

## RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

Monday, 12 March 2012

Decision No: (CAB 11/12 7591)

DECISION-MAKER:	CABINET
PORTFOLIO AREA:	CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING
SUBJECT:	PROCESS FOR AWARDING GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS FROM 2013/14
AUTHOR:	Roma Andrews

### THE DECISION

- (i) To approve in principle, an outcome-based commissioned grants model to award longer term grants (2 or 3 years) from the Grants to Voluntary Organisations budget from 2013/14.
- (ii) To approve the annual publication of the value of "help in kind" contribution from the Council to the voluntary and community sector from 2013/14.
- (iii) To delegate authority to the Director of Economic Development, following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Housing, to do anything necessary to give effect to the recommendations contained in this report.

### REASONS FOR THE DECISION

1. The recommendations detailed in this report will ensure that, in a time of reduced public sector funding, the council continues to have a fair, transparent and informed long term strategic decision making process in place to award grants to the voluntary and community sector. This will enable the council to ensure that council grants meet needs and strategic priorities, achieve best value for the residents of the city and provide greater access and stability for the voluntary and community sector (VCS) in Southampton.
2. The recommendations also ensure that the "help in kind" over and above grants that the council awards to the VCS is recognised and included in the overall total value of council support to the sector.

### DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

The option of continuing the current open, competitive grant application process for awarding all grants from 2013/14 was supported by some consultation respondents (mainly those that are currently funded) but was rejected as it perpetuates the current annual short term decision making when the council needs to be making long term strategic decisions about its grant making process.

**OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION**

None.

**CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

None.

**CONFIRMED AS A TRUE RECORD**

We certify that the decision this document records was made in accordance with the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2000 and is a true and accurate record of that decision.

Date: 12 March 2012

Decision Maker:  
The Cabinet

Proper Officer:  
Judy Cordell

**SCRUTINY**

Note: This decision will come in to force at the expiry of 5 working days from the date of publication subject to any review under the Council's Scrutiny "Call-In" provisions.

Call-In Period expires on

Date of Call-in *(if applicable) (this suspends implementation)*

Call-in Procedure completed *(if applicable)*

Call-in heard by *(if applicable)*

Results of Call-in *(if applicable)*