
Executive

30 January 2007

Report of the Head of Civic, Democratic and Legal Services

REFERENCE REPORT : FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS (CHIEF EXECUTIVES / CITY STRATEGY) 2007/2008

Summary

1. This report requests that Members consider a decision referred by the Executive Leader from the meeting of Executive Members for City Strategy and Advisory Panel on 15 January 2007. This referral was made in accordance with the delegation scheme detailed in the Council's Constitution.

Background

2. At the meeting of the Executive Members for City Strategy and Advisory Panel on 15 January 2007, Members considered a report which advised them of the applications received for financial support of £5,000 or over from the Chief Executive's voluntary sector funding budget for 2007/2008.

The following resolutions were made by the Executive Leader:

- (i) To put in place four new 3 year funding agreements from 2007/8 to 2010/11 at a cost of £218,042; **referring the decision in respect of the proposed award to York CAB to the Executive for approval as this is over £50,000;**
- (ii) To put in place 3 new annual funding agreements at a cost of £31,994;
- (iii) To set aside the remainder of the budget for awards of less than £5,000 and DRR awards (without accompanying grant applications) to be delegated to the Chief Officer;
- (iv) To make awards subject to the receipt of satisfactory accounts and reports, where necessary, as set out in paragraph 45 of the report;

[(i) to (iv) above are subject to the outcome of Budget Council.]

- (v) That the existing arrangements for staging payments to Voluntary and Community Organisations (VCO's) be retained;
- (vi) That Officers review the options for making the most effective use of the Chief Executive's funding budget during the coming year, bearing in mind the commitments contained in the Local Area Agreement, and

as discussed in paragraphs 17 to 23 of the report, and that the proposals be brought back to Members in due course.

Members are asked to consider the Executive Leader's recommendation, as indicated in Resolution (i) above, to put in place a 3 year funding agreement for York CAB, at a cost of £148,697.

Consultation

3. No further consultation has taken place in addition to the consultation detailed in paragraphs 10, 11 and 12 of the report attached as Annex 1.

Options

4. The Executive can either approve or reject the proposal of the Executive Leader.

Analysis

5. Members need to consider the details in the report attached as Annex 1 and make a decision based on the information therein.

Corporate Priorities

6. The aims in facilitating this referral to the Executive accord with the key principles of improving the councils organisational efficiency and complying with the requirements of the Councils Constitution.

Implications

7. The implications of the original decision to determine applications for financial support are set out in paragraphs 37 to 43 of Annex 1.

Risk Management

9. There are no risk management implications in relation to the referral to the Executive of this matter. The risk management implications of the original decision are outlined in paragraph 44 of Annex 1.

Recommendations

10. That the Executive consider the recommendation of the Executive Leader in respect of the proposed award to York CAB as detailed in paragraph 2 (i) above.

Reason: In line with Constitutional requirements.

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Specialist Implications Officer(s)

N/A

Wards Affected: *List wards or tick box to indicate all*

All

For further information please contact the author of the report

Background Papers:

**Decision Sheet of the Executive Member for City Strategy and Advisory Panel
15 January 2007**

Annexes

**Annex 1 – Report to the Executive Members for City Strategy and Advisory
Panel 15 January 2007 – Financial Support to Voluntary Organisations (Chief
Executives/City Strategy) 2007/2008**