

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services

Corporate and Efficient Governance Committee : 27 August 2008

Subject: Grants Update

1. Purpose

- 1.1** The purpose of this report is to provide Committee with an update on grants to voluntary organisations through Dumbarton Common Good, Community Council budgets and via delegated Member approval.

2. Background

- 2.1** The Corporate and Efficient Governance Committee on 26 March 2008 agreed a report on the new grants administration procedures being implemented for 2008/09. A breakdown of the grants budget between strategic partners; cultural projects; contingency budget and applications being administered by the Council for Voluntary Service (CVS) was also agreed. Urgent grants required through the transitional period of transferring the administration of grants to the CVS are detailed for Members' information.

3. Main Issues

Grants awarded by Delegated Approval

- 3.1** There have been 3 requests from organisations requiring urgent funding through the transitional period of transferring the administration of grants to the CVS. The total of these requests are £7,278. These are summarised in Appendix A and will be deducted from the funding passed to the CVS.

Dumbarton Common Good Fund 2008/2009

- 3.2** One application has been received with regards to the Dumbarton Common Good Fund, summarised in Appendix A and detailed in Appendix B. Members should note officer's recommendation of £nil.

Community Council Grants

- 3.3** Two applications have been received with regards to Community Council funding which are summarised in Appendix A and detailed in Appendix B. Members should note officer's recommendation totalling £7,331.64

Other

- 3.4** The Minute of Agreement between the Council and the CVS regarding grant funding and monitoring has now been signed by appropriate personnel and grant applications are now being passed to the CVS for consideration.

4. Personnel Issues

- 4.1** There are no personnel issues.

5. Financial Implications

- 5.1** If recommendations in 3.3 are agreed, this would leave an annual Community Council budget of £10,406.42.
- 5.2** Any Dumbarton Common Good grant funding agreed will be taken account of within the next budget monitoring statement.

6. Risk Analysis

- 6.1** The Council must consider financial and reputational risks when considering grant applications. The financial risk is not only that the Council remains within budget, but also that the voluntary organisation is in a long term viable position. Organisations funded by the Council must also comply with Conditions of Grant which cover issues such as discrimination, health and safety, insurance, etc.

7. Conclusions

- 7.1** A number of grants as summarised in Appendix A and detailed in Appendix B are being recommended following officer's assessment of financial need and favourable impact to residents within the Council area.

8. Recommendations

8.1 The Committee is invited to agree the recommendations for:

- (a) Dumbarton Common Good 2008/2009 - £nil**
- (b) Community Councils 2008/2009 - £7,331.64**

8.2 The Committee is invited to note the grants approved under delegated authority through the transitional period of transferring the administration of grants to the CVS.

8.3 The Committee is invited to note that the Minute of Agreement between the Council and the CVS has now been signed.

Joyce White
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Wards Affected: Wards 2 & 3

Appendix
Appendix A: Summary of Grants
Appendix B: Detailed breakdown of Grants

Background Papers: Grant applications

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