

Meeting:	Cabinet
Date:	15 February 2007
Subject:	Grants to Voluntary Groups 2007-08
Key Decision: (Executive-side only)	Yes
Responsible Officer:	Myfanwy Barrett Director of Financial and Business Strategy
Portfolio Holder:	David Ashton Portfolio Holder for Finance and Business Matters
Exempt:	No
Enclosures:	Appx A – Report to the Grants Advisory Panel on 22 January 2007 Appx B – Recommendation 1 of the Grants Advisory Panel meeting on 22 January 2007

SECTION 1 – SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

This report sets out the recommended grants to voluntary groups for 2007-08.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Cabinet is requested to approve the recommendations of the Grants Advisory Panel of 22 January 2007

REASON: To confirm funding to voluntary groups for 2007-08.

SECTION 2 - REPORT

1. Harrow Council is empowered to make grants to voluntary organisations under Section 48 of the Local Government Act 1985, as well as under other legislation.
2. The proposed grants budget for 2007-08 is £717,502. The budget has been reduced by £90k and inflated by 2.4% compared with 2006-07. This is subject to confirmation by full council on 22 February 2007.
3. The Grants Advisory Panel on 22 January 2007 considered the applications for grants for 2007-08. The Panel made in principle decisions on most applications and deferred some for more information. The deferred applications will be considered by the Grants Advisory Panel in March. The recommendations are consistent with the draft budget for next year.
4. The detailed applications along with the recommendations of the Grants Advisory Panel are attached.
5. Cabinet members are asked to note, that due to the reduced budget, funding under service level agreements is also being reduced. All organisations concerned have been contacted and advised of the proposed level of funding for 2007-08.

SECTION 3 - STATUTORY OFFICER CLEARANCE

Chief Finance Officer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Name: Myfanwy Barrett Date: 1 February 2007
Monitoring Officer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Name: Hugh Peart Date: 6 February 2007

SECTION 4 - CONTACT DETAILS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS

Contact: Chander Vasdev, Service Manager

Background Papers:

Report to Grants Advisory Panel, 22 January 2007