

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by Executive Director of Corporate Services

Corporate and Efficient Governance Committee – 30 September 2009

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 £186,310 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 2009/10.

3. Main Issues

- 3.1 Since the payout for 2008/09, a review of the current process has been considered at both this Committee and the Community Participation Committee. For 2009/10 it was agreed by this Committee to continue the current process, with a further review on particular aspects of the payout to be undertaken. The Council has requested input from the Community Volunteer Service (CVS) on this. The outcome of the review is due to be reported to this Committee in February 2010.
- 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 £186,310 to distribute to elderly organisations in the area prior to Christmas 2009.

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 & Officers' Recommendations

- 7.1** The amounts for awarding Christmas contributions to elderly people's organisations have been calculated for 2009/2010 on the basis of membership numbers and recommended allocations are advised in Appendix A.
- 7.2** It is recommended that the Christmas contribution to Elderly People's Organisations is agreed by Members for 2009/2010 as shown in Appendix A.

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Appendix: Appendix A – Contribution for 2009/2010

Background Papers: Grant Applications

Wards Affected: All wards affected