

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by Executive Director of Corporate Services

Corporate and Efficient Governance Committee – 26 May 2010

Subject : Old People's Welfare Grant Funding

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide Committee with an update on the survey being completed by the CVS regarding the grant funding for elderly welfare organisations.

2. Background

- 2.1 A report was submitted to the Corporate and Efficient Governance Committee on 25 February 2009 providing information on a focus group held in January. The focus group had representation from each elderly welfare organisation receiving Christmas grant funding from the Council.
- 2.2 A report was submitted to the Corporate and Efficient Governance Committee on 29 April 2009 with future options regarding the best use of grant funding for elderly welfare organisation. At that meeting the Committee agreed that the status quo should remain meantime. However, in order to address safety and other concerns, a review on the administration of financial payments was requested.
- 2.3 A report was submitted to the Corporate and Efficient Governance Committee on 24 March 2010, together with a presentation from Strathclyde Police on safety aspects. At that meeting, Members agreed that the West Dunbartonshire Community Volunteer Service would conduct an independent survey of the elderly welfare organisations receiving grant funding; the individuals benefiting from the grant funding and any other key stakeholders (e.g. police). The results of the survey were due to be reported to this Committee in May 2010.

3. Main Issues

- 3.1 Due to the unavailability of office bearers at key stakeholder organisations, the CVS was unable to complete the review for this Committee cycle. However, it is anticipated to be completed prior to the end June 2010, when a briefing note will be circulated to Members prior to the summer recess.
- 3.2 A full report will then be brought back to Committee in August 2010 with full recommendations for the payout 2010, based upon the briefing note. The timing of this report will allow any necessary changes to be put in place to action the Committee decision prior to the Christmas payout.

4. People Implications

- 4.1 There are no people implications at this stage.

5. Financial Implications

5.1 There are no financial implications.

6. Risk Analysis

6.1 No additional risk analysis was necessary at this stage.

7. Equalities Impact Assessment

7.1 A full equalities impact assessment will be required during the survey and analysis of the results prior to reporting back to Members.

8. Conclusions and Recommendations

8.1 Due to the limited availability of relevant personnel, the survey results will not be available until June 2010.

8.2 Members are asked to note that a briefing paper will be issued on the findings of the survey, prior to the summer recess, with a full report to Committee in August 2010.

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Appendix: n/a

Background Papers: Corporate and Efficient Governance Committee report
25 February 2009

Corporate and Efficient Governance Committee report
29 April 2009

Corporate and Efficient Governance Committee report
24 March 2010

Wards Affected: All Wards