



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

**COUNCIL CABINET**  
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Report of the Director of Social Services

## **Mainstream Funding for Social Care Voluntary and Community Organisations 2004/2005**

### **RECOMMENDATION**

1. To approve the grants set out in Appendices 2, 3 and 5 of this report.

### **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 This report sets out the recommendations for mainstream funding to be paid to voluntary organisations for 2004/2005.
- 2.2 Each year voluntary organisations are invited to apply for funding through the mainstream programme for a continuation of the funding they are currently receiving. We monitor and review the services that these organisations provide throughout the year so the continuation of their funding is dependent on this as well as on the grant application process.
- 2.3 The Council has agreed to inflate voluntary sector funding for 2004/2005 at a rate of 3% on the 2003/2004 rate. Some organisations have requested less than the 3% uplift. Where this is the case the recommendation is for the amount requested. Some are recommended for a higher amount because of specific circumstances. These are set out in the supporting information. Mainstream funding is therefore recommended at the levels shown in the attached Appendices for 2004/2005.
- 2.4 All organisations funded through the mainstream programme have now moved on to three year Funding Agreements. Appendix 2 details those organisations already on a three year agreement that does not yet need renewing, Appendix 3 details the organisations that will receive a new three year agreement in April 2004.

### **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

- 3.1 We have now received and assessed applications for mainstream grant funding for 2004/2005. Services provided by organisations that already receive mainstream grant funding are also evaluated through the ongoing monitoring and review arrangements required by the Council. This year two thirds of our organisations have not had to fill in an application form as they are already in receipt of a three year funding agreement. This means that we need to notify them of the rate of increase to their funding for 2004/2005 but not whether they have been successful in their application for funding. These organisations are listed at Appendix 2.

3.2 Several organisations previously funded under the mainstream grant programme have applied for an increase on previous years. Because of restrictions within the budget, it is not possible to respond to these requests except with the 3% increase that will apply to all organisations.

3.3 **Organisations that have requested additional funding**

The following organisations have raised additional requirements that it has not been possible to respond to within the current limitations of the budget:

- Borrowash House
- Padley Centre
- Rape Crisis Centre
- Disability Direct
- Hadhari Nari
- AEKTA
- Derby Community Transport
- DAB - Sightline

3.4 It may be necessary to review some of the requests in the future, as voluntary organisations are facing the same pressures from national standards and requirements and cost pressures as the independent sector and the department's own services. It is not always possible or appropriate for these costs to be met by voluntary fund raising.

The services recommended for an increase are part of the department's overall responsibility for community care services and if these services were not able to be provided through the voluntary sector, the department would need to make alternative arrangements for many of the service users. The organisations requests have been individually assessed and it is recommended that increased funding be provided. The Age Concern advocacy project and the Alternatives activity centre have previously been reported to Cabinet as needing assistance in 2004/05 and were given short term assistance in 2003/04 on an interim basis, where their existing source of funding came to an end, to ensure their survival into 2004/05.

3.5 One organisation, Derbyshire Coalition for Inclusive Living, will no longer be funded under the mainstream grant programme. This is because the resources are required to fund the Direct Payments Support Service, which has been the subject of a tendering exercise. DCIL were given notice of this in line with the requirements of the funding agreement.

3.6 Age Concern Advocacy Project provides an advocacy service for older people living in residential and nursing homes, and older people who are considering moving into residential/nursing care, and offer support and information to families of residents, and potential residents. They have applied for grant funding because the Health and Social Care Partnership funding, which had covered the costs of this project, expired at the end of 2002/03. A contribution from Social Services of £13,665 is recommended to pay for this project. If this project is not funded, the service will have to close. This service has been valuable to the department by securing funding to meet top-ups to residential and nursing fees in private homes for residents currently placed there, as well as offering advocacy to

residents. The service received £16,665 on an interim basis in 2003/04 from Social Services.

Further efforts will be made to encourage the PCTs in Derby to reinstate their original funding in 2004 / 5 so that the service can return to its original level of a full-time worker.

- 3.7 Alternatives Activity Centre provides a drop-in day centre for adults with learning disabilities and Social Services funding contributes towards an employment scheme and staffing costs. The organisation has applied for additional grant funding because the Community Fund grant, which covered the core running costs, has expired. A contribution from Social Services of £40,000 is recommended. This is additional to existing funding agreed for this organisation and increases the amount from £18,839 in 2003/04 to £58,839 in 2004/05 from the Social Services budget. During 2003/04 the organisation was awarded an additional £6,666 from Social Services to help cover their funding deficit in the interim.

If this is not funded, the service will have to close and the Social Services department would have to make arrangements for the day care of the people currently attending in some other way.

- 3.8 Sahahra provides a culturally appropriate day care service for older people from the Asian community. Social Services contributes towards a Day Service Co-ordinator, five Day Service Workers and a cook. It also pays for rent, transport, food, training, activities and other running costs. Sahahra has applied for additional grant funding because the Day Service Co-ordinator's salary is too low for the responsibility of running a full time day service. The organisation also requires a permanent Scale 1 administrative post for 18.5 hours a week. A contribution from Social Services of £10,000 is recommended. This is additional to existing funding agreed for this organisation and increases the amount from £46,340 in 2003/04 to £56,340 in 2004/05 from the Social Services budget.
- 3.9 Derby Minority Senior Citizens provide a weekly lunch club for older Asian men. Social Services contribute towards the purchase of food and the cook's wages. The organisation has applied for additional grant funding, as they now have to pay the group rent on the premises used for the lunch club. Previously the rent at the Centre had been free. The number of service users attending the lunch club is also increasing, putting pressure on the budget. A contribution from Social Services of £5,000 is recommended. This is additional to existing funding agreed for this organisation and increases the amount from £2,996 in 2003/04 to £7,996 in 2004/05 from the Social Services budget.
- 3.10 Ukrainian Day Centre provides a twice-weekly lunch club, along with advice and welfare support for older Ukrainian people. Social Services contribute towards the running costs of providing the service. The organisation has applied for additional grant funding because they are unable to maintain their current levels of service provision without this increase. A contribution from Social Services of £3,000 is recommended. This is additional to existing funding agreed for this organisation and increases the amount from £6,831 in 2003/04 to £9,831 in 2004/05 from the Social Services budget.

- 3.11 CamTAD provides support, advice and information for people with hearing loss, along with awareness raising about hearing impairments. Social Services contribute towards the running costs of the service and a part-time development worker. The organisation has applied for additional grant funding due to an expansion in the service provided and request funding for another 5½ hours a week in order for the existing Volunteer Co-ordinator to take on some additional support work to assist the Service Manager with some of the work within Derby City. A contribution from Social Services of £3,000 is recommended. This is additional to existing funding agreed for this organisation and increases the amount from £9,329 in 2003/04 to £12,329 in 2004/05 from the Social Services budget.
- 3.12 Home Start is a voluntary organisation in which volunteers offer regular support and friendship to young families (with a child under 5 years) in their own homes, helping them through a difficult time and trying to prevent family crisis and breakdown. Families are referred because of isolation, depression, loneliness, disability, and multiple births along with social, economic, housing issues etc. There is an open referral system and work with families from a wide range of cultures and backgrounds. Home Start focuses on the family as a whole, they offer a flexible, common sense approach providing emotional support, friendship and practical help to encourage and enable families towards an independent and a more positive lifestyle for both parents and their children. A contribution from Social Services of £5,941 is recommended. This is additional to existing funding agreed for this organisation and increases the amount from £21,559 in 2003/04 to £27,500 in 2004/05 from the Social Services budget.
- 3.13 Umbrella is a voluntary organisation that delivers respite care services to disabled children and their carers. An increase above inflation is recommended to support with increased costs from implementing new employment regulations, increased insurance, volunteer expenses and other costs. The recommended increase is £2,400 including 3% for inflation.
- 3.14 Asian Over 60's have been paying for three days rent at the Sinfin and Stenson Fields Asian Over 60's in 2003/04. In 2004/05, the amount for three days rent of £2,184 will deducted from Asian Over 60's and transferred to Sinfin and Stenson Fields Asian Over 60's. For Asian Over 60's, this decreases the amount received from £38,841 in 2003/04 to £36,657 in 2004/05. For Sinfin and Stenson Fields Asian Over 60's, this increases the amount from £2,000 in 2003/04 to £4,184 in 2004/05 from the Social Services budget.
- 3.15 Organisations offering information and advice are now required to achieve the Community Legal Services Quality Mark as a determinant for funding for 2003/2004. All organisations required to achieve the Quality Mark have done so, or are in the process of having an application approved. Asian Over 60's were late in submitting their application and this is still being processed.
- 3.16 Supporting people / child care and women's refuges  
We have had approaches from one of the women's refuges that the Council previously supported through Social Services, prior to the Supporting People funding programme. They are concerned that they are unable to access Supporting People funding for providing support to children living temporarily at the refuge because their mother has had to leave the family home because of

violence. This falls outside Supporting People funding responsibilities. We think this needs a more strategic response than the individual request and are considering how to take this forward through the Community Safety Partnership and the Children's Strategic Planning Partnership. A future report may be required.

3.17 In line with the principles approved by Policy Committee in 1997, we propose that:

- the full funding be approved in principle and a letter to that effect issued as soon as possible
- six months' funding be released in advance on 1 April 2004
- all funding be the subject of a written three year agreement between the organisation and Social Services Department by the end of May 2004
- all organisations, before being paid the remaining grant for the year, should:
  - provide annual accounts and a statement of grant expenditure for 2003/2004
  - provide ongoing quarterly financial and monitoring reports
  - have formal review meetings where the organisation is in receipt of over £10,000 a year from the Department.

## OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

4. Not applicable.

### For more information contact:

### Background papers:

### List of appendices:

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None

Appendix 1 – Implications

Appendix 2 – Organisations with a 3-year funding agreement

Appendix 3 – Applications moving to a new 3-year agreement from April 04

Appendix 4 – Organisation no longer requiring funding from April 04

Appendix 5 – New requests from organisations for funding from April 04

## IMPLICATIONS

### Financial

1. A total of £586,489 is required for mainstream grant funding for 2004/2005 as outlined in Appendices 2, 3 and 5. Budget provision for this is contained within the 2004/05 budget.
- 1.2 2004/05 budget includes an increase of 3% across voluntary sector grants. On top of this an extra funding has been included for specific organisations as identified in the report.

### Legal

- 2.1 Powers to offer funding in the above circumstances are granted under the Children Act 1989, the National Assistance Act 1948, the Health Services and Public Health Act 1968 and the National Health Services Act 1977.
- 2.2 Each organisation receiving assistance will enter into a funding agreement with the Council. Where the funding is in excess of £10,000 an appropriate service level agreement will be drawn up covering a three year period.

### Personnel

3. None

### Corporate Objectives and Priorities for Change

4. This accords with the Council's objective of **protecting and supporting people**.