



**REPORT OF THE TEMPORARY GROUP MANAGER
SAFER AND ENGAGED COMMUNITIES**

EXTENSION OF GRANT AID AGREEMENTS FOR BE-FRIENDING

Purpose of the Report

1. The purpose of this report is to seek approval to extend 8 existing grant aid agreements for organisations that deliver be-friending 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. Following further consideration, a decision has been taken to also delay the planned tender for prevention services so that a comprehensive tender will be undertaken.

Other Options Considered

6. 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)

7. To allow continued delivery of a range of be-friending services across the county.

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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. That Members:

- Approve the extension of the 8 befriending grant aid agreements for a further 12 months from 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014.

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Constitutional Comments

The Grant Aid Sub-Committee has authority to approve the recommendation set out in this report by virtue of its terms of reference. (NAB 8.1.13)

Financial Comments (DJK 08.01.13)

The contents of this report are duly noted; there are no direct financial implications.

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.

Be-friending agreements extension from 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014.

Organisation	Amount
Age UK Nottingham and Notts visiting North Notts	£15,000
Age UK Nottingham and Notts visiting South Notts	£15,000
Eastwood Volunteer Bureau	£2,500
Gedling CVS	£5,000
Jigsaw	£2,500
Our Centre	£25,000
Rural Community Action Nottinghamshire	£13,500
The Helpful Bureau – Befriending Scheme	£10,000