

# ITEM 12



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

**COUNCIL CABINET**  
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Report of the Director of Social Services

## **Mainstream Funding for Social Care Voluntary and Community Organisations 2005/2006**

### **PROPOSED ACTION**

- 1.1 To approve the grants set out in Appendices 2 and 3 of this report.
- 1.2 To approve in principle the additional grant funding set out in paragraph 3.10, subject to receiving the contributions identified from partners.
- 1.3 To note that the Invest to Save Bid and match funding requirement for the MHA Live at Home scheme, set out in paragraph 3.8, will be subject to a further report.
- 1.4 To agree the proposal in paragraph 3.14 in relation to Derby Kids Camp.

### **REASONS FOR PROPOSED ACTION**

- 2.1 This report sets out the recommendations for mainstream funding to be paid to voluntary organisations for 2005/2006.
- 2.2 In the final year of their funding agreements, voluntary sector organisations are invited to reapply to the mainstream programme for a continuation of their funding. All services funded through the mainstream programme are monitored and reviewed on a continuous basis to ensure accountability. Continued funding is therefore dependent on this ongoing process of monitoring and review, as well as on the funding application process.
- 2.3 Funding through the mainstream programme is normally subject to three year Service Level Agreements. Appendix 2 details those organisations with a current three year agreement, which does not yet need renewing. Appendix 3 details the organisations that will receive a new funding agreement from April 2005.
- 2.4 Some requests for funding above inflation and some new applications have been received from voluntary sector organisations, which are not currently receiving funding from the mainstream programme. These applications have been assessed alongside applications from currently funded organisations. The recommendations are set out in the supporting information, below.
- 2.5 The Council has agreed to an inflationary increase of 2.7% for voluntary sector funding for 2005/2006. It is recommended that all organisations receive the 2.7% inflationary increase, except in specific cases, which are described in the supporting information, below. Mainstream funding is therefore recommended at the levels shown in the attached Appendices for 2005/2006.

## SUPPORTING INFORMATION

### 3.1 **Requests for additional funding**

Several organisations currently funded under the mainstream grant programme have applied for an increase on previous years, over and above inflation.

### 3.2 It has not been possible to meet requests from the following organisations for additional funding, owing to the current limitations of the budget.

- Aekta
- Chaddesden Age Concern
- Derby African Association
- Derby Kids Camp
- Derby Minority Senior Citizens – Men's Lunch Club
- Indian Community Luncheon Club
- NSPCC
- Opieka Luncheon Club
- Padley Group
- Asian Over 60's

### 3.3 It may be necessary to review some of the requests in the future, in the light of changing patterns of need and service delivery. Voluntary sector organisations are also subject to the same cost pressures, national standards and requirements as the private sector and the departments own services. It is not always possible for these costs to be met through non-statutory fundraising.

### 3.4 The services recommended for an increase are part of the department's overall responsibility for services. If these services could not be provided through the voluntary sector, the department would need to make alternative arrangements for many of the service users. The organisations' requests have been individually assessed and it is recommended that increased funding be provided, as described below

### 3.5 **Derbyshire Advocacy Service** provides a range of advocacy services for adults with learning disabilities, across Derby City and Derbyshire. Derby Social Services mainstream funding contributes £4,540 towards the running costs of the scheme. The organisation has applied for additional mainstream funding because their Community Fund grant of £10,627 will expire on 31 March 2005. The Community Fund grant supported services across Southern Derbyshire. As approximately half of these Service Users are from Derby City, the department recommends an additional contribution of £5,313 in 2005/06, increasing the mainstream funding from £4,540 in 2004/05 to £9,975 in 2005/06 (including the 2.7% inflationary increase on the existing level of funding).

### 3.6 **Derby Minority Senior Citizens** currently provides a twice-weekly luncheon club for older Pakistani men. The department contributes towards the purchase of food, rent and the cook's wages. A request for additional funding for the men's luncheon club has not been recommended (see 3.2): However, the organisation also applied for additional grant funding to set up a weekly luncheon club for

Pakistani women, for whom there is currently a lack of provision. A contribution from the department of £4,569 is therefore recommended. This is additional to existing funding agreed for this organisation and increases the amount from £7,996 in 2004/05 to £12,780 in 2005/06 (including the 2.7% inflationary increase on the existing level of funding).

### 3.7 **Rycote Reprovisioning**

**Padley Group** runs a development centre offering therapeutic activities, as well as a day centre for homeless people. Two separate funding applications were received. The request to expand existing therapeutic services for people with learning disabilities and mental health problems could not be met (see 3.2). However, a further application to provide therapeutic activities (mainly woodwork) for people with physical disabilities is recommended. The need for this service arises from the decommissioning of Rycote and the funding has been identified as part of the Rycote financial package. A contribution from Social Services of £23,000 is required. This is in addition to existing funding for this organisation and increases the total funding from £71,743 in 2004/05 to £96,680 in 2005/06 (including 2.7% inflation on the 2004/05 funding).

### 3.8 **Invest to Save Bid**

#### **MHA Derby Live At Home Project**

An external funding bid has been submitted to the ODPM's Invest To Save Budget, which, if successful, will bring an additional £339,493, over a 3 year period to the City. The outcome date for the bid remains unknown but is anticipated shortly. The Invest to Save bid is to build capacity within the voluntary sector, to provide high quality, community based, preventive services for older people, and to develop best practice model linking this voluntary sector support with statutory provision in a seamless way. The partners to the bid are:

- DCC Social Services
- Greater and Central Derby PCTs
- MHA Live at Home Scheme
- Age Concern Derbyshire and Derby CVS

One of the objectives of this bid is to enable the Live at Home Project to expand to cover the whole City and to improve the service provided and enhance its scope. This Invest to Save proposal is also expected to result in cost savings to the department in future years. The application for additional funds for MHA is effectively geared to meeting the requirement of the bid for match funding from the department. The development of voluntary sector lower level support and befriending for older people is also likely to support the conclusions of the Best Value Review of Home Care for Older People, with in-house provision being able to focus more on delivering intensive packages of care.

MHA Derby Live at Home Project provides a range of preventive services to enable older people to continue living at home and to reduce social exclusion. Social Services contributes towards the running costs of the service. In support of the Invest to Save bid partnership, an application has been received for additional grant funding to set up a scheme in the Allestree / Darley Abbey area and to meet additional needs in the Derby South area. This will meet the ISB requirement and our departmental intention, to extend the Live at Home scheme to cover the rest of the City, leaving the Stockbrook Street area only to be covered in the course of the Invest to Save development, if successful.

We have identified £13k from within existing budgets earmarked for the voluntary sector to support the match funding requirement of the bid, and to extend the cover as planned.

It is proposed to bring a further report on the Invest to Save Bid within which we will seek agreement to release the additional £13k to MHA Live at Home, to achieve the additional coverage of the city, and meet the bid requirements.

**3.9 Requests for first time funding**

Two applications for mainstream funding were received from organisations which have not previously received grants from the department.

**3.10 YMCA – Y-Play** – this organisation provides integrated childcare services for disabled and non-disabled children, throughout the school holidays. Funding from the New Opportunities Fund and Barnardo’s Better Play is coming to an end on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2005 and, without this funding, the organisation will be unable to continue its one-to-one work with children with Special Educational Needs. The existing service is valued by the Social Services Disabled Children’s Team and caters for children with various disabilities, including visual and hearing impairments, Aspergers Syndrome and Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder. Without this service there would be a gap in provision. The department has approached health and education partners, with a view to entering into a joint funding agreement. If a minimum 50% contribution from a partner could be secured, we propose to provide an additional contribution of £6,880 in 2005/06. Agreement in principle is asked for this proposal, subject to a partner’s contribution being available.

**3.11 Cruse Bereavement Care** – this organisation provides Bereavement Volunteers, trained in counselling skills, to provide support to all age groups (both adults and children) who have suffered a recent bereavement. In principle, the department would consider a contribution to the cost of this service. However, as the majority of referrals are made by GPs, we would wish to enter into a joint funding arrangement, with health acting as the lead agency. Our health partners have indicated that, owing to budgetary pressures, they are currently unable to make further financial commitments for 2005/06, therefore Social Services is not currently in a position to recommend funding.

**3.12 Issues concerning future voluntary sector funding**

The department aims to comply with the principles of the Compact and the related Funding Code Of Good Practice, when making funding recommendations for voluntary sector organisations. The department also intends to develop a more strategic approach to its future funding of the voluntary sector, to ensure that funding decisions provide Best Value for service users. It is anticipated that this approach will create further funding opportunities for voluntary sector organisations and strengthen the partnership between Social services and the voluntary sector in Derby.

**3.13** Where the continued funding of an organisation does not support Best Value principles, the department will give as much notice as possible, to allow organisations time to seek alternative sources of funding

- 3.14 **Derby Kids Camp** provides a summer camp for children who may not otherwise go on holiday. The department contributed £5,321 in 2004/05 towards the cost of running this summer camp. However, the department does not fund comparable services, which address similar needs. It is therefore recommended that the existing funding agreement should be extended for one year only, to allow sufficient time for the organisation to secure alternative funding.
- 3.15 **Community Legal Service Quality Mark** – organisations offering information and advice are required to achieve and maintain the Community Legal Service Quality Mark as a condition of funding. All organisations required to achieve the Quality Mark have done so, or are in the process of having an application approved.
- 3.16 In line with the principles approved by Policy Committee in 1997, it is proposed that:
- The full funding be approved in principle and a letter to that effect issued as soon as possible
  - Six months' funding be released in advance on 1 April 2005
  - Funding be the subject of a written three year agreement between the organisation and the Social Services Department by the end of May 2005

All organisations, before being paid the remaining grant for the year, should:

- Provide annual accounts and a statement of grant expenditure for 2004/2005
- Provide ongoing quarterly financial and monitoring reports
- Have formal review meetings where the organisation is in receipt of over £10,000 a year from the Department.

#### OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

4. Not applicable.

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<b>Background papers:</b>	None
<b>List of appendices:</b>	Appendix 1 – Implications Appendix 2 – Organisations with a current funding agreement Appendix 3 – Organisations moving to a new funding agreement from April 05

## IMPLICATIONS

### Financial

- 1.1 A total of **£470,980 and £171,545 (total £642,525)** is required for mainstream grant funding for 2005/2006 as outlined in Appendices 2 and 3. Budgetary provision for this is contained within the 2005/06 budget for voluntary and community sector support.
- 1.2 The department will bring a further report on the Invest to Save proposal and the additional departmental contribution to be provided. This would also be met from budget earmarked for voluntary sector funding.
- 1.3 2005/06 budget includes an increase of 2.7% across voluntary sector grants. In addition, funding has been identified for specific organisations as identified in the report.

### 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 enter into a funding agreement with the Council. Where the funding is in excess of £10,000 an appropriate service level agreement will be drawn up covering a three year period.

### Personnel

3. None

### Equalities Impact

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

### Corporate Objectives and Priorities for Change

5. This accords with the Council's objective of **healthy, safe and independent communities** and furthers the priority of **modernising social care**.