

COMMITTEE Social Care and Wellbeing

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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 voluntary sector grants from the Social Care and Wellbeing budget. The report identifies the impact of making savings across this budget following decisions made (Council Budget meeting on 11 February 2010). During 2009/10 the value of grants awarded in total was £300,359.57. Grants were made to twenty-one 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 one hundred organisations made such applications. This year this process has been put on hold awaiting further decisions as to if and to what extent this programme may go ahead.

Mainstream funding grants which have already been agreed at Council Budget, are marked with an asterisk.

2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

- 1) Elected Members are asked to consider the grant awards not yet agreed and the recommendations of the officers in regard of these.
- 2) To note the funding already agreed (£131,700) and approve the mainstreaming of the amounts recommended (£71,463.57) and the subsequent savings (£97,196) from the grant fund.
- 3) To agree that the Director of Social Care and Wellbeing will write to the organisations, where funding is to cease, highlighting short term transitional support may be available
- 4) 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 £300,000. 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 to receive the majority of their income from this source and are likely to close if they do not receive this grant.

6. REPORT

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.

For the financial year 2009/10, 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.

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

Name of Organisation	Purpose/ Remit (inc National or Local)	Amount of Grant from ACC and purpose	Other Sources of Funding	Recommendations	Implication
Aberdeen Action on Disability	<p>Accessible & Social Inclusion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aberdeen Action on Disability (AAD) will continue to support the proposed Independent Living Centre by representing the needs of people with physical and sensory disabilities. Promote community involvement through membership of the Civic Forum. AAD will be focal point where people can develop a greater sense of belonging. AAD to ensure the needs of Older People are being met and they too can access services. <p>Promote Community Involvement and Social Capital</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AAD will liaise with other disabled groups and aim to improve, maintain and 	£20k	<p>Various small grants and donations</p> <p>£23,000 per annum agreed from the Disability Strategy Action Plan budget.</p>	Cease	The funding has been replaced from the disability strategy action plan and the organisation can in its current form.

	<p>introduce mutual support networks.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Aim to provide a sustainable and effective neighbourhood network, which will ensure the needs of people with physical and sensory impairment are met.• Provide an information and advice service to link disabled people with the correct organisation at both civic and voluntary level. Maintain a database and introduce quarterly checks on accuracy of information held. <p>Inclusiveness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Examine feasibility of existing IT facilities to extend the availability of computer awareness for disabled people within AAD premises.• To provide relevant information and support for disabled people in the city and to use AAD's considerable experience to influence decision-makers on the key challenges facing disabled people in Aberdeen.• Maintain working relationships with Aberdeen City Council,				
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	<p>NHS Grampian, Grampian Fire and Rescue Service and Grampian Police in order to develop Disability Equality Schemes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continuation in the work of Aberdeen City Council Disability Advisory Group. 				
Aberdeen Council of Voluntary Organisations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support community-based services and activities linked to promoting independent living through development work. Provide capacity building support to community and voluntary sector organisations. Develop and support the emergence of networks to support people with specific conditions or difficulties they face. Bring people together for mutual support and joint networking through training, development support and work with community planning. Encourage local people to advocate on their own and on others behalf, through the provision of support, information, weekly bulletin and many ACVO web sites. Meet all targets in respect of 	£22,837	Largely grant funded (sources not detailed) but some trading income and member subscriptions	Allocate fund through Corporate Governance	ACVO provides support to 3 rd sector organisations across the spectrum of service provision. Potential to develop Council wide service level agreement.

	<p>Social Care Annual Grant Social Inclusion block.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide group work support to all respective groups listed in the Social Care Annual Grant funding outcome framework by assisting groups to develop their projects effectively. Speak on behalf of the sector to ensure their voices are heard, and support people from all organisations to have a voice. 				
Age Concern Advisory Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACASA offers help and advice to Older People, their Carers and relatives in Aberdeen and surrounding area. Grant goes towards expenses of advisors and salary for part-time coordinator and administrative worker. Advisors assist people in their own home and assist with any difficulties that maybe experiencing. • Likelihood is the project will fold if the grant is discontinued. If it is agreed to award the grant then perhaps this should be the last grant awarded from SCAG and the organisation will need to look to identify funding from elsewhere. We could perhaps 	£3k	National organisation with considerable other income.	Cease	Current funding is contribution toward local administration – likely impact reduced service – potential to be picked up by carers services, NHSG etc.

	link ACVO in to support this organisation				
Age Concern Scotland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This project is Aberdeen based. The funding is used to employ a Development Worker who is based within Aberdeen and is responsible for developing community based programmes for Older People as well as linking in with ACC Social User Involvement to undertake consultation programmes with Older People. One-to-one work also carried out with Older People. 	£20k	National organisation with considerable other income.	Cease	<p>National organisation who can reallocate funds.</p> <p>This is the organisation's main source of funding to employ a Development Worker to deliver services to Older People in Aberdeen. The role of the worker includes: developing group activities, one to one support and working in partnership with local statutory and voluntary agencies to develop services within Aberdeen for Older People.</p>
Befriend A Child	Making a Positive Contribution (community cohesion and intergenerational projects)	£40k	Financial information not available	Allocate fund to mainstream funds and develop a service level	This is a critical service to support children and

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Befriending service ensures young people are engaged within the community and are encouraged to participate in positive activities, which benefit their own personal development and allow them to see more of the opportunities available in their own community. <p>Promoting Healthier Lifestyles (promotion of active and healthier lives among primary school children)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Encourage and support young people to take part in fun and educational activities. These include; swimming, football, nature walks and cooking healthy recipes in our base unit kitchen. <p>Build Respect in Communities / Reduce Anti-social Behaviour (address alarming behaviour within communities)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Volunteers pass on their experiences and values to young people, who subsequently develop an understanding of acceptable behaviour. This includes			agreement	young people and will be commissioned in an ongoing basis.
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	encouraging politeness, good manners, discouraging swearing and spitting.				
Counselling and Family Mediation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide a range of services offered ultimately to support children and young people who are experiencing difficulties as a result of family transition and parental conflict. • CFMG Counsellors and Children's Workers will continue to help children and teenagers to explore their feelings, voice their views and make more sense of what is happening in their lives. • Promote community engagement and develop positive relationships across generations to strengthen self-confidence in the present and for the future. 	£20k	Other small grants. ACC funding represents a large portion	Allocate fund to mainstream funds and develop a 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The work of the James Tyrell Day Centre relates to the Social Annual Grant <i>Social Inclusion</i> funding block. The overall aim of the organisation is to support and assist older People with physical disabilities and reduce social isolation. 	£40k	Other small grants. ACC funding represents a large portion	Allocate fund to mainstream funds and develop a service level agreement	Essential part of day care services for older people

Quarriers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aim of the organisation is to provide support, training, and advice to children and adults who have a diagnosis of epilepsy. This includes working with health professionals, employers, school and relevant parties. The funding will be going towards a contribution of the Epilepsy Fieldworker, management expenditure and expenses. The project maybe in jeopardy if the funding is withdrawn but perhaps cut backs could be made else where in the organisation to absorb the shortfall. Again, may wish to decide that this is the last year of funding from SCAG. 	£5k	National organisation with considerable other funds	Cease	National organisation who can reallocate funds.
Samaritans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Service contributes to the reduction of social isolation by offering human contact and emotional support to many people who say they feel isolated, lonely and unsupported. Improve emotional well-being by undertaking outreach work to encourage people to talk about their feelings, rather than internalise all their anxieties, 	£10k	National organisation with considerable other funds, however ACC funding represents a large portion of local income	Allocate to mainstream funds and develop a service level agreement	<p>Critical support for people with emotional problems in Aberdeen</p> <p>SCAG + Choose Life funding = nearly 50% of the organisation's funding.</p>

	<p>which is the first step to improved mental health and wellbeing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service continue to offer support to a number of Older People who suffer from depression and lack of human contact. • Continue to undertake outreach work targeted at young people, who may be subjected to all sorts of pressures from parents, their peer group, teachers, and may feel unable to offload to anyone in their close family or social group. • Maintain fundamental belief that by listening in confidence and being non-judgmental, helps people to explore their feelings and consider their options and straddle all aspects of the outcome framework by encouraging a positive approach to emotional health and well-being. 				
Scottish Motor Neurone Disease	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local residents directly benefit from the work of Scottish Motor Neurone Disease through the use of specialised equipment. SMND have provided a list of 	£1,196	National organisation with considerable other funds.	Cease	National organisation who can reallocate funds.

	equipment that is leased out to sufferers of SCND within the city.				
Shop Mobility Aberdeen	<p>Shopmobility Aberdeen facilitates social and economic inclusion for people of all ages, regardless of race, creed or colour, who have impaired mobility.</p> <p>Shopmobility contributes to the following funding themes:</p> <p>Older People Block</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhance control, choice and participation. • Improved health of older People. • Improve economic well being. <p>Social Inclusion Block</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accessible and Inclusiveness • Promote community involvement. • Inclusive city. 	£22k	£22,000 per annum agreed from the Disability Strategy Action Plan budget.	Cease	The funding has been replaced from the Disability Strategy action plan and the organisation can in its current form.
Victim Support Scotland - Aberdeen service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to provide a support service for all groups referred to in the Social Care Annual Grant outcome framework. • Practical support is available to people of all ages including children and young people. • Support victims of domestic 	£15k	National organisation with considerable other funds. However ACC funding represents a large portion of local income	Allocate to mainstream funds and develop a service level agreement	This is the main source of funding to employ a Development Worker to work in Aberdeen. VSS make a small contribution to

	<p>violence by being able to access relevant support.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to offer practical and emotional support to all people. • Promote social inclusion and social capital by reducing social isolation and increase the sense of belonging by offering emotional support to victims of crime. 				<p>salary and running costs. The role of worker is to support victims of domestic violence by being able to access relevant support.</p>
Jewhills Parish Church	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aim of organisation is to enhance the lives of members, many of whom live alone, by providing companionship, lunch every Wednesday and bus outings and social events. Funding goes towards heating and lighting of hall, up-keep of mini-bus and subsidises activity programme. Should this grant be discontinued then the organisation can charge a membership fee to allow this group to continue. • Provide a gentle exercise programme each day which benefits everyone, in particular those whose joints are stiffening through age and those who have limited ability in movement. • Minds are stimulated by 	£5k	Minimal other income.	Cease	<p>Church organisation which has the potential to seek other funding services.</p> <p>The SCAG is the main source of income to allow the fellowship to deliver activities for Older People. A small amount of income is generated through fundraising activities.</p>

	<p>quizzes, discussions, team games, outside entertainers giving talks and musical entertainment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide opportunity for those who live alone and possibly suffer from depression, to meet others in their community and develop new friendships. Referrals are made through direct agencies. 				
Who Cares? Scotland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is a national organisation, however, the funding is used to specifically employ a Development Worker to provide advocacy support for children leaving care. WCS make a small contribution to the cost of providing this service within Aberdeen. 	£15k	National organisation with considerable other funds, however ACC funding represents a large portion of local income	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.
VEA Reachout Project	<p><u>Community Arts Project</u> Healthier / Safer Communities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engagement with the arts improves mental health and the satisfaction of developing skills and producing work can benefit all. Art is an important tool in working with people with learning disabilities. Provide participants with the opportunity to discover new talents and increase their self- 	£13,626.57	National organisation with considerable other funds, however ACC funding represents a large portion of local income	Allocate to mainstream funds and develop a service level agreement	Look at number of classes currently provided.

	<p>confidence and self-esteem.</p> <p>Social Inclusion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Currently engage some of the most socially isolated people, and adding a further dimension to the project will reach more people.• Student-centred ethos of Reach Out and inclusion of all in the democratic process creates a strong sense of community. Skills gained can be transferred to participation in wider communities.• Reach Out brings together people from all over the city with a wide range of issues. Emphasis on co-operative working allows skills sharing and develops appreciation of others strengths. <p><u>Older Peoples Project – Social and Education Provision</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Contribute to the following outcomes for Older People:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Enhancing Choice, Control and Participation- Improved Health of Older People				
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By setting up an independent group, WEA aims to promote principles of active engagement. • Elderly participants will develop their own programme of activities, which will build confidence and encourage a co-operative response to working together. • The group will provide a social and education forum where people would be encouraged to support each other. The social aspect of the group will help to address depression. • Involvement of health practitioners and financial advisors from the Credit Union in the education programme will informally raise awareness and informed discussions after talks will provide the forum with more specific help if appropriate. 				
FARE (Food Action Reaching Elderly) DC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the Growth of Community Food Outlets in Sheltered Housing Complexes 	£4,500		Cease – was given to extend the areas covered	Organisation has option to seek other funding sources – would cover less areas
Alten's Over	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitate 50s activities aimed at 	£3k	Minimal other income.	Cease	Organisation has

iO's Project	encouraging positive outlooks and wellbeing				option to seek other funding sources. Potential for reduction in the number of areas where the service operates.
Inchgarth Community Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aim to develop a project that will deliver a programme of music, dance and movement, art and social events for people with both physical and learning difficulties. Based on an extremely successful pilot project and consultation with numerous service providers, proposals meets the needs of the client group and will compliment other planned projects by service providers who are also aiming to fill the gaps created by recent service cuts. 	£5,400	Has other income sources, however ACC funding relates to specific projects	Allocate to mainstream funds and develop a service level agreement	This project is part of learning day opportunities. Majority of the organisation's funding comes from ACC and fundraising activities. Their SCAG will be used to develop arts and social events for people with disabilities. Although this grant constitutes a very small percentage of their overall funding, the Council may consider commissioning ICC to deliver similar programmes in the future

Grampian Employment Opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A project based on supporting people with disabilities, establishing social enterprise in Grampian Employment Opportunities Initiatives 	£4,500		Cease	Organisation has opportunities to seek other funding sources.
Cornerstone Aberdeen Employment Service	<p>Accessible and Inclusiveness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This project will help develop the skills and confidence of people with disabilities, to help them move into training and employment. This support will promote social inclusion and encourage individuals to become more independent as they are supported to make life choices. The project aims to give participants the confidence and skills to go out into their communities and work with others to achieve positive change. Cornerstone's links with the local business community will help to raise awareness of and help combat discriminatory attitudes towards employing people with a disability. <p>Promote Community Involvement and Social Capital</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Individuals will receive practical and emotional 	£9k	National organisation with considerable other funds.	Cease	National organisation who can reallocated funds.

	<p>support to help them in their daily lives and to integrate into their community. Project will provide an additional support network for people with a disability, who are often more isolated.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individuals will be encouraged to participate in a range of social activities to facilitate social interaction. • Assist people to remain in their local communities, promoting local networking and opportunity. The project will encourage people to access community-based resources. • Provide people with disabilities the opportunity to develop the skills and confidence to take part in local decision making processes. 				
Bread Maker	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Bread Maker encourages social inclusion as part of its daily routine with individuals, interacting with members of the public as part of their work experience. Individuals are trained in customer service, which aids in communication with others. It also assists members of the public to 	£21,300		Allocate to mainstream funds and develop a service level agreement	Allow purchase of services on a spot purchase basis.

	<p>interact with an individual with a learning disability, and promote a network in the local community. Being part of a local community increases the sense of belonging and the contribution of adults with a learning disability to the success of the Bread Maker and participation in working with the local community.</p>				
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8. BACKGROUND PAPERS