Rotherham One Town One Community Small Grants. (Pages 9 - 11)
 - Community Engagement and Cohesion Manager, Commissioning, Policy and Performance, Resources Directorate, to report.
9. Date and time of the next meeting: -

- Monday 29th April, 2013, to start at 12.00 noon in the Rotherham Town Hall.

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

An apology for absence had been received from Councillor Burton.

E39. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

There were no Declarations of Interest to record.

E40. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 28TH JANUARY, 2013.

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 28th January, 2013, were considered.

Resolved: - That the minutes of the previous meeting of the Cabinet Member for Communities and Cohesion held on 28th January, 2013, be agreed as an accurate record.

E41. MEMBERS' COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP FUND - REQUEST TO CARRY FORWARD UNDER-SPENDS.

Consideration was given to the report presented by the Community Liaison Officer, Housing and Neighbourhood Services, Neighbourhood and Adult Services, in relation to the Community Leadership Fund outturn position for the 2012/13 financial year. The report related to the arrangements available for Elected Members to carry-forward underspends into the 2013/14 financial year.

The report noted that the Community Leadership Fund enabled each Elected Member to address local priorities, support grassroots groups and quickly instigate changes in response to local opinion through an assigned £1,000 budget. As at January, 2013, 117 projects had been supported across the borough. The areas supported included activities for young people, helping local events that brought the community together and supporting education and learning projects.

The submitted report stated that, with five weeks of the financial year to 31st March 2013 left, the budget was likely to be underspent at year-end, with an approximate amount of £25,000 unallocated. This estimate had been based on previous years' outturn positions.

The report noted how underspends in previous years had been dealt with. Discussion ensued on how underspends for the 2012/13 financial year could be treated.

Resolved: - (1) That individual Elected Members' underspends on their allocations of the Community Leadership Fund at the end of the 2012/13 financial year be treated in the following manner: -

- That any underspends above £750 be removed (unless the monies had been approved during the 2012/13 financial year but not spent by year-end).
- Any underspends below £750 would be approved to be carried forward into the 2013/14 financial year.

(2) That any underspend amounts lost from individual Elected Members' allocations be recovered into a One Town One Community small grants panel that organisations could submit bids towards. Criterion for judging applications would be based on how they contributed to the Council's Corporate Plan Priorities.

(3) That the Community Liaison Officer notify Elected Members of these arrangements.

(4) That all Elected Members receive an allocation of £1,000 from the Community Leadership Fund for the 2013/14 financial year.

THE CABINET MEMBER AUTHORISED CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING REPORT THAT HAD BEEN RECEIVED AFTER THE DEADLINE IN ORDER TO PROGRESS THE MATTERS REFERRED TO.

E42. ROTHERHAM ONE TOWN ONE COMMUNITY SMALL GRANTS.

Further to Minute number E37 (One Town One Community Small Grants) of the meeting held on 25th January, 2013, where consideration had been given to applications to the One Town One Community Small Grants scheme, consideration was now given to a report outlining a funding application received from the Rotherham Military Community Veterans' Centre Group (MCVCG).

A decision in relation to the application had been deferred at the previous meeting due to a requirement for further clarification and information to be provided in relation to the application. This information was now available and was contained within the report submitted to the Cabinet Member.

The Rotherham MCVCG was a newly established group that aimed to develop and widen the range of services provided for and in conjunction with the ex-forces community. This was a separate group and the grant would be used to undertake a baseline survey to identify the needs of the ex-forces community in Rotherham. The requested £250 contribution would be match-funded and used to provide drop-in sessions.

Resolved: - That a One Town One Community small grant of £250 be made available to the Rotherham Military Community Veterans' Centre Group as outlined in the submitted report.

E43. 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 items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in 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).

E44. AN UPDATE ON THE CREATION OF AN INTEGRATED YOUTH SUPPORT SERVICE IN ROTHERHAM.

Further to Minute number C109 (Integrated Youth Support Service – Restructure) of the Cabinet meeting held on 5th December, 2012, consideration was now given to a report presented by the Head of the Rotherham Integrated Youth Support Service, Schools and Lifelong Learning, Children and Young People's Services, that outlined progress to date on the creation of the Service.

The Head of Service explained how a multi-agency and multi-disciplinary Project Group had been constituted to inform all areas of the Integrated Youth Support Service's development. Membership included a wide-range of stakeholders from all sectors and two 'Young Embedded Advisers' to represent young people's voice and influence in the process. Completed actions of the Project Group, along with its related sub-groups, included: -

- Creation of a Borough-wide needs assessment focussing specifically on young people;
- A mapping exercise of existing provision across all providers Borough-wide;
- A mapping exercise on the national and local policy requirements and foci;
- A definition of vulnerability;
- Modelling and creation of tools for the delivery of work to young people;
- Consultation design, especially regarding voice and influence;
- Developing work on health and wellbeing strand;
- Development of support, activity and admin hubs for the Service;
- Short- and Long-term workforce development strategies, which included the development of six modules that all members of the Integrated Youth Support Service would undertake, including topics relating to engagement and health and wellbeing issues, to ensure that all members of the Service would have knowledge of the support available.

The Head of Service shared a draft service structure for the Integrated Youth Support Service. It was noted that consultation on the proposed service structure was shortly due to start with employees and trade union representatives.

Discussion ensued, and the following issues were raised: -

- Would staff be deployed centrally or in bases across the Borough?
- How would the Service support outlying areas and the town centre?
- How would the Service ensure the privacy and confidentiality for all service-users when operating from a co-located building?
- What were the risks and uncertainties associated with the creation of the new Service?

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

(2) That a further report be presented to the Cabinet Member for Communities and Cohesion in relation to the progress of the Rotherham Integrated Youth Support Service when appropriate.

E45. DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING: -

Resolved: - That the next meeting of the Cabinet Member for Communities and Cohesion be held on Monday 25th March, 2013, to start at 12.00 noon in the Rotherham Town Hall.

REPORT TO MEMBERS		
1.	Meeting:	Cabinet Member for Communities and Cohesion Delegated Powers
2.	Date:	25th March, 2013
3.	Title:	2013/2014 Infrastructure and Corporate Initiatives Fund (ICIB) - Grant Aid for Community Legal Advice & Information Services (All Wards)
4.	Directorate:	Resources

5. Summary

The report seeks approval to enter into grant aid contracts with a number of advice and information and advocacy providers for the financial year 2013/2014.

6. Recommendations

To agree ICIB grant aid funding to the listed voluntary and community sector organisations as set out in the report.

7. Proposals and Details

7.1 Grant Aid requirements

In line with the outcomes of the review of advice and information services, which has previously been reported to the Cabinet Member for Communities and Cohesion Delegated Powers meeting Members are asked to approve the funding amounts for the projects listed below.

Kiverton Park Independent Advice Centre (KPIAC)	£27.698
Rotherham Citizen's Advice Bureau (incorporating Ferham Advice Centre Enterprise)	£150.795
Rotherham Diversity Forum (incorporating the Immigration Project)	£30,608

7.2 Conditions of funding to be included in all specifications for VCS organisations in receipt of Council Funding

The Council in consultation with Advice in Rotherham (AiR) the umbrella group for independent advice agencies in Rotherham have agreed to the following for inclusion in service specifications as conditions of award of grant aid.

▪ AiR Membership

To be a member of AiR and deliver advice within the new model of advice for Rotherham

▪ Cross agency referral capability – Nellbooker

Each partner will sign up and actively use Nellbooker the online booking and referral system to facilitate timely and accurate cross agency referrals thus improving the journey of the client.

▪ Common Client Monitoring

Funded agencies must be able to provide the council with regular information relating to client numbers, outcomes, equal opportunities etc. Information must be provided on time and in a form that is complete, clear and accurate. This requirement is essential to the whole process. The common counting system ensures that all data reported will link to show a true picture of need and delivery across Rotherham

▪ Minimum threshold for Quality Assurance

A minimum threshold for quality assurance is required – all agencies to be members of a recognised quality assurance system.

▪ Addressing disadvantage

Contracted agencies must be concerned with addressing disadvantage. Primarily this will be achieved by offering advice services targeted at those in most need. It will also encompass 'social added value' by, for example, developing and training volunteers

who are disadvantageded within the labour market so that, in the process of inputting their free time, they can improve their skills and employability.

▪ **Area of operation**

Prospective members must be operating in Rotherham - the organisation must have a base located in the borough.

7.3 Advocacy Services

Members are asked to approve a grant of £9,821 to Giving Real Opportunities to Women (GROW) to enable the organisation to support the Council and Rotherham Partnership implement the Rotherham Women's Strategy and associated activity including the continued development of Rotherham Women's Network.

8. Finance

As section 7 above.

9. Risks and Uncertainties

There will always be some risk associated with contracting with external organisations; this will continue to be managed through stronger commissioning, service level agreements and monitoring systems within the financial regulations of the authority.

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

The Government intends to introduce a range of significant changes to the benefits system as part of its Welfare Reform programme which is primarily based around incentivising work take-up.

The reform proposals have the following objectives:

- Reduce the cost of the welfare benefits to the public purse;
- Improve work incentives by 'making work pay';
- Reduce welfare dependency;
- Reduce the complexity of the benefits system by simplifying the whole system of benefits and tax credits to create a "Universal Credit" for people of working age.

These reforms will have significant impacts on the citizens and communities in Rotherham and in turn economic impacts. Government expects to save £18bn with the implementation of the reforms to the welfare system over the life of parliament. An analysis undertaken by Rotherham Partnership on the proposed changes to the benefits system and their potential impact has concluded that the changes to the benefits systems alone suggest a loss of nearly £28m to the local economy by the end of March 2015. However it is recognised that the actual amount of lost benefit income is likely to be higher than this due to the fact that data is not currently available to estimate the monetary impact of some of the changes. This is a 'best case' scenario. It is possible that some people currently on incapacity benefit could move onto either Job Seeker's Allowance or no benefits at all which could double the loss in benefit income.

11. Background Papers

Minutes and reports to Cabinet Member (Communities and Inclusion) 8th March 2010.

Minutes and reports to Cabinet Member (Community Development, Equalities, and Young Peoples issues) 14th March 2011

Minutes and reports to Cabinet Member (Community Development, Equalities, and Young Peoples issues) 16th April 2012

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REPORT TO MEMBERS		
1.	Meeting:	Cabinet Member for Communities & Cohesion issues Delegated Powers
2.	Date:	25th March 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 Swinton Sports Arts Project and the Bharat Integration Group (BIG).

6. Recommendations

6.1 To agree to award £250 to Swinton Sports Arts Project.

6.2 To agree to award £250 to Bharat Integration Group (BIG)

7. Proposals and Details

7.1 Swinton Sports Arts Project

The Swinton Sports and Health Group is a partnership group made up of residents, local senior and junior football teams and Ward Councillors with support from RMBC Green Spaces and Wentworth North Area Assembly Team.

The group are seeking external funding to allow the revitalisation of the newly relocated sports changing rooms on the Swinton Recreation Ground by undertaking a community art project. The changing rooms have been relocated from the Barbers Avenue Recreation Ground at Rawmarsh.

The group would like Swinton to take ownership of the new assets by getting local young people involved in designing the community art and actually undertaking the artwork on the changing rooms to revitalise them and improve them visually to the whole community.

The artwork will be led by Swinton Lock Activity Centre a local expert in this field of work and will involve at least 65 local young people.

Community artwork has proven effective in other areas of Swinton at preventing graffiti in previously targeted areas and as sports changing rooms are usually a target for such activity the group would like to work to prevent such incidents occurring.

A contribution towards the overall costs of the project is being sought.

7.2 Bharat Integration Group (BIG)

BIG is seeking support for funding for its Holi Event which contributes to promoting the principles of inclusion of people from all backgrounds to explore, share and enjoy culture and arts from another country, and celebrate our commonality. The funding will support a celebration event which is proven to draw audiences from all cultures including volunteers from all of Rotherham's communities.

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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