

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by the Chief Executive

Corporate Services Committee - 28 June 2006

Subject : Grants to Voluntary Organisations

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide Members with an update on the budget position of grants to voluntary organisations.
- 1.2 The report also provides details of grant applications put forward for approval by Members.

2. Background

- 2.1 Previously, in 2005/2006, grants applications in respect of local grants, Social Work and Education grants were considered by the relevant departmental Committees.
- 2.2 At the council tax setting meeting on 9 February 2006, it was agreed to rationalise these grants into one budget heading and reduce the budget for efficiencies; this report incorporates these changes. This means that there is one main budget now for what were previously local grants, central grants, Social Work grants and Education grants.

3. Main Issues

3.1 Grants to Voluntary Organisations 2006/2007

The current budgetary position is set out in Appendix A and highlights a balance of £167,983.04 in the grants to voluntary organisations budget. Grant applications received totalling £60,833.80 have been assessed by officers as being eligible for grant. These are summarised in Appendix B and detailed in Appendix C. If these grants are agreed as recommended by officers, this would leave a balance of £107,149.24 in the grants to voluntary organisations budget, with £87,993.00 of this being identified for future funding of the West Dunbartonshire Citizens Advice Bureau.

3.2 Community Council Grants 2006/2007

The current budgetary position is set out in Appendix A, highlighting a balance of £22,000 in the community council grants budget. There are no community council grant applications for consideration at this time.

3.3 Dumbarton Common Good Fund 2006/2007

No direct applications have been received for the Dumbarton Common Good Fund but Members should note officers' recommendations in Appendix C, this is summarised in Appendix B and totals £1,000.

3.4 Members should note that the implications arising from grant recommendations which fall below the level of grant requested have been discussed with the relevant organisations.

4. Personnel Issues

4.1 There are no personnel issues.

5. Financial Implications

5.1 The budget position is noted within section 3 of this report. If recommendations in 3.1-3.3 are agreed this would leave an annual budget of:

	£
Grants to Voluntary Organisations	107,149
Community Council Grants	22,000

5.2 Applications received in Appendix C include an element of grant being recommended from the Dumbarton Common Good Fund. This can be accommodated within the estimated balance of the fund.

5.3 These balances do not take account of any future commitment for the West Dunbartonshire Citizens Advice Bureau beyond the 6 months funding.

6. Conclusions

6.1 A number of grants as summarised in Appendix B and detailed in Appendix C are being recommended following normal assessment of financial need and favourable impact to residents within the Council area.

7. Recommendations

7.1 It is recommended that Members agree the officers' recommendations for:

- (a) Grants to Voluntary Organisations 2006/2007 (totalling £60,833.80)
- (b) Dumbarton Common Good Fund Grants 2006/2007 (totalling £1,000)

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Background Papers: Grant applications

Wards Affected: All wards affected