

## **WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL**

### **Report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services**

#### **Corporate and Efficient Governance Committee - 29 April 2009**

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#### **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.
- 1.2** The report also provides an analysis of local grants approved by the CVS during 2008/09.

##### **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.
- 2.2** In August 2008, the transfer of operation of the West Dunbartonshire Council Community Chest element of the Council Grant Scheme to West Dunbartonshire CVS was finalised.

##### **3. Main Issues**

###### **Dumbarton Common Good Fund 2009/2010**

- 3.1** A request for funding of £34,290 has been received from Bellsmyre Digital Community to cover costs until 31 December 2009. Details are shown in Appendix A, and Members should note officer's recommendation of £8,500. This funding should fund the group for 2 months from May to June 2009. The group has been advised to apply to the CVS for funding beyond June 2009.

### Community Council Applications 2009/2010

- 3.2** Three requests for funding have been received with regards to Community Councils which are shown in Appendix A. Members should note officer's recommendation totalling £4,931.23.

### Local Grants Assessed applications by the CVS 2008/09

- 3.3** From Appendix B, Members are advised that assessment of the outstanding applications by the CVS has offered award notifications totalling £108,113.85 to the local organisations during 2008/09. The unspent grant budget for the year 2008/9 is, therefore, £1,896.15.
- 3.4** The WDCVS has advised that during the grants process 2008/09 a number of organisation submitting grant applications for Council funding were referred to other organisations – such as Awards for All, Scottish Community Foundation and several small charitable trusts. These applications were awarded a total of £42,000 from these alternative sources.

### Local Grants Assessed applications by the CVS 2009/10

- 3.5** Members will note that there has been no assessment by the CVS of grants funding during 2009/10 to date.
- 3.6** The Council's budget 2009/10 allocated to the WDCVS for voluntary grants in 2009/10 is £105,560.

## **4. Personnel Issues**

- 4.1** There are no personnel issues.

## **5. Financial Implications**

- 5.1** Any Dumbarton Common Good grant funding agreed will be taken account of within the next budget monitoring statement.
- 5.2** After taking account of the grants awarded both by the Council and the CVS, the remaining general grants budget for the year 2008/9 is £1,896.15

## **6. Risk Analysis**

- 6.1** The Council and the CVS 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**

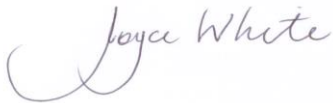
- 7.1** Grants shown in Appendix A are being recommended following officer's assessment of financial need and favourable impact to residents within the Council area.

## **8. Recommendations**

- 8.1** The Committee is invited to agree the recommendations for:

- (a) **Dumbarton Common Good (2009/2010) - £8,500**
- (b) **Community Councils (2009/2010)- £4,931.23**
- (c) **WDCVS allocation to voluntary groups (2009/10) - £105,560**

- 8.2** The Committee is invited to note the grants approved through the administration of grants by the CVS during 2008/09.



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**Date: 6 April 2009**

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<b>Wards Affected:</b>	<b>All</b>
<b>Appendix</b>	<b>Appendix A: Detailed breakdown of Grants</b> <b>Appendix B: Analysis of grants awarded</b>
<b>Background Papers:</b>	<b>Grant applications</b>
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