

Part 1, Section A, Item 2

Development of a Third Sector Grant Making Policy

Purpose of Report

To determine the terms of reference for the work previously agreed by the Scrutiny Committee regarding the review of policy for making grants to third sector and other organisations.

Background

The final recommendations of the Steering Group established to review the funding of third sector organisations was considered by the Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee and approved by the Cabinet Board on 13th December 2014.

The recommendations included suggestions that the Council considers replacing its existing grant making practice with a new grant making policy. The report set out a number of principles that the Steering Group felt should be taken into account by the Council in drawing up a revised policy.

Members of the Scrutiny Committee indicated that they would wish to be involved in developing the new policy and this report provides suggested terms of reference to guide the work that now needs to be taken forward.

Recommended

That the Scrutiny Committee considers and if thought appropriate agrees the draft Terms of Reference outlined in Appendix 1.

Background Papers

- Review of Third Sector Funding, Policy and Resources Cabinet Board, 13th December 2013.

Wards Affected

All

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COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

DEVELOPMENT OF THRID SECTOR GRANT MAKING POLICY

(a) **Implementation of Decision**

The decision is proposed for implementation after the 3 day call-in period.

(b) **Sustainability Appraisal**

Community Plan Impacts:

Economic Prosperity	Positive
Education and Lifelong Learning	Positive
Better Health and Well Being	Positive
Environment and Transport	Positive
Crime and Disorder	Positive

Other Impacts:

Welsh Language	No impact
Sustainable Development	Positive
Equalities	Positive
Social Inclusion	Positive

(c) **Consultation**

There has been no requirement under the Constitution for external consultation on this item.

Appendix 1



Development of a Third Sector Grant Making Policy

Terms of Reference

1. To develop a revised grant making policy for the Council.
Which includes:
 - a. Clear and fit for purpose governance arrangements
 - b. A revised application process.
 - c. Differentiates between strategic partners and other grant recipients.
 - d. Encourages organisations to work towards and achieve financial sustainability and to build capacity across the sector locally;
2. To consult and take advice from the Voluntary Sector Liaison Committee during the development and review work.
3. To consult, where appropriate, other key stakeholders during the development and review process.
4. To present information at key milestones to the Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee.
5. To undertake Equality Impact Assessments of any proposed changes.

Approach

The policy development will be undertaken by Members of the Policy & Resources Scrutiny Committee.

Officers will support Members to undertake the work as necessary.

Project Plan

The key milestones of the review will be as follows:

Meeting No. 1	04.09.14	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Terms of Reference• Approach• Project Plan
Meeting No. 2	Early November (tba)	Policy Options (to include):
Meeting No. 3	Early January (tba)	Initiate consultation process to change policy and application process
Meeting No. 4	Early March (tba)	Finalise proposals following consultation