



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

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Cabinet Member for Children and Young
People

Children's Social Care Voluntary and Community Sector Grant Funding for 2007/8

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 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 Children and Young People's social care services, set out in Appendix 2 of the report, subject to the Council's final approved budget. These figures include a 2.5% inflationary increase for 2007/8.
- 2.2 To approve in principle an additional £2,000 recurrent grant funding for Children First, subject to receiving an equal contribution from Derby Primary Care Trust.
- 2.3 To approve the transfer of grant funding for Derwent Stepping Stones from the Community Grants Budget to Children and Young People's Services, to ensure that this funding agreement is managed by the most appropriate department.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3 An inflationary increase of 2.5% is being recommended for all Council Voluntary Sector grant funding for 2007/8. This inflationary increase is considered necessary to ensure that services do not become unsustainable.



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Report of the Director of Children and
Young People's Services

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SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 4.1 This report sets out the recommendations for Children's social care grant funding, including joint funding with partner agencies, to be provided to Voluntary and Community Sector organisations in 2007/2008.
- 4.2 Children's social care grant funding is normally subject to three-year Funding Agreements. In the final year of their Funding Agreements, Voluntary Sector organisations are invited to re-apply for a continuation of grant funding. All services are monitored and reviewed on an ongoing basis. Continuation of funding is therefore dependent on satisfactory outcomes from monitoring processes, as well as on the funding application process.
- 4.3 The joint funding for Children's Social Care 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.
- 4.4 In January 2006, Council Cabinet approved a recommendation to consult voluntary sector organisations concerning the potential transfer of 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.
- 4.5 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 considered 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.

4.6 In the case of 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.

4.7 **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.

4.8 **NSPCC**

It is recommended that the department's small contribution towards the NSPCC's Child Protection work is rolled up into a single joint funding agreement with Derby Primary Care Trust. However, the organisation's request for additional funding cannot be met owing to financial pressures.

4.9 **Children First**

An increase over and above inflation of £4,000 has been requested for the second year running, to assist the organisation to manage demand for its Befriending Service. This request could not be met in 2006/7. The service is jointly funded with Derby Primary Care Trust. This is the only service of its kind in the city, working with parents of children up to age 18 who are undergoing periods of stress or crisis. There is a strong case for meeting this request to enable Children First to maintain the Befriending Service at its current level. It is therefore recommended that an additional £2,000 is allocated, subject to Derby Primary Care Trust agreeing to match this commitment.

4.10 **Derbyshire Rape Crisis**

A proposal is being made to roll up all current funding for Derbyshire Rape Crisis from Derby and Derbyshire Primary Care Trusts and from the City and County Councils into a single joint funding agreement. This would be subject to appropriate funding contributions being secured from the County Council, which provides a relatively low contribution. If an increase in County Council contributions can be secured, it is possible that the City Council contribution could be reduced. However, in order to ensure continuity of services, the budgetary provision for 2007/8 needs to remain at existing levels.

4.11 **Derwent Stepping Stones**

For some years, this grant funding has been managed through the corporate Community Grants budget. However, it is recognised that Derwent Stepping Stones provides a key service for children and families in the Derwent area, forming part of the Children's Centre and being located in the Area 1 pilot for Integrated Children's Services. It is therefore recommended that this grant funding should transfer to Children and Young People's Services, to ensure that it is managed by the department with the relevant strategic responsibility for children's services.

4.12 **Hadhari Nari Women's Project**

In November 2005 Council Cabinet approved a recommendation to remove this budget. However, the budget was in fact committed grant funding for the Hadhari Nari Women's Project. In January 2006, the annual grants report included the £20,766 for Hadhari Nari. This was approved, but the budgetary provision had already been removed in error. During the course of the year, underspends elsewhere were used to reduce the shortfall in funding to £8,000. A budget pressure therefore still remains, which will need to be managed as a cost pressure during 2007/08.

4.13 **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 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.

- 4.14 The CYPD will conduct a review of all project funding identified in Appendix 2 during 2007 to ensure that the outputs and outcomes of this activity meet the priorities identified within the children and Young People's Plan for 2007/08.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

5. None.

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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 full cost of the services listed in Appendix 2 can be met within the grant budgets for Children and Young People's Services, subject to a budget pressure of £8000 being approved in the 2007/08 budget. This is because of the budget error noted in paragraph 4.12. The shortfall is £8000 rather than the original reduction of £21,000 because of offsetting savings elsewhere within that budget. The allocations will be dependent on the Council's final approved budget.

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. The Corporate and Adult Social Services Department has continued to manage the administration of Children's Social Care grant funding during the 2006/7 financial year. However, capacity will need to be identified within Children and Young People's Services to enable this function to transfer in 2007/8.

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.

Voluntary Sector Funding - Children and Young People's Directorate

APPENDIX 2

Organisation Name	Mainstream 2006/7	Recommended Mainstream 2007/8	Total Joint Funding 2006/7	Children and Young People's Joint Funding Contribution 2006/7	Recommended Children and Young People's Joint Funding Contribution 2007/8	Partner Agencies
Children First	-	-	£36,185	£18,077	£20,579	Derby City PCT
Derby Clothing Store	£3,467	£3,554	-	-	-	-
Derby and District Foster Carers Association	£462	£474	-	-	-	-
Derbyshire Rape Crisis	£23,864	£24,461	£38,539	£15,416	£15,801	Derby City PCT, Derbyshire County Council, Derbyshire PCT
Derwent Stepping Stones	£12,360	£12,669	-	-	-	-
Hadhari Nari Women's Project	£20,766	£21,285	-	-	-	-
Home-Start Derby	£28,242	£28,948	£26,274	£13,137	£13,465	Derby City PCT
NSPCC	£2,621	£2,687	£17,278	£13,823	£14,169	Derby City PCT
Osmaston Family Project	-	-	£36,687	£18,343	£18,802	Derby City PCT
Relate	£12,253	£12,559	-	-	-	-
Umbrella Daybreak	£18,922	£19,395	-	-	-	-
Umbrella Information Services / Play and Leisure	-	-	£93,142	£27,939	£28,637	Derby City PCT, Derbyshire County Council
Umbrella Bi-lingual Project	-	-	£30,183	£9,055	£9,281	Derby City PCT, Derbyshire County Council
YMCA	£13,760	£14,104	-	-	-	-

Mainstream Funding for Children's Social Care = £140,136

Joint Funding for Children's Social Care (Derby City Council's contribution) = £120,734

Total Children and Young People's Social Care Grant Funding for 2007/8 = £260,870