

COUNCIL CABINET 15 January 2008

ITEM 8

Cabinet Member for Children and Young People

Children's Social Care Voluntary and Community Sector Grant Funding for 2008/9

SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report sets out Children and Young People's Social Care Grant Funding, including joint funding with partner agencies, to be provided to Voluntary and Community Sector organisations in 2008/2009.
- 1.2 Subject to any issues raised at the meeting, I support the following recommendations.

RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 That all of the projects listed in Appendix 2 have their funding extended until 31 March 2009, subject to the final decision on the revenue budget made by Council.
- 2.2 To review the projects during the next financial year to ensure activity is linked to the new priorities and challenges in the Children and Young People's Plan CYPP 2008 2010.
- 2.3 Where projects do not clearly meet the renewed priorities of the CYPP 2008 2010, work will be undertaken to refocus and reshape activity or discontinue funding where this is not possible.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 In January 2007 it was agreed that the Children and Young People's Department CYPD would conduct a review of all project funding identified in Appendix 2 to ensure that the outputs and outcomes of the activities meet the priorities identified within the CYPP for 2007 2008. Due to staff sickness and an unfilled post until November 2007, there has been no departmental capacity to undertake this detailed review. However, all of the projects do meet the higher-level outcome aims of the Every Child Matters ECM framework:
 - Be Healthy
 - Stay Safe
 - Enjoy and Achieve
 - Make a Positive Contribution
 - Achieve Economic Well-being.

3.2 During the early part of 2008 the Children and Young People's Department, alongside statutory agencies and the wider partnership, will develop a new Children and Young People's Plan 2008 - 2010. The development of the plan will be an opportunity to refocus the use of these voluntary grants to ensure that organisations are commissioned to best meet the priorities identified.



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SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 1.1 This report sets out the recommendations for the Children and Young People's Social Care Grant Funding, including joint funding with partner agencies, to be provided to Voluntary and Community Sector organisations in 2008 2009.
- 1.2 The joint funding for Children's Social Care services consists of commitments between Derby City Council and one or more partner agencies, including Derby City PCT. 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.
- 1.3 Currently there are 12 projects funded through the Voluntary Sector Grant. All of the projects meet the ECM outcomes framework in supporting children with disabilities, children who are vulnerable and families in need.
- 1.4 Two of projects have now merged to deliver a more efficient service to users:
 - NSPCC Child Protection Team
 - NSPCC Young Abusers.

These two projects have a funding commitment from the City Council until 31 March 2008. Both projects meet the aims and outcomes within **Stay Safe**.

- 1.5 Three projects have a funding commitment until 31 March 2009:
 - Children First
 - YMCA
 - Umbrella.

Two further projects are supported through the Umbrella organisation:

- Umbrella Daybreak
- Umbrella Bilingual.

These two projects have a funding commitment until 31 March 2008.

All of the above five projects meet the aims and outcomes within **Stay Safe or Enjoy** and **Achieve.**

- 1.6 Five other projects' funding is due to expire on 31 March 2008. These are:
 - Derby and District Foster Carers
 - Derby Rape Crisis
 - Hadhari Nari
 - Homestart
 - Osmaston Family Centre.

All of these projects meet the aims and outcomes within **Achieve Economic Wellbeing or Stay Safe**.

1.7 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 three months' notice. The Council is also committed to taking a strategic approach to Voluntary Sector funding and to strengthening the 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.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

2. None. The Council is committed to developing the role of the Voluntary and Community sector in delivering services.

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Background papers: Appendix 1 - Implications

List of appendices: Appendix 2 - Voluntary Sector Grant Funding for Children and Young People's

Social Care Services

IMPLICATIONS

Financial

1. The current funding for the projects listed in Appendix 2 can be met within the existing grant budget for Children and Young People's Services, subject to the final decision on the revenue budget made by Council.

Legal

- 2.1 Powers to provide 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 be required to enter into a funding agreement with the Council.

Personnel

3. Following the ending of Corporate and Adult Social Services Department administration of Children's Social Care grant funding during the 2007/8 financial year, Children and Young People's Services were unable to identify capacity to complete the necessary reviews. However, with the appointment of a Contract Officer in November 2007, the required worked can now be undertaken.

Equalities impact

4. The services and activities of the organisations named in this report support vulnerable children and families 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.

Social Care Grants 2007-08

Project	Funding CY		PD		CT	County		Evniros
	2007-8	%	£	%	£	%	£	Expires
NSPCC Child Protection Team	£2,687	100	£2,687					31/03/2008
NSPCC Young Abusers	£17,278	80	£13,822	20	£3,456			31/03/2008
Derby and District Foster	£474	100	£474					31/03/2008
Carers								
Derby Rape Crisis	£24,641	40	£9,856	50	£12,351	10	£2,464	31/03/2008
Umbrella Daybreak	£19,395	100	£19,395					31/03/2008
Umbrella Bilingual	£30,937	30	£9,281	70	£21,656			31/03/2008
Hadhari Nari	£21,285	100	£21,285					31/03/2008
Homestart	£28,948	34	£9,842	66	£19,106			31/03/2008
Osmaston Family Centre	£37,604	50	£18,802	50	£18,802			31/03/2008
Umbrella	£95,470	30	£28,641	50	£47,735	20	£19,094	31/03/2009
YMCA	£14,104	100	£14,104					31/03/2009
Children First Befriending Scheme	£37,089	49	£18,174	51	£18,915			31/03/2009
Derwent Stepping Stones Nursery	£12,669	100	£12,669			_		31/03/2009
Total grant funding 2007-08	£342,581		£179,032		£142,021		£21,558	

All projects have received the appropriate funding to date.

Total cost of the Grant is £342,581

Derby City CYPD contribution to funding £179,032