

Agenda Item

Overview & Scrutiny - Communities

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Review of funded Community and Voluntary Sector groups

Summary

This report is a review of the community and voluntary sector groups which the Council grant aids. It is set out, for brevity, in the form of a table.

Recommendation

That Members determine whether they wish to scrutinise any of the grant-aided bodies.

a) Reasons for Recommendation

It is a legitimate scrutiny role to seek more information about outcomes from grant funding.

b) Alternative Options

That Members choose not to scrutinise any grant aided bodies.

c) Risk Considerations

That without scrutiny grant aid may not achieve Council or community outcomes.

d) Policy and Budgetary Considerations

This is a legitimate budget monitoring and risk management approach and seeks to address Council policies.

e) Date for Review of Decision

1 year.

1 Main Body of the Report

This report is to act as an initial indication for Members of the purposes and costs associated with each grant aided organisation in order that Members may then select whether they wish to ask any to attend and scrutinise in more detail. This is necessarily therefore a brief overview at this stage.

Until the budget process is completed we will be unsure whether any of these grants are affected.

Organisation	2009/2010 Grant or Allowance £	Intended benefit to Council & community
Citizens Advice Bureau core grant	57,820	Accredited consumer and money advice provided free to the community across the main towns of East Devon. Subject to a service level agreement (under review). National expectation of Local Authority support for CABs
East Devon Council for Voluntary Service core grant	26,100*	Accredited advice, training, equipment and advocacy, for community and voluntary sector organisations. Based in Ottery St. Mary but provides services across East Devon. Provides representation at meetings for voluntary sector as a whole. Provides a role as a 'volunteer placing agency' for people wishing to give their time. National expectation of local authority funding of CVS's. *N.B. EDVSA waived the grant in '09/10'.
Devon Race Equality Council	1,600	Provide advice, information and advocacy for race related issues (e.g. hate crime)
Community Council of Devon core grant	7,000	A rural Community Council. Providing advice training and advocacy for rural groups (especially Parish Councils) and issues. Also provide support on Parish planning. National expectation of funding RCC's.
Cemeteries grants	59,280	Small works in cemeteries to prevent them being closed.
Discretionary Rate relief to charities	93,500	Affects charities core costs.
Community Hall grants	23,590	Administered and supplemented by CCD.
'Ring and Ride' grants	13,850	Core funding for Community Transport for vulnerable people
TRIP grant	4,300	Core community Transport Association funding
Tourist Information Centre grant	24,070	Meet Business Rate obligations and cover rents
CAB Homeless project grant	24,890	Grant paid from ring fenced government grant
"Devon Youth" Homeless grant	26,000	Grant paid from ring fenced government grant
Womens refuge	17,000	Contribution towards keeping facility available to us
Blackdown Hills Leader projects	16,740	Project funding matched by others.
AONB team	20,750	Core funding and project (matched funded)
Blackdown Hills project	12,540	Core funding and project (matched funded)
Exe Estuary project	10,000	Matched funded, core funding plus project sum
Villages in Action	10,000	Matched funding for a community development and arts project for remote rural villages
Exmouth sand sculpture competition	500	Matched funding towards a scheme run by Arts Team for Exmouth Town Council

Legal Implications

There are no legal implications requiring comment.

Financial Implications

The financial implications are included in the report. The grants are currently included in the draft 2010/11 budget.

Consultation on Reports to the Executive

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Background Papers

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