

COUNCIL MEETING – 1 MARCH 2016

REPORT OF THE ADDITIONAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

12 January 2016

Present: Councillors Bell, Chairman, Griffiths, Vice-Chairman, Allebone, Bailey, Carr, Emerson, Francis, Harrington, Henley, Partridge-Underwood, Scarborough, Ward and M Waters.

Also present: Mrs L Elliott, Head of Finance, Miss J Thomas, Head of Planning and Local Development, Mrs G Chapman, Principal Community Support Manager, Mrs C A Mundy, Democratic Services Officer.

(Councillor Aslam also attended as an observer.)

The chairman extended congratulations from the committee to Councillor Bailey who had been awarded a MBE in the New Year's Honours list.

1. APOLOGIES

RESOLVED to note that an apology for absence was received from Councillor Morrall.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

RESOLVED to note that in accordance with the Localism Act 2011, the council's code of conduct and the council's constitution, the following declarations were made:

Councillor	Minute	Report Title	Reason
Allebone	3	Voluntary and community sector grant funding	Personal – one of the service providers is an acquaintance.
Emerson	3	Voluntary and community sector grant funding.	Personal – is a council representative on the Victoria Centre.
Partridge-Underwood	3	Voluntary and community sector grant funding.	Personal – he knew one of the service providers.

Scarborough 3	Voluntary and community sector grant funding.	Personal – ordinary member of the Victoria Centre.
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3. VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR FUNDING

The annexed circulated report of the Head of Finance was received on the revised methodology as recommended by the Grants Working Party for the funding and commissioning of the voluntary and community sector to deliver specific outcomes and services.

The report reflected the recommendations of the member working party, which were to refresh the outcomes from the previous process and the budgets associated with each, and to commission these services for a further two years up to March 2018.

It was recommended that a procurement exercise take place so that the award of a contract to a provider of a particular service can be monitored to ensure the outcomes and delivery of a service. This procurement process was proposed to be for the next two years to allow for a detailed review of the outcomes and methods used to commission services.

Appended to the report were the suggested themes for voluntary sector and collaborative funding for 2016 along with the specifications for each outcome.

Members raised a number of queries regarding the procurement process and why officers considered that the current system of grant funding was no longer acceptable. Officers responded to this by clarifying that the procurement process enabled there to be more control and monitoring of how the money was being utilised to ensure it was in line with the council's requirements for the service provider and that it was best value for money.

Members noted that there was a sum of £40,000 that had not been allocated and suggested that this be allocated to the grants.

Officers clarified that this money would be allocated for smaller projects as deemed appropriate,

Assurance was sought that members would make decisions on where the grant funding would go to. The leader clarified that the procurement rules had been set by the council and as such would be followed.

(Councillor Carr left the meeting at 7.40pm.)

Councillor Scarborough proposed the following amendment, which was seconded by Councillor Henley, to recommendation 4.2 of the report to read as follows:

“Resolve to agree the refreshed outcomes and budgets as shown in appendix one, subject to £175,000 of funding, and allocate the additional sum of £12,500 to items six and seven (shown in appendix one) to increase their annual budget to £32,500 each for one year.

The amendment was put to the vote and declared lost with four votes in favour and eight votes against.

The chairman put the substantive motion to the vote and this was declared carried. There were eight votes for and three votes against items (i) and (ii); 11 votes for and one vote against item (iii) and 12 votes for item (iv).

RESOLVED that:

- (i) The provision of community funding until March 2018 be agreed in principle;
- (ii) The refreshed outcomes and budgets as detailed in appendix one to the report be agreed;
- (iii) The outline specifications as detailed in appendix two to the report be agreed;
- (iv) Agreement be given to the member working party’s terms of reference being extended to enable a further review and consultation to take place to inform a further report in relation to the continuation of these services and funding from April 2018.

Chairman

The meeting closed at 7.55pm.