

LONDON BOROUGH OF HARROW

Meeting:	GRANTS ADVISORY PANEL
Date:	WEDNESDAY 26 NOVEMBER 2003
Subject:	GRANT FUNDING 2004/05
Key decision:	YES
Responsible Chief Officer:	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BUSINESS CONNECTIONS
Relevant Portfolio Holder:	PARTNERSHIP AND PROPERTY
Status:	PART 1
Ward:	NOT APPLICABLE
Enclosures:	APPENDIX A – GRANTS-BASED SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENTS APPENDIX B – GRANT APPLICATIONS FROM CURRENTLY FUNDED GROUPS APPENDIX C – GRANT APPLICATIONS FROM GROUPS NOT CURRENTLY FUNDED

1. Summary/ Reason for urgency (if applicable)

1.1 This report presents the applications for funding received and the grants-based service level agreements for 2004/05.

2. Recommendations (for decision by Cabinet)

2.1 To agree in principle the recommendations relating to the individual grant reports in the appendices, which will be subject to the Council approving its overall Revenue Budget 204/05.

REASON: To enable the allocation of funding to voluntary organisations in 2004/05.

3. Consultation with Ward Councillors Not applicable

4. Policy Context (including Relevant Previous Decisions)

The London Borough of Harrow is empowered to make grants to voluntary organisations under Section 48 of the Local Government Act 1985.

4.1 Grants Panel 6th March 2003 – Members recommended to Cabinet grant funding of £1,004,430 for 2003/04. The Grants Budget 2003/4 agreed by Cabinet is £1,044,430. The Grants Budget for 2004/05 after adjustments for inflation is £1,034,630.

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 During July 2003 grant application packs were sent to all organisations currently in receipt of funding. Notices were placed in the local newspapers, on the Harrow Live web-site and at Community Premises inviting local voluntary groups to apply for funding in 2004/05. The deadline for receipt of completed application forms was Friday 26th September 2003.

6.2 All applicants were asked to complete a form stating how much funding they had received from other bodies in the current financial year. The information, where provided, has been incorporated into the individual reports.

6.3 When applications were received, copies were hand-delivered to officers in the relevant departments. The officers provided summaries and their comments/ recommendations, which have been incorporated into the attached reports.

6.4 Organisations in receipt of Service Level Agreement funding are not required to apply for funding on an annual basis. Officers are in contact with these organisations, which are required to provide monitoring information regularly. Where an organisation, or indeed the Council, wishes to change the terms of the agreement, this is the subject of detailed discussions and negotiations between the two parties. The reports provided by the relevant officers recommend continuation of funding at this year's level, unless otherwise stated.

7. **Consultation** Not applicable

8. **Finance Observations**

8.1 No financial observations

9. **Legal Observations**

9.1 No legal observations

10. **Conclusion**

10.1 Officers have assessed the grant applications received for 2004/05 and have provided individual reports, which include their comments and recommendations, which would enable Members to approve grant allocations in principle.

10.2 The Grants Budget for 2004/05, after adjusted for inflation, is £1,034,630. The recommended grants for 2004/05 amount to £1,092,926. Should all recommended grants be approved, there would be a shortfall of £58,296.

11. **Background Papers**

11.1 Individual Grant Applications and supporting documents (circulated separately)

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