



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL CABINET
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Cabinet Member for Adult Services

ITEM 9

Adult Social Services Voluntary and Community Sector Grant Funding for 2007/8

SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report sets out Adult Social Services grant funding, including joint funding with partner agencies, to be provided to Voluntary and Community Sector organisations in 2007/2008.
- 1.2 Subject to any issues raised at the meeting, I support the following recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 To approve the proposed grant funding for Adult Social Services, set out in Appendix 2 of the report subject to the final decision on the revenue budget made by Council.
- 2.2 To receive a further report setting out proposals for improvements in the future process for commissioning VCS services jointly with our Health partners.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3 An inflationary increase of 2.5% is being recommended for all Council Voluntary Sector grant funding for 2007/8. The Voluntary and Community Sector continues to provide both preventive and critical services to adults with social care needs, which complement our direct service provision and fill gaps in statutory services. This inflationary increase is necessary to ensure that key preventive services do not become unsustainable, resulting in vulnerable adults losing their independence and having to rely upon more costly and intensive home care interventions.



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Report of the Director of Corporate and
Adult Social Services

**Adult Social Services Voluntary & Community Sector Funding
for 2007/8**

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 1.1 This report sets out the recommendations for Adult Social Services grant funding, including joint funding with partner agencies, to be provided to Voluntary and Community Sector organisations in 2007/2008. The number of Adult Social Services grants has reduced considerably, following the Cabinet decision in January 2006 to transfer many of the smaller grants to the Community Grants Budget. A separate report to Cabinet is being presented to cover recommendations on community grants, including the former social services grants, which transferred to the Community Grants Budget.
- 1.2 Adult Social Services grant funding is normally subject to three year Funding Agreements. In the final year of their Funding Agreements, Voluntary Sector organisations are invited to reapply for a continuation of grant funding. All services are monitored and reviewed on an ongoing basis and continued funding is therefore dependent on satisfactory outcomes from monitoring processes, as well as on the funding application process.
- 1.3 The joint funding for Adult Social Services consists of commitments between Derby City Council and one or more partner agencies, including Derby Primary Care Trust, Derbyshire Primary Care Trust and Derbyshire County Council. The majority of these funding arrangements were first supported through the Joint Finance programme with Southern Derbyshire Health Authority. All jointly funded services are subject to ongoing monitoring and review.
- 1.4 In January 2006, Council Cabinet approved a recommendation to consult voluntary sector organisations concerning the potential transfer of social care grant funding onto contracts. An initial consultation exercise was undertaken and the results have informed the development of a Joint Commissioning Framework for the Third Sector, which is nearing completion and which will be brought to Council Cabinet for approval over the coming months. However, it is evident that decisions to procure services on a contractual basis need to be taken on a case by case basis, bearing in mind value for money considerations, the need for contracted services to cover the full costs of service delivery and the capacity of the department to undertake tendering processes.

1.5 An inflationary increase of 2.5% is being recommended for all Council Voluntary Sector grant funding for 2007/8. Owing to the significant budgetary pressures faced by the Council, inflationary increases were not provided for the previous financial year. However, this exacerbated existing cost pressures within the Voluntary Sector. An inflationary increase for 2007/8 is necessary, both to avoid unacceptable risk to the sustainability of services and in order to comply with the spirit and letter of the Council's Compact with the Voluntary Sector. However, for joint funding agreements where Derby City Council does not assume the lead responsibility for administering the funding, the inflationary increase is determined by the lead agency. Some of the figures in Appendix 2 may therefore need to be adjusted, once the inflationary increases of lead agencies are known.

1.6 **Compact and principles of Voluntary Sector funding**

The Council is committed to complying with the principles and undertakings set out in the Compact and related Codes of Practice. In the case of multi-year funding agreements, the Council has undertaken to consult with Voluntary Sector Organisations prior to any reduction in funding and also to provide a minimum of 3 months notice. The Council is also committed to taking a strategic approach to Voluntary Sector funding and to strengthening our joint commissioning arrangements with partner agencies, to ensure that Voluntary Sector funding is targeted as effectively as possible and delivers Best Value for service users.

1.7 **Requests for increased funding which cannot be met**

A number of organisations have applied for increased funding, over and above inflation. Owing to budgetary limitations, it is not feasible to meet these requests at the present time. However, it may be necessary to review some of these requests in future, in the light of changing patterns of need and service delivery.

1.8 **Mencap Gateway Scheme**

A small cost saving of £2,150 has been made, since the Mencap Gateway Scheme is no longer operating in the Derby area.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

2. None.

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Background papers:	Appendix 1 - Implications
List of appendices:	Appendix 2 - Voluntary Sector Grant Funding for Adult Social Services 2007/8

IMPLICATIONS

Financial

- 1.1 The full cost of the services listed in Appendix 2 can be met within the grant budget for Adult Social Services.
- 1.2 Payment of the approved funding will be subject to compliance with Funding Agreements.

Legal

- 2.1 Powers to provide funding in the above circumstances are granted under 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 be required to enter into a Funding Agreement with the Council.

Personnel

- 3. The Voluntary Sector Team will be considering how best to manage Corporate and Adult Social Services grant funding, along with its lead responsibility for the development of Voluntary Sector policy and strategy, within existing staffing levels.

Equalities impact

- 4. The services and activities of the organisations named in this report support vulnerable adults across all communities.

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

- 5. This accords with the Council's objective of promoting strong and positive communities and protecting and supporting people.

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APPENDIX 2

Organisation Name	Adult Social Services Mainstream 2006/7	Recommended Adult Social Services Mainstream 2007/8	Total Joint Funding 2006/7	Adult Social Services Joint Funding Contribution 2006/7	Recommended Adult Social Services Joint Funding Contribution 2007/8	Partner Agencies
Age Concern Derby and Derbyshire	£14,033	£14,384	-	-	-	-
Alternatives Activity Centre	£60,427	£61,938	-	-	-	-
CamTAD*	£12,661	£12,978	£42,750	£14,107	£14,460	Derby City Council, Derby City PCT, Derbyshire County Council
Derby CVS	-	-	£191,993	£50,667	£51,934	Derby City Council, Derby City PCT
Derbyshire MIND	-	-	£310,247	£105,423	£108,059	Derby City Council, Derby City PCT
Derbyshire Association for the Blind*	£12,820	£13,141	£35,575	£5,027	£5,152	Derby City Council, Derby City PCT, Derbyshire County PCT , Derbyshire County Council
Derbyshire Carers Association*	£24,036	£24,637	£151,686	£9,860	£10,107	Derby City Council, Derby City PCT, Derbyshire County PCT , Derbyshire County Council
Derby Millennium Network	-	-	£33,121	£16,778	£17,197	Derby City Council, Derby City PCT
Derby and South Derbyshire Crossroads	-	-	£76,555	£25,263	£25,895	Derby City Council, Derbyshire County PCT , Derbyshire County Council

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Derbyshire Appropriate Adult Scheme	-	-	£84,385	£22,539	£23,102	Derby City Council, Derbyshire County Council , Derbyshire Constabulary
Disability Direct*	£38,654	£39,620	£18,670	£9,335	£9,568	Derby City Council, Derby City PCT
Headway	-	-	£20,000	£10,000	£10,250	Derby City Council , Derby City PCT
MHA Care Group - Live at Home Schemes*	£53,770	£55,114	£19,927	£9,965	£10,214	Derby City Council, Derby City PCT
Opieka	-	-	£23,514	£11,757	£12,051	Derby City Council, Derby City PCT
Padley Group*	£96,680	£99,097	£15,181	£7,590	£7,780	Derby City Council , Derby City PCT
Sahahra	£57,861	£59,308	-	-	-	-
Southern Derbyshire Advocacy Service*	£9,975	£10,224	£42,484	£1,071	£1,097	Derby City Council, Derby City PCT, Derbyshire County PCT , Derbyshire County Council
Ukrainian Day Centre	-	-	£12,144	£6,071	£6,223	Derby City Council, Derby City PCT
Mencap Gateway Scheme	-	-	£17,205	£2,105	-	Erewash PCT , Derbyshire County Council
TOTAL	£380,917	£390,441	£1,095,437	£307,558	£313,089	-

*Asterisked organisations receive separate funding from the Council under both Mainstream Adult Social Services and Joint Funding arrangements.