

**REPORT OF THE TEMPORARY GROUP MANAGER
SAFER AND ENGAGED COMMUNITIES****GRANT AID FUNDING FOR CITIZEN ADVICE BUREAUS****Purpose of the Report**

1. The purpose of this report is to seek approval to transfer 3 long term contracts with Nottinghamshire Citizen Advice Bureaus [CABs] and Public Health to grant aid agreements for 2014/15 to deliver welfare, debt and benefits advice which contributes to improved health and wellbeing.

Information and Advice

2. The 2011-15 Corporate Grant Aid Strategy agreed by full Council on 3rd November 2011 streamlined and centralised all grant aid processes across all departments of the County Council. As part of this approach, all 7 CABs formed a consortium and a grant aid agreement was approved for a period of three years 2012 to 2015
3. The transfer of Public Health functions to upper tier Local Authorities in April 2013 has presented an opportunity to consolidate this approach by bringing public health financial support of the voluntary sector together with the County Council's overall grant aid programme.
4. Public Health has contracted with Bassetlaw CAB, Nottingham and District CAB covering Gedling and Broxtowe to deliver the services outlined in paragraph 1 above till March 2014. This has now been extended to June 2014 with the intention of transferring responsibility for monitoring to this committee
5. In order to provide continuity it is recommended the funding for these services is maintained at 2013/14 levels for 2014/15 via grant aid and during this period that a review is undertaken which gives fuller consideration to the range and nature of services that will be needed in future and the best way to deliver these services.

Financial Implications

6. The groups listed in appendix 1 are currently in receipt £126,957 for 2013/14 provided through a contract with Public Health. Public Health has transferred

responsibility including budget allocation to the Grant Aid Sub-Committee and therefore an extension for 2014/15 is recommended.

7. The grant will be funded from the 2014/15 grant aid budget.

Other Options Considered

8. 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)

9. To allow continued delivery of a range of services across the county.

Statutory and Policy Implications

10. 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)

11. That Members approve the extension of the 3 CAB services via grant aid agreements for a further 12 months from 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015

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Constitutional Comments (NAB 8.2.14)

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

Financial Comments (SEM 7.2.14)

The financial implications are set out in the report.

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

Bassetlaw
Broxtowe
Gedling