

report



meeting Community Services Select Committee

date 31st January 2005

agenda item number

Report of the Director of Social Services

Progress on Implementing the Recommendations of the Grant Aid Ad Hoc Select Committee

Purpose of the Report

1. The purpose of this report is to update committee on progress made towards implementing the recommendations made by the Grant Aid Select Committee.

Information and Advice

2. A report on progress was received on the 13th December 2004. Since that date some changes in lead responsibilities have been made and advice is sought from the committee on how a realistic timetable can be further developed to meet priorities.
3. From January 1st 2005 responsibility for co-ordinating corporate work around grant aid and voluntary sector support has been located with the Voluntary Sector Liaison Team in Social Services under the guidance of the Director of Social Services. The Head of Service, Wendy Young, will attend the select committee to answer any questions.
4. Since that date work has been undertaken to liaise with relevant colleagues on two major developments; the role of the call centre in the development of an open and consistent grant aid administrative system and the inclusion of relevant information on the County Council website.
5. Over the next three months further work will be undertaken to progress both of these items and to begin the drawing together of a comprehensive guide to County Council Grant Aid from which both of these initiatives will gain.

Recommendation

6. It is recommended that the progress made is noted and a further progress report is presented in six months.

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Background Papers Available for Inspection

Nil

Electoral Division(s) Affected

All