

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by Executive Director of Corporate Services

Corporate and Efficient Governance Committee – 27 October 2010

Subject: Christmas Payments to Elderly People's Organisations

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek approval to make Christmas payments to elderly people's organisations.

2. Background

- 2.1 The Council makes annual payments to elderly people's organisations at Christmas time. The total budget for this year's payment is £188,190 and a total of approximately 13,000 members of organisations would benefit.
- 2.2 Last year the Council distributed the grants based on the number of beneficiaries of each organisation. The same approach has been assumed for 2010/11.

3. Main Issues

- 3.1 Since the payout for 2009/10, a review of the current process has been considered at both this Committee and the Community Participation Committee. Following a request from this committee, a seminar was held on 1 October when it was agreed that, due to the timeline, to continue with the current process for the December 2010 Payout and that a follow-up seminar would be held to recommend to a future committee proposals to change the process for future years.
- 3.2 For this year it is proposed to distribute the grants to organisations on the same basis as that adopted last year. Appendix A shows the allocation to groups based on current membership numbers.

4. Personnel Issues

- 4.1 There are no personnel issues.

5. Financial Implications

- 5.1 The Council currently has £188,190 to distribute to elderly organisations in the area prior to Christmas 2010.

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. Equalities Impact Assessment

- 7.1** No significant issues were identified in a screening for potential equality impact of this report.

8. Conclusions & Officers' Recommendations

- 8.1** The amounts for awarding Christmas contributions to elderly people's organisations have been calculated for 2010/2011 on the basis of membership numbers and recommended allocations are advised in Appendix A.
- 8.2** It is recommended that the Christmas contribution to Elderly People's Organisations is agreed by Members for 2010/2011 as shown in Appendix A.
- 8.3** The committee is asked to note that, following the follow-up seminar of all elderly welfare groups, that a further report with a recommendation for revised procedures will be brought to a future meeting of the Committee for approval.

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Appendix: Appendix A – Contribution for 2010/11

Background Papers: Grant Applications

Wards Affected: All wards affected