

Report to the Grant Aid Review Task & Finish Panel

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Date of meeting: 14 March 2016



Portfolio: Leisure & Community Services.

Subject: Grant Aid Review – Final Report 2015/16.

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Recommendations:

- (1) That the draft Final Report of the Panel for 2015/16 (attached as an Appendix) be agreed, subject to any further revisions requested by the Panel; and**
- (2) That the approved Final Report of the Panel for 2015/16 be submitted to the Overview & Scrutiny Committee and recommended for adoption at its meeting scheduled for 19 April 2016.**

Reasons for Decision:

The Panel has now completed all aspects of its work relating to its review of the Council's Grant Aid Scheme, and now needs to agree the final report for the second part of the Review regarding those organisations in receipt of Grant Aid funding via Service Level Agreements. If approved, this report will be presented to the Overview & Scrutiny Committee at its meeting scheduled for 19 April 2016.

Options Considered and Rejected:

None, as the remit of the Panel was to report back to the Overview & Scrutiny Committee when it had completed its review.

Specific options considered for the allocation of those Grants issued via three-year Service Level Agreements have been detailed within the attached Final Report of the Panel for 2015/16.

Report:

1. The Panel considered one-off major Grants during 2014/15 and reported its findings to the Overview & Scrutiny Committee on 27 April 2015. Those findings were agreed and the Panel was tasked to further consider those Grants issued as part of a three-year Service Level Agreement during 2015/16.
2. This review is now complete and the Panel is requested to consider the draft of its Final Report for 2015/16, and whether any amendments should be made to the Report prior to its submission to the Overview & Scrutiny Committee on 19 April 2016.

Resource Implications:

The recommendations in the Panel's final report do not have any direct financial implications.

Legal and Governance Implications:

To implement enhanced governance arrangements for the Council's Grant Aid Scheme.

Safer, Cleaner, Greener Implications:

None.

Consultation Undertaken:

Various voluntary sector groups in receipt of Grant Aid funding from the Council.

Background Papers:

Presentations, reports and minutes from previous meetings of the Panel.

Risk Management:

Not applicable at this stage of the process.