Nottinghamshire County Council

Grant Aid Sub-Committee

Tuesday, 11 March 2014 at 14:00

County Hall, County Hall, West Bridgford, Nottingham NG2 7QP

AGENDA

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1	Apologies for Absence	
2	Declarations of Interests by Members and Officers:- (see note below) (a) Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (b) Private Interests (pecuniary and non-pecuniary)	
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Notes

(1) Councillors are advised to contact their Research Officer for details of any Group Meetings which are planned for this meeting.

(2) Members of the public wishing to inspect "Background Papers" referred to in the reports on the agenda or Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act should contact:-

Customer Services Centre 0300 500 80 80

(3) Persons making a declaration of interest should have regard to the Code of

Conduct and the Council's Procedure Rules. Those declaring must indicate the nature of their interest and the reasons for the declaration.

Councillors or Officers requiring clarification on whether to make a declaration of interest are invited to contact Dawn Lawrence (Tel. 0115 977 3201) or a colleague in Democratic Services prior to the meeting.

(4) Councillors are reminded that Committee and Sub-Committee papers, with the exception of those which contain Exempt or Confidential Information, may be recycled.

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minutes

Meeting	GRANT AID SUB-COMMITTEE
Date	Tuesday 28 January 2014 (commencing at 2.00 pm)

Membership
Persons absent are marked with an 'A'

COUNCILLORS

Joyce Bosnjak (Chairman)
Martin Suthers (Vice-Chairman) A

John Allin
Alan Bell
Richard Butler
John Cottee
Stan Heptinstall MBE
David Kirkham

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Sue Cullen	Arts and Sports Service Manager
Cathy Harvey	Team Manager, Community and Voluntary Sector
Dawn Lawrence	Assistant Democratic Service Officer
Paul Roberts	Community and Voluntary Sector Liaison Officer
Fiona Simpson	NAVO
Chris Walker	Temporary Group Manager, Safer and Engaged Communities

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

RESOLVED 2014/01

That the minutes of the last meeting held on 3 December 2013 having been circulated were confirmed and signed by the Chair.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Cllr Martin Suthers. Cllr Richard Butler attended in his place.

The following change of membership, for this meeting only, was reported:-

- Cllr Stan Heptinstall to replace Cllr Keith Longdon and
- Cllr Alan Bell to replace Cllr Michael Payne.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members declared private interests as follows:

Councillor Joyce Bosnjak: Friends of Yeoman Hill Park, recipients of Arts Grant Aid had received a grant from her Councillors Divisional Fund budget.

Councillor John Cottee: Keyworth Cricket Club, voluntary ground keeper.

SPORTS GRANT AID 2013-14

Sue Cullen, Arts and Sports Service Manager, Children, Families and Cultural Services, presented a report recommending that Members approve the second round of one-off grants be allocated to 8 sports groups from the Community Sports Fund (CFS) amounting to a total of £6,000.00

Members requested an amendment to Appendix 2, page 3, that Keyworth Cricket Club were not requesting funding for the purchase of 2 boats. The funding was to develop the expanding junior section and undertake Level 2 coach training.

RESOLVED 2014/02

Members approved:

- The list of successful CFS applications in Appendix 1 to the report
- The list of successful Shining Stars applications in Appendix 3 to the report.

GRANT AID ARTS 2013-14

Sue Cullen presented Members with a report recommending the approval of round two of the Nottinghamshire Arts Grants 2013/14.

RESOLVED 2014/03

Members approved the grants recommended in Table 1 of the report.

EXTENSION OF GRANT AID AGREEMENTS FOR BE-FRIENDING

Members agreed that the item be deferred until March 2014 meeting.

INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENTS, PROGRESS UPDATE

Fiona Simpson, Chief Executive, Networking Action for Voluntary Organisations (NAVO), gave an oral presentation updating Members on their developments. NAVO consists of 12 partnerships who jointly agree the allocation of £160,000 to community projects. NAVO working together with Nottinghamshire County Council will monitor the process from application to delivery of services, recipients being accountable to NAVO.

RESOLVED 2014/04

That the presentation be noted.

Members thanked Fiona Simpson for attending.

WORK PROGRAMME

Members considered the Committees work programme for 2013/14

RESOLVED 2014/05

That the Extension of Grant Aid Agreements for Be-friending be added to March 2014 agenda

The meeting closed at 2.50 pm

CHAIRMAN

Nottinghamshire County Council

Report to Grant Aid Sub Committee

March 2014

Agenda Item: 4

REPORT OF THE TEMPORARY GROUP MANAGER
SAFER AND ENGAGED COMMUNITIES

EXTENSION OF GRANT AID AGREEMENTS FOR BEFRIENDING

Purpose of the Report

1. The purpose of this report is to seek approval to extend 7 existing grant aid agreements for organisations that deliver befriending services.

Information and Advice

2. The 2011-15 Corporate Grant Aid Strategy agreed by full Council on 3rd November 2011 recommended that where possible grant aid agreements should be made with organisations for a period of three years.

3. However, when awards were recommended for 2012/13 a number of groups offering befriending services were only approved for 1 year. This recommendation was made because colleagues in Adult Social Care and Health were planning a review of home based support services in 2012.

4. In September 2012, the Council took the decision to delay the planned tender for home care and other home based support services. This was in order that fuller consideration is given to the range and nature of services that will be needed in future and the best way to deliver these services.

5. Although the home based support services tender is going ahead, the prevention and befriending part was taken out and is now under further consideration, probably to go out to tender later this year.

6. In order to keep these important grant funded services in place it is proposed an extension to cover 2014/15 is approved.

Financial Implications

7. The groups listed in appendix 1 are currently in receipt of grant aid and an extension for 2014/15 is recommended. It is proposed that the award for 2014/15 is reduced by 10.76% - this builds in the planned reduction applied to all the three year agreements.

8. The grant will be funded from the 2014/15 grant aid budget.

Other Options Considered

9. As part of the County Council's Grant Aid Strategy as outlined above it is not appropriate to consider other options at this stage.

Reason(s) for Recommendation(s)

10. To allow continued delivery of a range of befriending services across the county.

Statutory and Policy Implications

11. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, equal opportunities, human resources, crime and disorder, human rights, the safeguarding of children, sustainability and the environment and those using the service and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

12. That Members approve:
    - the extension of the 7 befriending grant aid agreements for a further 12 months from 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015
    - the amount awarded to each group is reduced by 10.76% - this is in line with the planned reduction in the grant aid budget for 2014/15.

Chris Walker
Temporary Group Manager, Safer and Engaged Communities

For any enquiries about this report please contact:

Cathy Harvey
Team Manager, Community and Voluntary Sector Team
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Constitutional Comments (NAB 8.1.14)

The Grant Aid Sub-Committee has authority to approve the recommendations set out in this report by virtue of its terms of reference.

Financial Comments (SEM 7.1.14)

The financial implications are set out in the report.

Background Papers

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

Corporate Grant Aid Strategy 2011 - 15

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

ALL

Appendix A.

Befriending agreements extension from 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015.

Organisation	2013-14	2014/15
Age UK Nottingham and Notts visiting North Notts	£15,000	£13,386
Age UK Nottingham and Notts visiting South Notts	£15,000	£13,386
Eastwood Volunteer Bureau	£2,500	£2,231
Jigsaw	£2,500	£2,231
Our Centre	£25,000	£22,310
Rural Community Action Nottinghamshire	£13,500	£12,047
The Helpful Bureau – Befriending Scheme	£10,000	£8,924

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Report to Grant Aid Sub Committee

March 2014

Agenda Item: 5

REPORT OF THE TEMPORARY GROUP MANAGER
SAFER AND ENGAGED COMMUNITIES

GRANT AID FUNDING FOR CITIZEN ADVICE BUREAUS

Purpose of the Report

1. The purpose of this report is to seek approval to transfer 3 long term contracts with Nottinghamshire Citizen Advice Bureaus [CABs] and Public Health to grant aid agreements for 2014/15 to deliver welfare, debt and benefits advice which contributes to improved health and wellbeing.

Information and Advice

2. The 2011-15 Corporate Grant Aid Strategy agreed by full Council on 3rd November 2011 streamlined and centralised all grant aid processes across all departments of the County Council. As part of this approach, all 7 CABs formed a consortium and a grant aid agreement was approved for a period of three years 2012 to 2015

3. The transfer of Public Health functions to upper tier Local Authorities in April 2013 has presented an opportunity to consolidate this approach by bringing public health financial support of the voluntary sector together with the County Council's overall grant aid programme.

4. Public Health has contracted with Bassetlaw CAB, Nottingham and District CAB covering Gedling and Broxtowe to deliver the services outlined in paragraph 1 above till March 2014. This has now been extended to June 2014 with the intention of transferring responsibility for monitoring to this committee

5. In order to provide continuity it is recommended the funding for these services is maintained at 2013/14 levels for 2014/15 via grant aid and during this period that a review is undertaken which gives fuller consideration to the range and nature of services that will be needed in future and the best way to deliver these services.

Financial Implications

6. The groups listed in appendix 1 are currently in receipt £126,957 for 2013/14 provided through a contract with Public Health. Public Health has transferred

responsibility including budget allocation to the Grant Aid Sub-Committee and therefore an extension for 2014/15 is recommended.

7. The grant will be funded from the 2014/15 grant aid budget.

Other Options Considered

8. As part of the County Council's Grant Aid Strategy as outlined above it is not appropriate to consider other options at this stage.

Reason(s) for Recommendation(s)

9. To allow continued delivery of a range of services across the county.

Statutory and Policy Implications

10. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, equal opportunities, human resources, crime and disorder, human rights, the safeguarding of children, sustainability and the environment and those using the service and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

11. That Members approve the extension of the 3 CAB services via grant aid agreements for a further 12 months from 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015

Chris Walker
Temporary Group Manager, Safer and Engaged Communities

For any enquiries about this report please contact:

Cathy Harvey
Team Manager, Community and Voluntary Sector Team
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Constitutional Comments (NAB 8.2.14)

The Grant Aid Sub-Committee has authority to approve the recommendations set out in this report by virtue of its terms of reference.

Financial Comments (SEM 7.2.14)

The financial implications are set out in the report.

Background Papers

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Corporate Grant Aid Strategy 2011 - 15

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

Bassetlaw
Broxtowe
Gedling

Appendix A.

CAB agreements from 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015.

Organisation	2013-14	2014/15
Bassetlaw CAB	£82,000	£82,000
Broxtowe CAB	£20,554	£20,554
Nottingham & District CAB [Gedling]	£24.403	£24,403

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Report to Grant Aid Sub-Committee

11 March 2014

Agenda Item: 6

REPORT OF CORPORATE DIRECTOR, POLICY, PLANNING AND CORPORATE SERVICES

WORK PROGRAMME

Purpose of the Report

1. To consider the Committee's work programme for 2013/14.

Information and Advice

2. The County Council requires each committee to maintain a work programme. The work programme will assist the management of the committee's agenda, the scheduling of the committee's business and forward planning. The work programme will be updated and reviewed at each pre-agenda meeting and committee meeting. Any member of the committee is able to suggest items for possible inclusion.

3. The attached work programme has been drafted in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, and includes items which can be anticipated at the present time. Other items will be added to the programme as they are identified.

4. As part of the transparency introduced by the new committee arrangements, committees are expected to review day to day operational decisions made by officers using their delegated powers. It is anticipated that the committee will wish to commission periodic reports on such decisions. The committee is therefore requested to identify activities on which it would like to receive reports for inclusion in the work programme. It may be that the presentations about activities in the committee's remit will help to inform this.

Other Options Considered

5. None.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

6. To assist the committee in preparing its work programme.

Statutory and Policy Implications

7. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, equal opportunities, human resources, crime and disorder, human rights, the safeguarding of

children, sustainability and the environment and those using the service and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

RECOMMENDATION/S

1) That the committee's work programme be noted, and consideration be given to any changes which the committee wishes to make.

Jayne Francis-Ward
Corporate Director, Policy, Planning and Corporate Services

For any enquiries about this report please contact: Democratic Services Officer -
Dawn Lawrence
Tel: 0115 977 3201

Constitutional Comments (SLB)

8. The Committee has authority to consider the matters set out in this report by virtue of its terms of reference.

Financial Comments (PS)

9. There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

Background Papers

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All

GRANT AID SUB-COMMITTEE

WORK PROGRAMME

Report Title	**Brief summary of agenda item**	**For Decision or Information ?**	**Lead Officer**	**Report Author**
September 13				
Grant Aid Annual Report	A snapshot of ways in which grant aid has been allocated	Information	Cathy Harvey	Paul Roberts
Arts and Sports Grant Aid Funding Allocations 2013/14	Update on how funding allocated	Information	Sue Cullen	Kevin Tennant
December 2013				
Presentation	Supporting mental health services	Information	Cathy Harvey	TBA
Community Resource Centres	A update on work with CRC's and proposal for lottery funding	Decision/Information	Cathy Harvey	Fiona Simpson
January 2014				
Infrastructure development	The direction of CVS/Infrastructure Service	Information	Cathy Harvey	Fiona Simpson
		Decision	Cathy Harvey	Cathy Harvey
Arts and Sports	Allocation of funding	Decision	Sue Cullen	Kevin Tennant
March 2014				
Be-Friending GA	Approval of further extension	Decision	Cathy Harvey	Paul Roberts
CAB Funding	Allocation of funding	Decision	Cathy Harvey	Cathy Harvey
May 2014				
Grant Aid Strategy Review	To agree approach to grant aid	Decision	Cathy Harvey	Paul Roberts
VCS Consultation Event – September 2014	To advise members of the design & approach to consultation	Information	Cathy Harvey	Cathy Harvey

Report Title	**Brief summary of agenda item**	**For Decision or Information ?**	**Lead Officer**	**Report Author**

Dates and Deadlines for Grant Aid Sub-Committee

Report deadline	Date of pre-agenda	Agenda publication	Date of Committee

*Early due to Bank Holidays