

27 January 2015**Agenda Item: 7****REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR POLICY, PLANNING AND
CORPORATE SERVICES****GRANT AID ANNUAL REVIEW 2013/14****Purpose of the Report**

1. To provide an overview of the 2013/14 Grant Aid Programme to Members of the Grant Aid Sub-Committee.

Information and Advice

2. At the November 2011 County Council Meeting members agreed a Grant Aid Strategy for the County Council, the key elements of this Strategy included:-
 - § Centralising the funds and streamlining processes
 - § A Member led approach
 - § Longer term agreements – 3 Years where possible
 - § Proportionate payment and monitoring arrangements
3. In January 2012 members approved grant aid to 130 Voluntary & Community Sector (VCS) organisations, with the majority of grants being awarded for a 3-year period from 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2015 (note that each year of the Grant Aid programme runs from 1 July to 30 June).
4. In addition to the 130 VCS organisations that were awarded 3-year Grant Aid Agreements, members also approved over 200 sports and arts – and 18 play scheme grants in 2013/14.
5. Members also approved a small number of additional grants for 2013/14 with a total value of £91,100.
6. An annual review of the Grant Aid Programme for 2012/13 was presented at the September 2013 Grant Aid Sub-Committee. There are some slight differences to how the 2013/14 information is reported due to improvements in the monitoring arrangements and information management.
7. Appendix 1 provides a summary of information about the 2013/14 grant aid programme.

Other Options Considered

8. No other options are necessary as this report is for noting only, and to provide an overview to members of decisions already approved.

Reason/s for Recommendation/

9. This is an overview of the Grant Aid programme and for noting, there is no recommendation

Statutory and Policy Implications

10. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, the public sector equality duty, 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.

Financial Implications

11. There are no new financial implications as a result of this report.

RECOMMENDATION

That Members note the report.

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Constitutional Comments (LM 6/1/15)

The report falls within the terms of reference of the Grant Aid Sub Committee.

Financial Comments (SEM 15/01/15)

There are no new financial commitments contained in this 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

