

Meeting	Decision Session - Cabinet Member for Crime & Stronger Communities. & Education, Children and Young People's Services
Date	27 September 2013
Present	Councillors Cunningham-Cross and Looker (Cabinet Members)

#### **40. Declarations of Interest**

At this point in the meeting the Cabinet Members were invited to declare any personal, prejudicial or disclosable pecuniary interests, not included on their list of Registered Interests, in relation to the business on the agenda. No interests were declared.

#### **41. Minutes**

Resolved: That the minutes of the last Crime and Community Safety Decision Session held on 1 May 2012 be approved.

#### **42. Public Participation**

It was reported that there had been one registration to speak under the Council's Public Participation Scheme.

Catherine Surtees spoke on behalf of Garry Jones, the Chief Executive of York Council for Voluntary Service (CVS). She welcomed the timing of the change in timing of funding and consultation. She asked if the scoring and assessment criteria for grants would be included in the consultation. She also questioned the reason why the Council had decided that project funding was the most appropriate method for distribution of the Community York Fund.

#### 43. **Review of Community York Fund**

The Cabinet Members received a report which reviewed the Community York Fund, which was one of the key ways that the Council distributed funding to the voluntary sector.

In response to queries raised, Officers confirmed that the scoring and assessment criteria for grants was included in the consultation as was the question of whether project funding is the most appropriate method for distribution of the Community York Fund.

The Cabinet Members underlined their wish to continue to support organisations in the city through the fund, and for them to continue to be more sustainable. They agreed with the criteria, as set out in the annex to the Officer's report, as they thought it would help organisations focus their provision and would further contribute to the Council's aspirations for York.

They agreed for the continuation of the scheme with Your Consortium, as they believed it would represent continuity for the voluntary sector in the city.

- Resolved:
- (i) That the report be noted.
  - (ii) That the scheme with Your Consortium be continued for a third year.
  - (iii) That the criteria as set out in Annex 1 of the Officer's report be agreed.
  - (iv) That a consultation with regard to arrangements for 2015/16 and beyond and to receive a further report in April 2014 be agreed.

Reason: To ensure effective funding of the voluntary sector's contribution to Building Stronger Communities.

Councillors L Cunningham Cross and Councillor J Looker,  
Cabinet Members

[The meeting started at 3:05 pm and finished at 3.45 pm].