

**REPORT OF THE TEMPORARY GROUP MANAGER SAFER AND ENGAGED COMMUNITIES****GRANT AID TO ADVICE & GUIDANCE GROUPS – EXTENDING AGREEMENTS****Purpose of the Report**

1. The purpose of this report is to seek approval to extend the Grant Aid Agreements of the Advice and Guidance organisations listed in appendix 1 for 2014/15.

**Information and Advice**

2. The Corporate Grant Aid Strategy states that where possible grant aid agreements should be made for a period of three years. This helps groups with their medium to long term financial planning. However, when awards were recommended for 2012/13 a number of groups offering advice and guidance services were only approved for 1 year. This recommendation was made because colleagues in Adult Social Care and Health were planning a review of advice services in 2012. However this review did not take place, consequently the grant aid sub-committee agreed an extension for 2013/14.
3. Colleagues in Adult Social Care are now developing an “Information and Advice Strategy” this has been triggered by a number of factors, which includes:
  - i. Changes to Advocacy services
  - ii. Refresh of Early Intervention and Prevention approach
  - iii. The Care and Support Bill requiring certain duties and responsibilities of Local Authorities relating to Information and Advice
4. As part of developing our Information and Advice Strategy colleagues are keen to review those groups who are offering advice and guidance.

**Financial Implications**

5. The groups listed in appendix 1 are currently in receipt of grant aid and an extension for 2014/15. 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.
6. The grant will be funded from the 2014/15 grant aid budget.

**Other Options Considered**

7. No other options have been considered

#### **Reason/s for Recommendation/s**

8. This proposal will place the advice and information groups in the same cycle of funding as the majority of all other funded groups. It will also allow time for the development of the Information and Advice Strategy.

#### **Statutory and Policy Implications**

9. 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**

10. It is recommended that:

- i) The Grant Aid Sub-Committee approves an extension of grants to the groups listed at appendix 1 – the period being 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015.
- ii) That 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.

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#### **Constitutional Comments (NAB 25.11.13)**

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

#### **Financial Comments (SEM 25/11/13)**

The financial implications are set out in the report.

## Background Papers and Published Documents

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

Appendix 1.

## Grant Aid to Advice and Guidance Organisations.

Organisation	Approved 2012/13	Approved 2013/14	Recommended 2014/15
Collingham Rural Advice and Resource Centre	£10,000	£10,000	£8,924
Cotgrave Advice Centre	£4,000	£4,000	£3,570
Mansfield Welfare Rights	£1,000	£1,000	£892
Radcliffe on Trent Advice Centre	£3,000	£3,000	£2,677
Disabilities Living Centre	£30,000	£30,000	£26,772
Disability Nottinghamshire	£40,000	£40,000	£35,696
ISAS – Incest & Sexual Abuse Survivors	£15,000	£15,000	£13,386
Nottingham Rape Crisis	£26,000	£26,000	£23,202