

## ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

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TITLE OF REPORT	Update Report on Social Care and Wellbeing Annual Grant making programme		
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### **1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

The purpose of this report is to update members as to the current position in respect of Grants to Voluntary sector from the Social Care and Wellbeing budget and to consider the impact of making savings across this budget. The value of these grants were in total £280,359.57 grants were made to 21 organisations. Last year organisations were informed in November of the then new grant making framework and invited to make applications to the fund on this basis. Just over 100 organisations made such applications. This year this process as been put on hold awaiting further decisions as to if and to what extent this programme may go ahead.

### **2. RECOMMENDATION(S)**

- 1 Elected Members are asked to consider the grant awards and the recommendations of the officers in regard of these.
- 2 Approve the mainstreaming of the amounts recommended (£154,537) and the subsequent savings (£135,822.57) from the grant fund.
- 3 Approve the discontinuation of the Annual Grant making programme from this year.

### **3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

In previous years the total fund available has been up to £300K. This figure has been suggested as a saving as part of the budget reduction measures

### **4. SERVICE & COMMUNITY IMPACT**

Links to Single Outcome Agreement

#### **National Outcome**

2. We realise our full economic potential with more and better employment opportunities for our people.

**Local outcome:** Aberdeen will have high quality employment opportunities for citizens.

**National Outcome**

6. We live longer, healthier lives.

**Local outcome:** Sustain long term change by focusing on the prevention of, or reduction in, health inequalities. (Joint Health Improvement Plan).

**National Outcome**

7. We have tackled the significant inequalities in Scottish society.

**Local outcome:** Improve the quality of life in our most deprived areas (Community Plan).

**National Outcome**

9. We live our lives safe from crime, disorder and danger.

**Local outcome:** Reduce anti-social behaviour, violence, domestic abuse, racist incidents and drug / alcohol related incidents (Community Plan).

**National Outcome**

11. We have strong, resilient and supportive communities where people take responsibility for their own actions and how they affect others.

**Local outcome:** Every citizen is enabled to be more active in his or her community regardless of their age, gender, sexual orientation, ethnic origin, where they live or disability to ensure everyone can contribute to 'active citizenship' (Strengthening Local Democracy Strategy).

**5. OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

Some of the organisations in receipt of funds from this grant are receive the majority of their income from this source and are likely to close if they do not receive this grant.

**6. REPORT**

6.1 The Social Care Annual Grant funding in Aberdeen has tended to support long term service provision rather than provide start up, innovation and opportunity for new ways of working.

6.2 For the financial year 09/10 a new Social Care Annual Grant making framework was introduced. Implementing a grant-making framework to manage the SCAG grant opened up this source of funding for new organisations to apply, thus creating a more competitive funding stream. This was welcome by the voluntary sector, introducing greater transparency to the process and with the same level of funding saw several new organisations in receipt of grants.

6.3 The table below shows the organisations in receipt of a grant and the recommendations of officers in respect of those monies for 2010/2011.

Social Care Annual Grant			
Organisation	Funding Allocation	Recommendation	Anticipated Consequence
* Aberdeen Action on Disability	£20k	Cease	The organisation will not continue in current form. Potential to join with the Disability organisations.
Aberdeen Council of Voluntary Organisations	£22,837	Allocate fund through corporate governance	ACVO provides support to 3 <sup>rd</sup> sector organisations across the spectrum of service provision. Potential to develop Council wide SLA.
Age Concern Advisory Service	£3k	Cease	Local organisation service may cease – potential to be picked up by carers services, NHSG etc.
Age Concern Scotland	£20k	Cease	National organisation who can reallocate funds.
Befriend A Child	£40k	Allocate fund to mainstream funds and develop a service level agreement	This is a critical service to support children and young people and will be commissioned in an ongoing basis.
Counselling and Family Mediation	£20k	Allocate to mainstream funds and develop on Service Level Agreement	This organisation provide, amongst other things, a service to the Courts, e.g. in residence/ custody disputes. Local MSP and Sheriffs are keen to retain the service.
James Tyrell Centre	£40k	Allocate fund to mainstream funds and develop a service level agreement	Essential part of day care services for older people
Quarriers	£5k	Cease	National organisation who can reallocate funds.
* Samaritans	£10k	Allocate to mainstream funds and develop a service level agreement	Critical support for people with mental health problems in Aberdeen
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Scottish Motor Neurone Disease	£1,196	Cease	National organisation who can reallocate funds.
Shop Mobility Aberdeen	£22k	Cease	Now seeking funding from a range of other sources.
Victim Support Scotland - Aberdeen Service	£15k	Cease	National organisation who can reallocate funds.
Newhills Parish Church	£5k	Cease	Church organisation which has the potential to seek other funding services.
Who Cares? Scotland	£15k	Allocate to mainstream funds and develop a service level agreement	This service supports and advocates for children and young people who are looked after or looked after and accommodated
* WEA Reachout Project	£13,626.57	Cease	Services now integrated in learning disability day opportunities.
*FARE (Food Action Reaching Elderly) DC	£4,500	Cease	Organisation has option to seek other funding sources.
* Alten's Over 50's Project	£3k	Cease	Organisation has option to seek other funding sources.
Inchgarth Community Centre	£5,400	Allocate to mainstream funds and develop a service level agreement	This project is part of learning day opportunities.
*Grampian Employment Opportunities	£4,500	Cease	Organisation has opportunities to seek other funding sources.
* Cornerstone Aberdeen Employment Service	£9k	Cease	National organisation who can reallocated funds.
Bread Maker	£21,300k	Allocate to mainstream funds and develop a service level agreement	Allow purchase of services on a spot purchase basis.

TOTAL GRANT SAVED

£115,822.57

TOTAL GRANT ALLOCATED  
TO MAINSTREAM BUDGETS

£174,537.00

- 6.4 The grant programme in 09/10 as a transitional year. Some organisations who were very dependant on the grant and had been in receipt for many years were given a strong indication the grant they received was unlikely to remain at the same level and they would need to plan accordingly. It remains the case that several of the grants made last year were contributions toward core funding of organisations.

## **7. REPORT AUTHOR DETAILS**

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## **8. BACKGROUND PAPERS**