

Funding Requests 2007/8

Summary

1. This report considers the final requests for funding from the remaining Social Inclusion Working Group projects budgets for financial year 2007/8.
2. It requests members to approve funding as outlined under the column entitled **Amount to approve in January 2007** of the table included in Annex 1 of the report.

Background

3. The table in Annex 1 outlines the current position with the projects budget for 2007/8 at January 2008.
4. At its meeting on 21 November 2007, the Group considered requests received for funding from community groups for 2007/8 and decided that “the sum of £500 be allocated from the available support budget of £5,100 to each of the following bodies:”
 - a. York CAB
 - b. York Older People’s Assembly
 - c. York Interfaith
 - d. Disabled People’s Forum
 - e. YREN
5. It is proposed to support all projects to the total amount requested by each project, with the exception of:

- a. £800 for gender issues. REASON: No specific project proposal was received in 2007/8. PROVISIO: Project applications relating to Gender issues will receive priority consideration in 2008/9
- b. £2,000 for Disability Forum meetings and newsletters. REASON: A Forum review is taking place starting February 2008 supported by other means in 2007/8. PROVISIO: Applications from the Forum will receive priority consideration in 2008/9.

Consultation

6. Community representatives have been involved in a number of discussions including those which took place at the last meeting of the Group on 21 November 2007.

Options

7. Option A: To approve amounts for each project as discussed in item 5 above.
8. Option B: To distribute the remaining amount using a formulaic approach amongst all projects listed in part A of the table in Annex 1.

Analysis

9. Option A: This ensures that organisations which have applied for support receive the amount they have requested with the exceptions as outlined in item 5 above. This option is recommended.

Reason: Organisations receive the total amount requested.

10. Option B: This ensures that all project proposals receive funding albeit at reduced level. The information in item 5 above needs to be taken into account as well. This option is not recommended.

Reason: Organisations will receive reduced funding whilst funding allocated to areas without specific project proposals (gender) and areas which are supported through other means in 2007/8 (Disability Forum review).

Corporate Strategy

11. Community organisations supported as recommended in the report contribute actively to the promotion of inclusive and cohesive communities,

Implications

12. These are as follows:

Financial – The recommended option will result in an project budgets overspend of £82. However, this will be covered from the ring-fenced administration and development budget 2007/8, as an one-off occurrence. This will ensure that Social Inclusion Working Group overall budget will be on target in 2007/8.

- **Human Resources (HR)** - None
- **Equalities** – The organisations and projects supported contribute to community cohesion, social inclusion, as well as to Council’s equalities aims and objectives as outlined in the Equality Strategy 2005-8 and the Corporate Strategy 2007-2011.
- **Legal** - None
- **Crime and Disorder** - None
- **Information Technology (IT)** - None
- **Property** - None
- **Other** - None

Risk Management

13. N/A

Recommendations

14. To approve the funding recommendations in Annex 1.
15. To note and approve the provisos mentioned in paragraph 5 above.

16. To offer priority consideration to projects from York & Districts LGBT Forum submitted for funding in 2008/9, as the Forum did not seek any funding in 2007/8.

Reason: To support the objectives of the Group and assist applicant groups to develop their Equalities and Inclusion related activities further in the future.

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Wards Affected:

All

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Background papers - None

Annexes - Annex 1 - SIWG Funding Financial Year 2007/8