

DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Leisure, Arts and Communities Committee - 9 June 2008

REPORT ON: Service Level Agreement with Dundee Voluntary Action - Year 2 Financial Support

REPORT BY: Director of Leisure and Communities

REPORT NO: 299-2008

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To seek approval for a grant award to Dundee Voluntary Action as part of a three year Service Level Agreement.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

2.1 It is recommended that the Committee release the payment of £41,450 to Dundee Voluntary Action following the satisfactory assessment of the Service Specification contained in Schedule 1 of the Agreement during 2008-2009.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The cost will be met from the Department's Third Party Payments budget for 2008-2009.

4.0 MAIN TEXT

4.1 Following a review of departmental roles and responsibilities, it was agreed in August 2007 that Lead Department responsibility for the Council's liaison with Dundee Voluntary Action should transfer from the Social Work Department to the Leisure and Communities Department (Committee Report No 350-2007).

4.2 This decision was made to take account of the changing role of Dundee Voluntary Action which began life in 1953 as Dundee Council of Social Service and has since evolved into current membership. The organisation's primary aim is to promote the interests and service the needs of the voluntary sector in Dundee.

4.3 The new Service Level Agreement adopted in this report fully reflects the role of Dundee Voluntary Action as a Community Planning Partner. The Agreement sets out how Dundee Voluntary Action will undertake to provide facilitation, communication and representation and development services to enable local voluntary sector organisations to engage effectively with Dundee City Council.

4.4 The service specification requires Dundee Voluntary Action to deliver the following services:

- representation of the voluntary sector on strategic planning and partnership bodies (service specification 1).
- development and implementation of the Dundee Compact (service specification 2).
- development and support of voluntary sector Forums (service specification 3).

- leading and supporting the development of the Social Economy Partnership and Forum (service specification 5).
- participation in the development of local community learning and development initiatives and representation on the Community Learning and Development Partnership (service specification 5).

4.5 Regular assessment meetings between Dundee City Council and Dundee Voluntary Action have taken place and these have ensured effective delivery of the service specification during 2007-2008.

5.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

5.1 This report has been screened for any policy implications in respect of Sustainability, Strategic Environmental Assessment, Anti-Poverty, Equality Impact Assessment and Risk Management.

There are no major issues.

6.0 CONSULTATION

6.1 The Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Support Services), Depute Chief Executive (Finance) and Head of Finance have been consulted on this report and are in agreement with its contents. The Chief Executive, Dundee Voluntary Action, has been involved in the development of the Service Level Agreement.

7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

7.1 None.

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