

Report to Grant Aid Review Task and Finish Panel

Report Reference: GAR-004-2015/16
Date of meeting: 29 October 2015



Subject: Presentation by Epping Forest District Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB)

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Recommendations/Decisions Required:

(1) That Members receive a presentation from Epping Forest District CAB 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.

Reason for decision:

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 Epping Forest District CAB, on its services and activities to be given at this, the third meeting.

Report:

1... Rachel Poulter, the Manager at Epping Forest District CAB and Janet Woods, Chairman of the CAB Trustees' Board, will give a presentation covering the following aspects of the work carried out by the CAB in the District:

- Why the CAB is needed
- The value of the work of CAB to society, the community and the individual (including the value of volunteering)
- Review of what the local CAB did in 2014/15
- Review of Debt Mitigation Project
- Financial Review
- Future Plans

Resource implications:

The grant to Epping Forest District CAB, by way of the SLA in 2015/16, for core funding is £113, 840. There is also funding from the District Council through the Housing Revenue account in the sum of £42,000 in 2015/16 towards the CAB's Debt Mitigation posts.