



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL CABINET
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Cabinet Member for Adults Services

Adults' Social Care Voluntary & Community Sector Funding for 2006/7

SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report sets out the Adults' Social Care Mainstream and Joint Grant Funding, to be provided to Voluntary and Community Sector Organisations in 2006/2007. Owing to the Council restructuring, Children's Social Care Grant Funding has been set out in a separate report.
- 1.2 It is proposed that grants to meet lower level of eligibility for Adults social care services should be transferred to the Community Grants Budget framework, with 50% of the budget for these services transferring from Adults Social Care budgets and the shortfall being met corporately.
- 1.3 Subject to any issues raised at the meeting, I support the following recommendations.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 To approve the Voluntary Sector grant funding for Adults' Social Care and Jointly Funded services, set out in Appendices 2 and 3 of the report.
- 2.2 To approve the transfer of small grants to meet lower level services to the Community Grants Budget process.
- 2.3 To approve consultation with the VCS on the transfer of remaining grant funded services to contract services.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3 Owing to the significant budgetary pressures faced by the Council, it has not been possible to recommend any inflationary or other increases for 2006/7. Furthermore, it is no longer possible for social services budgets to continue meeting needs which fall below the moderate band of the Council's eligibility criteria. It is nevertheless recognised that these lower level services make an important contribution to community well-being, therefore responsibility for these lower level grants should transfer to the Community Grants Budget.

**Adults' Social Care Voluntary & Community Sector Funding for 2006/7****SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

- 1.1 This report sets out the recommendations for Adults Social Care Mainstream and Joint Funded services, to be provided to Voluntary and Community Sector Organisations in 2006/2007. Owing to the Council restructuring, Children's grant funding has been set out in a separate report.
- 1.2 Funding through the Social Services Mainstream Programme is normally subject to three year Funding Agreements. In the final year of their Mainstream Funding Agreements, Voluntary Sector Organisations are invited to reapply for a continuation of grant funding. All services funded through the Mainstream Programme are monitored and reviewed on an ongoing basis. Continued funding is therefore dependent on this process of monitoring and review, as well as on the funding application process.
- 1.3 The Joint Funding Programme consists of joint commitments between Derby City Council and one or more partner agencies, including Primary Care Trusts in Derby and Derbyshire as well as Derbyshire County Council. These funding arrangements were first supported through the Joint Finance programme with Southern Derbyshire Health Authority. All services funded through the Joint Funding Programme are subject to ongoing monitoring and review.
- 1.4 Given the significant budgetary pressures faced by the Council in 2006/7, it is no longer possible for social services budgets to meet needs which fall below the moderate band of the Council's eligibility criteria. However, it is recognised that low level Voluntary Sector social care services, such as luncheon clubs, drop-in advice and volunteer schemes, contribute to community well-being and should therefore be included within the corporate arrangements for funding community and neighbourhood groups.
- 1.5 This report therefore identifies 22 Voluntary Sector services, listed at Appendix 2, which are currently funded through mainstream Adults Social Care budgets, with a total grant funding of £137,837. There is also a budget of £8,000, which provides one year funding to a range of Older and Disabled People's Groups. It is proposed that responsibility for administering grants to these or similar services will transfer to the Community Grants Budget, along with 50% of the current social services budget for these services. The total current funding for these services from Adults' Social Care budgets is £145,837. The 50% to be transferred from Adults Social Care is therefore £72,918. The Council will seek to make up the shortfall corporately.

- 1.6 It should be noted that many of the Voluntary Sector services to be transferred to the Community Grants Budget are part of the **Local Area Agreement (LAA)**, therefore any changes to the future level of funding or to the services provided should be agreed in partnership, bearing in mind LAA outcomes and targets.
- 1.7 As the services remaining to be funded from within Adults' Social Care budgets meet needs at a higher level of eligibility, consideration will need to be given as to whether these should become contracts for core services. However, In order to meet Compact commitments, consultation would be needed with voluntary sector organisations prior to any changes being made to the basis on which funding is provided. The full implications would need to be explored in each case, for example, whether conditions are met for waiving standing orders, or whether services would have to go out to tender, and the risks associated with this, for example, in terms of ensuring continuity of services. It is therefore recommended that voluntary sector organisations need to be consulted before any decisions are taken to remove existing multi-year grant funding or to put such funding onto a contractual basis.
- 1.8 Owing to budgetary pressures within the Council, it is recommended that no inflationary increases are provided for Council grant funding in 2006/7. However, for joint funding agreements where Derby City Council does not assume the lead responsibility for administering the funding, inflationary increases are determined by the lead agency. These figures may therefore need to be adjusted, once the inflationary increases of lead agencies are known.

1.9 **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. It is also important for the Council to take a strategic approach and to strengthen our joint commissioning with partner agencies, to ensure that voluntary sector funding is targeted as effectively as possible and delivers Best Value for service users.

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

A number of organisations have applied for increased funding, over and above inflation. However, 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. Many Voluntary Sector Organisations are subject to the same cost pressures, national standards and requirements as the private sector and in-house services. It is not always possible for these costs to be met through non-statutory fundraising.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

2. None.

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IMPLICATIONS

Financial

- 1.1 The full cost of services transferring to the Community Grants Budget is £145,837, of which 50% will transfer from social services budgets. The 50% shortfall of £72,918 will be met from corporate resources.
- 1.2 The full cost of the services listed in Appendix 3 can be met within the grant budgets remaining in Adults Social Care.

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 be required to enter into a funding agreement with the Council.

Personnel

3. None.

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**.

Adults Voluntary Sector Funding to be transferred to the Community Grants Budget

Organisation Name	Mainstream Grant	Total Joint Funding	Joint Funding Adults Social Care Contribution	Partner Agencies
*Asian Over 60s Lunch Club	£10,931	-	-	-
*Asian Over 60s St Thomas' Advice Centre	£26,715	-	-	-
*Asian Women's Day Service (Milap)	£6,271	-	-	-
*Asian Women's Luncheon Club	£2,993	-	-	-
*Chaddesden Age Concern	£2,817	-	-	-
*Chester Green Monday Lunch Club	£1,821	-	-	-
*Derby African Association	£2,962	-	-	-
*Derby Community Transport Social Car Scheme	£7,894	-	-	-
Volunteer Centre (Derby CVS)	£22,834	-	-	-
*Derby Minority Senior Citizens Ladies Lunch Club	£4,569	-	-	-
*Derby Minority Senior Citizens Men's Lunch Club	£8,211	-	-	-
*Derwent Luncheon Club	£607	-	-	-
Derwent Social Club	£1,311	-	-	-
*Geeta Bhavan Hindu Temple Luncheon Club	£1,942	-	-	-
*Indian Community Centre Luncheon Club	£2,312	-	-	-
*Indian Community Luncheon Club	£4,128	-	-	-
*Oakleigh Craft Club	£547	-	-	-
*Opieka	£4,784	-	-	-
Samaritans	£607	-	-	-
*Sinfyn and Stenson Fields Asian Over 60's	£4,296	-	-	-
*Southern Derbyshire Pensioners Association	£9,189	-	-	-
*Ukrainian Day Centre	£10,096	-	-	-

* = In the Local Area Agreement

Total mainstream Adults Social Care funding for the services listed above = £137,837

Older & Disabled Groups Grants = £8,000

Total = £137,837 + £8,000 = £145,837

Adults Grant Funding to be transferred to the Community Grants Budget = 50% of the total = £72,918

Appendix 3

Voluntary Sector Funding to remain within Adults Social Care

Organisation Name	Mainstream Grant	Total Joint Funding	Joint Funding Adults Social Care Contribution	Partner Agencies
Age Concern Derby and Derbyshire	£14,033	-	-	-
Alternatives Activity Centre	£60,427	-	-	-
CamTAD	£12,661	£42,750	£14,107	Greater Derby PCT
Derbyshire MIND	-	£302,047	£105,140	Central Derby PCT
Derby CVS	-	£124,182	£53,122	Greater Derby PCT
Derby Millennium Network	-	£33,121	£16,778	Central Derby PCT
Derby and South Derbyshire Crossroads	-	£75,044	£24,764	South Derbyshire Dales PCT and Derbyshire County Council
Derbyshire Advocacy Service	£9,975	£6,571	£1,051	South Derbyshire Dales PCT
Derbyshire Appropriate Adult Scheme	-	£77,635	£22,054	Derbyshire County Council and Derbyshire Constabulary
Derbyshire Association for the Blind	£12,820	£34,876	£4,928	South Derbyshire Dales PCT and Derbyshire County Council
Derbyshire Carers Association-Information service	£24,036	£148,710	£9,667	Erewash PCT, Derbyshire County Council
Disability Direct	£38,654	£18,304	£9,152	Greater Derby PCT
Headway	£2,428	-	-	-
Mencap Gateway Scheme	-	£17,205	£2,150	Erewash PCT, Derbyshire County Council
*MHA Care Group – Derby Live at Home Project	£53,770	£19,536	£9,768	Central Derby PCT' MHA Care Group
*Opieka	-	£23,053	£11,526	Central Derby PCT
Padley Group	£96,680	£15,181	£7,590	Greater Derby PCT
Sahahra	£57,861	-	-	-
*Ukrainian Day Centre	-	£11,906	£5,953	Central PCT

* = In the Local Area Agreement

Mainstream Funding to remain within Adults Social Care = £383,345

Joint Funding for Adults Social Care (Derby City Council's contribution) = £297,750

Total Derby City Council Funding to remain within Adults Social Care = £681,095