

**REPORT OF THE DEPUTY LEADER
VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR GRANT AID ALLOCATIONS FOR
2012/15****Purpose of the Report**

1. The purpose of the report is to seek Cabinet approval to allocate grant aid payments in excess of £50,000 in total to the Voluntary and Community Sector groups identified in this report.

Information and Advice

2. The Deputy Leader has approved the allocation of grant aid funding for the financial years 2012/15. The Delegated Decision published on 5th March 2012 is based on the Grant Aid Members' Reference Group recommendations for grant aid funding for 2012/15.
3. The recommendations are underpinned by the Corporate Grant Aid Strategy 2011-15, developed by a cross-political Member Reference Group and agreed by full Council on 3rd November 2011.
4. The Strategy provides the framework for the allocation of grant aid. In summary, the purpose of the Strategy is to ensure that:
 - Grant aid provides discretionary support to local Voluntary and Community Sector organisations to help them provide services and support to the residents of Nottinghamshire.
 - The allocation of grant aid aligns with the County Council's strategic priorities, service descriptions and grant aid terms and conditions.
 - Decisions demonstrate value for money.
 - The decision making process is fair, consistent and transparent.
 - Grant aid does not purchase services but provides a contribution to non statutory services.
 - Grant aid is available for revenue funding and does not cover capital funding.
5. The following groups have been recommended Grant Aid allocations in excess of £50,000 for each of the following years 2012/13, 2013/14 and 2014/14, and therefore require Cabinet approval:
 - Our Centre has been allocated £87,523. Of this £25,000 will support the provision of volunteer based support and activities for isolated older people living in Ashfield and

£62,523 will support the provision of community transport through a minibus scheme covering Mansfield, Ashfield and Newark and Sherwood and a volunteer car scheme covering Mansfield and Ashfield.

- The Helpful Bureau has been allocated £55,800. Of this £39,800 will support the provision of volunteer based practical support and activities for isolated older people in Broxtowe, including a befriending scheme and an Autumn Years Club and £16,000 will support the provision of a community transport scheme covering Broxtowe.
- Women's Aid Integrated Services has been allocated £56,042 to maintain outreach provision and support for women and children experiencing domestic violence in Rushcliffe and Gedling. This allocation will also help to provide a domestic violence helpline.
- Nottingham Playhouse has been allocated £94,500, as a contribution towards the organisations core running costs.

Other Options Considered

6. Not applicable.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

7. The allocation of the Grant Aid Budget will support the delivery of important non statutory services by the Voluntary and Community Sector to Nottinghamshire residents and the implementation of the County Council's strategic priorities.

Statutory and Policy Implications

8. 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.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1) That Cabinet approves the Grant Aid allocations for 2012/13 below:

- Our Centre - £87,523
- The Helpful Bureau - £55,800
- Women's Aid Integrated Services - £56,042
- Nottingham Playhouse - £94,500

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Deputy Leader

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Constitutional Comments (NAB 22.03.12)

Subject to there being sufficient budget provision, Cabinet has authority to approve grants to outside bodies over £50,000.

Financial Comments (MA 22/03/12)

The financial implications are as stated in the report and will be met from the approved 2012/13 budget. The actual budget amount for 2013/14 will need to be confirmed through approval by County Council in February 2013, as part of the annual budget process. Similar approval will be required for the 2014/15 budget.

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.

- Nottinghamshire County Council Corporate Grant Aid Strategy 2011-15
- Grant Aid to Voluntary Organisations – Cabinet Report 9 March 2011
- Initial Budget Proposals 2012/13 – 2015/16 – Cabinet Report 9 November 2011

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All Nottinghamshire Divisions.