

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL
Report by Acting Director of Social Work Services
Social Justice Committee: 12 April 2006

Subject: Social Work Grants to Voluntary Organisations

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide members with an update of the grants position for 2005/06 since the Social Justice Committee of 8 February 2006.

2. Background

- 2.1 The Social Work Service holds a budget each financial year which is intended to allow the department to help voluntary organisations who provide services within the West Dunbartonshire Council area to Social Work clients.
- 2.2 The budget for grants to voluntary organisations for 2005/06 is £269,980.
- 2.3 The Social Justice Committee on 8 February 2006 approved a number of grants worth £49,951 which brought the year to date spend up to £201,300.

3. Developments Since Social Justice Committee of 8 February 2006

- 3.1 As noted at the last Social Justice Committee there was still at that time the possibility of further applications being received for 2005/06.
- 3.2 Since then two further grant applications have been received as attached as Appendix 1.
- 3.3 As noted at the last Social Justice Committee any such late applications would require to be agreed by the Council Leader, the Social Work Convenor, the Chief Executive, the Acting Director of Social Work and the Director of Corporate Services and would be reported to the next Social Justice Committee.
- 3.4 The recommended grant levels as noted on Appendix 1 were agreed by all parties noted at 3.3.
- 3.5 This brings the level of grants approved to £213,750.
- 3.6 As noted at the last Social Justice Committee there are a further two grants funded through Service Level Agreements (to Talking Books and to Disability Resource Centre). It would appear that the final spend on these projects will be along the lines of the figure previously reported at around £55,000.
- 3.7 This will bring the final year-end spend to £268,750, an underspend against budget of £1,230.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1 There are no financial implications other than the expected underspend of £1,230 for the year.

5. Personnel Implications

- 5.1 None.

6. Recommendation

- 6.1 Members are asked to:

- (i) note the grants approved, by those delegated to do so by the Social Justice Committee of 8 February 2006, as detailed in Appendix 1 to this report.
- (ii) note the likely year-end position on the grants budget.

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