

DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE - 20 NOVEMBER 2006

REPORT ON: GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS 2006/2007

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WORK

REPORT NO: 636 - 2006

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 This report details the recommendations of the Director of Social Work on the Section 10 grant awards to voluntary organisations for 2006/2007.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 It is recommended that the Social Work Committee:-

Agrees payment to the voluntary organisations listed in Appendix 1 at the levels outlined.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The cost of implementing the recommendations within this report is £39,530. This cost can be met from the total 2006/2007 revenue budget provision for grant award payment to voluntary organisations.

4.0 SUSTAINABILITY POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 None.

5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

5.1 These grants are made to promote social welfare and are targeted at voluntary organisations which provide assistance and promote social inclusion amongst the most vulnerable members of the community.

6.0 MAIN TEXT

6.1 A range of voluntary organisations receive funding from the Social Work Department as payment for specific services provided. The provision of these services is governed by a service level agreement with the organisation concerned.

6.2 However, the Social Work Department also frequently received requests from voluntary organisations for grant funding to support activities which contribute in general to social welfare.

6.3 Limited budget provision has been made to meet this need and applications for grant aid were invited in January 2006. Applications received have now been assessed and recommendations for funding are outlined in Appendix 1. All applications were assessed against specific criteria. Priority has been given to those organisations, groups or individuals whose applications are demonstrably:

- consistent with the Council's Core Values as outlined in the Council Plan;
- consistent with the Social Work Department's strategic aims, service plan and priorities as detailed in the Social Work Service Plan, the Joint Community Care Plan and the Children's Services Plan;
- of potential benefit to priority groups;
- democratic, publicly accountable and based on equal opportunities principles; and
- cost effective and capable of contributing to partnership working.

7.0 CONSULTATION

7.1 The Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Support Services) and Depute Chief Executive (Finance) have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.

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Director of Social Work

Date: 10 November 2006

SECTION 10 APPLICATIONS 2006/2007

Organisation	Amount Recommended	Purpose
Shelter Scotland	£800	Contribution towards running costs. Work with anyone who has a housing problem
Starter Packs Dundee	£5,000	Contribution towards the running costs of providing start up packs for needy people taking up new tenancies.
Couple Counselling	£10,000	Contribution towards running costs & training to assist couples experiencing difficulties in their relationship.
Deafblind Scotland	£952	Contribution towards running costs to help deafblind adults.
Whitfield Parish Church Day Care	£4,200	Contribution towards provision of a day service for Older people and people with disabilities.
Steve Bretel	£2,890	Contribution to help provide specialist music service for people with disabilities. Help with equipment and premises funding.
Circles Around Dundee	£4,500	Contribution towards running costs to help children and adults with learning disabilities set up "circles of friends".
The Link Club	£800	Contribution towards running costs of providing a safe atmosphere & activities for adults with learning disabilities.
Positive Perception	£2,500	Assistance with funding workshops for vulnerable people

Samaritans of Dundee	£2,288	Contribution towards annual expenses for providing a confidential support service to those in distress.
Brittle Bone Society	£4,300	Assistance with the costs of purchasing 2 wheelchairs & 2 baby car seats for people with brittle bones.
Scottish Spina Bifida Assoc	£1,300	Contribution towards the running costs of providing support to people with spina bifida/hydrocephalus or allied disorders & their families.

TOTAL £39,530