

ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE Finance and Resources DATE 11 May 2010

DIRECTOR Stewart Carruth

TITLE OF REPORT Social Care and Wellbeing Social Care Grants

REPORT NUMBER: SCW/10/072

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to provide information to the Finance and Resources Committee as instructed by the Social Care and Wellbeing Committee following on from the initial committee report of the 25th February 2010. The intention being to provide an update on the budgetary savings to be achieved by the cessation of Social Care and Wellbeing (SC & WB) Social Care Grants.

2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

It is recommended that the Committee

- a) Approve the Cessation of Grants to the organisations listed at 6.2 a
- b) Approve the mainstreaming of Grants to the organisations listed at 6.2 b
- c) Approve the move to Corporate Governance of the Grant at 6.2 c
- d) Approve the continuation of £3,000 funding to Age Concern (Local) by moving to mainstream services
- e) Agree the final savings figure of £94,196 which will be realised with effect from 01 April 2010

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

SC & WB Grants Approved 2009/10	£300,359.57
Less: SC & WB Grants Mainstreamed:	
From SC & WB Budget	£180,326.57
From Corporate Governance Budget	<u>£ 22,837.00</u>

	<u>£203,163.57</u>
Potential Savings to SC & WB	£ 97,196.00
Additional Grant Recommended for Mainstream Funding from SC & WB Budget	<u>£ 3,000.00</u>
Actual Net Saving to SC & WB	£ 94,196.00

4. SERVICE & COMMUNITY IMPACT

- 4.1 The Community Plan sets out our vision for the future of the City. Our vision is a City which is Vibrant, Dynamic and Forward Looking, an even better place to live and work, where people can expect high quality services that meet their needs. The current policy aims to fulfil the following Vibrant Dynamic and Forward Looking objective:

Work in partnership with other public bodies to deliver maximum efficiencies.

- 4.2 ACC's Single Outcome Agreement is contained within the Community Plan Update 2008 and the Single Outcome Agreement 2008-2011. This links national outcomes with local outcomes and priorities that in turn support the administration's policy document. Those matters specifically related (either directly or indirectly) to participation and consultation are:

(a) Improve the quality of life in our most deprived areas, taking advantage of regeneration opportunities city wide as they present themselves and identify in consultation with the local communities.

- 4.3 Tackle the significant inequalities in Scottish Society, and agree to wider participation of partners from The Aberdeen City Alliance on the equalities Action Network.

5. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

All organisations affected by the cessation of the Social Care Grant making process have now been advised in writing.

Only one objection was received in connection with the proposals within this report. This was from Age Concern Advisory Aberdeen. Age Concern Advisory service was originally considered as part of the national Age Concern group but is in fact not part of the national organisation. Rather, it is a small voluntary organisation which was set up in 1978 by Social Work and the NHS to provide independent advice and to help older people living within

Aberdeen, by assisting them upon discharge from hospital in order for them to settle back into their homes, assisting with benefit checks and general form completion. The assistance provided by Age Concern Advisory Aberdeen allows older people to remain within their own homes. The organisation fundraises and otherwise receives this small grant for administration purposes. NHS provides a small office at Woodend free of charge to Age Concern Advisory service.

6. REPORT

6.1 Further to the report to the Social Care and Wellbeing Committee on 25th February 2010, an update on the budgetary savings figures is detailed below as requested.

6.2 There are four categories under which budgetary savings are reflected;

a) Total cessation of funding

Affected Organisations

Quarriers	£5,000
Scottish Motor Neurone Disease	£1,196
Newhills Parish Church	£5,000
FARE	£4,500
Altens Over 50's Project	£3,000
Cornerstone Aberdeen Employment	£9,000
Age Concern (Local)	£3,000
Age Concern (Scotland)	£20,000
Grampian Employment Opportunities	£4,500
Shopmobility	£22,000
Aberdeen Action on Disability	£20,000

b) Mainstreaming of funding

Affected Organisations

Befriend a Child	£40,000
Counselling and Family Mediation	£20,000
James Tyrell Centre	£40,000
Samaritans	£10,000
Victim Support	£15,000
Who Cares Scotland	£15,000
WEA Reachout	£13,626.57
Inchgarth Community Centre	£5,400
Bread Maker	£21,300

The organisations within the above category will be contacted to arrange for services to be subject to the full contracting process.

c) Move to Corporate Governance

ACVO

£22,837

ACVO has been advised of contact details of the officer within Corporate Governance who is to be responsible for the services provided.

d) Transitional Arrangements Offered

No organisations have taken up this offer.

6 REPORT AUTHOR DETAILS

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7 BACKGROUND PAPERS

Annual Grant Making Programme – SCW/09/035 was referred to in compiling this report