

LONDON BOROUGH OF HARROW

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| Meeting: | GRANTS ADVISORY PANEL |
| Date: | 15 SEPTEMBER 2003 |
| Subject: | RESERVED GRANTS 2003 / 04 |
| Key decision: | NO |
| Responsible Chief Officer: | CHIEF EXECUTIVE |
| Relevant Portfolio Holder: | PARTNERSHIP AND PROPERTY |
| Status: | PART 1 |
| Ward: | N / A |
| Enclosures: | APPENDIX A – HARROW KUWAITI COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION - PROGRESS REPORT |

1. **Summary/ Reason for urgency (if applicable)**

- 1.1 This report provides an update on the reserved grants to Voluntary Organisations 2003/04.

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2. **Recommendations (for decision by Portfolio Holder)**

- 2.1 That the reserved grant of £1,000 be released to the Harrow Kuwaiti Community Association.
- 2.2 That the reserved grant of £2,500 for Harrow in Europe and the reserved grant of £5,000 for the Harrow Women's Centre remain reserved.

REASON: To enable the Harrow Kuwaiti Association to improve its services by utilising the reserved grant. To give Harrow in Europe and Harrow Women's Centre time to provide the required information.

3. **Consultation with Ward Councillors** – Not applicable

4. **Policy Context (including Relevant Previous Decisions)**

- 4.1 Grants Advisory Panel 6 March 2003 – Members concluded their decisions on grants for 2003/04, but reserved a number of grants pending receipt of further information.

4.2 Grants Advisory Panel 28 July 2003 - Members agreed to release some reserved grants, but decided that the reserved grants for Harrow in Europe, Harrow Kuwaiti Association and Harrow Women's Centre remain reserved until more information is provided by these groups.

5. **Relevance to Corporate Priorities**

5.1 This report addresses the Council's stated priority of "strengthening Harrow's local communities by promoting social inclusion amongst all Harrow residents both young and old, by seeking to eradicate poverty and by reducing the fear of crime".

6 **Background Information and options considered**

6.1 Harrow in Europe: The organisation has not yet provided details of individuals assisted. Harrow in Europe at the monitoring meeting on 11th August 2003 were advised that this information is crucial to the release of the reserved grant of £2,500. They promised to provide it, but it has not been received yet.

6.2 Harrow Kuwaiti Community Association: The organisation has made significant progress (please, see attached progress report). The organisation has received funding of £5,000 from Peabody Trust for a newsletter, which has been produced and a grant of £1,500 from Renewal for a computer. Financial records and systems are now in place and the organisation has provided casework records for 2002 / 03 (dealt with 134 cases).

6.3 Harrow Women's Centre: Members were informed at the last meeting that the Harrow Women's Centre will not be in a position to ascertain the true running costs until they have been in the new premises for at least six months. It is hoped that the situation will become clearer during the monitoring meeting in October.

7. **Consultation** - Not applicable

8. **Finance Observations**

8.1 None

9. **Legal Observations**

9.1 None

10. **Conclusion**

10.1 There is sufficient information to justify the release of the reserved grant of £1,000 to the Harrow Kuwaiti community Association, but the reserved grant of £2,500 to Harrow in Europe and the reserved grant of £5,000 to the Harrow Women's Centre cannot be released at this stage.

11. **Background Papers**

11.1 None.

12. **Author**

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