

COMMUNITY REGENERATION COMMISSION10 JANUARY 2006

Report of the Director of Development and Cultural Services

Community Grants Budget 2006/07

RECOMMENDATION

1. To comment on the recommendations to be considered by Council Cabinet on the allocation of the Community Grants Budget. The Council Cabinet Community Grants Budget report is item 6b.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 2. The Cabinet members' recommendations, detailed in item 6b are:
 - to continue funding 13 organisations on a three year basis 11 of whom will be in their final year of CGB funding in 2006/07, to begin funding a further two organisations on a three year basis and to fund ten organisations on a one year basis during 2006/07.
 - to approve grants to the existing CGB funded organisations at the same level as they were funded in 2005/06, with no inflationary increase.

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List of appendices: CGB application forms and appraisal documents on file in the Area and

Neighbourhood Unit Appendix 1 – Implications

Appendix 2 – Item 6b Cabinet report for meeting 17 January 2006

IMPLICATIONS

Financial

1. The recommendations in the report will be contained within the available CGB budget. Appendix 2 of item 6b provides full financial details, based on the recommendation. Payment of agreed funding in 2007/08 and 2008/09 will be dependent on budgets being available, and on organisations demonstrating compliance with funding agreements.

Legal

2. Each organisation receiving a CGB grant will be required to enter into a funding agreement with the Council. Continuation of three-year funding agreements will be conditional upon satisfactory reviews.

Personnel

3. The CGB is administered by the Voluntary Sector Team in the Area and Neighbourhood Unit of the Policy Directorate.

Equalities impact

4. All the CGB grants support equality and social inclusion target groups.

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

5. The proposal comes under the Council's objectives of providing healthy, safe and independent communities and a shared commitment to regenerating our communities.