

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services

Corporate & Efficient Governance Committee - 28 May 2008

Subject : Summary of Voluntary Grants 2007/2008

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide an analysis of voluntary grants approved during 2007/08.

2. Background

- 2.1 The Corporate Services Committee in March 2007 agreed that a report be brought to Committee after each year end giving additional information regarding analysis of the grants approved during the financial year.

3. Main Issues

- 3.1 From the 2007/08 budget, grants applications totalling £0.646m were paid. This excludes grants paid out to old people's welfare organisations at Christmas and those paid to community councils.
- 3.2 Appendix 1 analyses these grants by different categories:-
- (a) By awarding department – 34% of grant funding was awarded through recommendations made by Corporate Services, with 2% by Education and 64% by Social Work.
 - (b) By reason – the majority of grant funding (93%, equivalent to £0.604m) is used by organisations for running costs, with smaller sums being used for one-off or annual events (4%, equivalent to £0.023m) and the remainder on repairs, travel and ad hoc costs.
 - (c) By group type – the majority of the funding is used by advice groups (69% - £0.444m), for elderly groups (10% - £0.065m), for sports groups (9% - £0.059m) and for children's groups (9% - £0.056m). The remainder being used for entertainment groups.
 - (d) By value of award – There were 90 grants paid through the grants budget - 63% of these were awarded to organisations receiving grants between £500 and £4,999 (56 grants, worth £0.090m); 33% to organisations receiving grants over £5,000 (30 grants, worth £0.554m), and 4% of the remaining for grants of less than £500 (4 organisations, worth £0.002m)

4. Financial implications

4.1 As this report is for information and noting only, there are no financial implications.

5. Personnel Issues

5.1 There are no personnel issues.

6. Risk Analysis

6.1 There are considered to be no risks associated with this report.

7. Conclusions

7.1 Analysis suggested that grants awarded to voluntary organisations by the Council are used in a variety of ways to help the local community and vary greatly in amount.

8. Recommendations

8.1 The Committee is invited to note the report.

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Wards affected: All wards

Appendix: Grant analysis summary

Background papers: Grant application summary information

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