

Report to Grant Aid Review Task and Finish Panel

Report Reference: GAR-002-2015/16
Date of meeting: 28 September 2015



Subject: Presentation by Voluntary Action Epping Forest

Responsible Officer: Chris Overend (01992 564247)

Democratic Services: Gary Woodhall (01992 564470)

Recommendations/Decisions Required:

(1) That Members receive a presentation from Voluntary Action Epping Forest on its services and activities, to inform the ongoing review by the Panel into the existing arrangements for all Service Level Agreements with voluntary sector groups operating in the District.

Report:

1. When the terms of reference for the Task and Finish Panel were determined, it was agreed that the review of arrangements in respect of Service Level Agreements (SLAs) would be dealt with during the second stage in 2015/16. At the first meeting of the Panel during this Council year, on 20 July 2015, Members requested that arrangements be made for a presentation from Voluntary Action Epping Forest, on its services and activities to be given at this, the second meeting. .

2. Jacquie Foile, Chief Officer at Voluntary Action Epping Forest (VAEF) will give a presentation regarding:

- (a) background information on the organisation;
- (b) an outline of its core activities;
- (c) its direct services and their value;
- (d) partnership working;
- (e) future plans; and
- (f) potential additional projects. .

Resource implications:

Budget Provision:

The grant to VAEF by way of the SLA in 2015/16 is £39,120.

Personnel:

N/A

Land:

Accommodation costs at Homefield House are valued at £31,550, of which VAEF pays rent/contributions of £11,360.