DRAFT GRANTS CRITERIA

Strengthening Communities

Tackling Poverty: Projects providing benefits & consumer advice; debt counselling; job-seeking skills and employment advice.

Community Safety: Projects addressing the fear of crime, crime prevention and the tackling of hate crime, such as domestic violence and racial harassment; projects offering advice and support to victims of crime and witnesses.

Equality of Opportunity: Projects promoting equality of access to services and social inclusion for groups traditionally socially excluded, e.g. refugees, asylum seekers, people from minority ethnic communities, women, people with disabilities, gays and lesbians.

Voluntary Service: Projects promoting volunteering, community involvement and social cohesion.

The Environment and the Economy

Transport: Projects promoting the use of public transport; projects that facilitate access to transport for disabled, housebound and people in poor health, who are unable to use public transport.

Regeneration: Projects enabling people to play a role in the social regeneration of their local area, by establishing local advisory committees and lobby groups.

Conserving Resources

Managing the Environment: Projects that contribute to a "greener Harrow".

Housing and the Built Environment: Projects offering advice and advocacy to people in poor housing; projects helping B & B residents, especially vulnerable people in B & B gain access to services; projects helping families with children in B & B gain access to Sure Start, Children's Fund and Connexions Service. (This could also come under tackling poverty and equality of opportunity).

Health and Social Care

Service Users and Patients: Projects that contribute to a "healthy Harrow", offer support to users and patients and promote healthy living.

Supporting Carers

<u>Children and Young People</u>

<u>Lifelong Learning</u>

<u>Early Years:</u> Projects offering pre-school activities to young children.

Information and Communications Technology (ICT): Projects providing access to ICT to socially excluded people, especially young, unemployed people without qualifications, older people and women returnees.

<u>Arts, Sports and Leisure</u>

<u>Social Inclusion (Education):</u> Projects offering training and retraining to people excluded from the labour market; projects offering mentoring and training leading to access courses in Colleges of Further Education; accreditation courses for refugees and asylum seekers with educational or professional qualifications from their country of origin.

In addition to meeting any of the above criteria, additional weighting will be given to organisations that:

- Have been awarded the Community Legal Services quality mark, or any other recognised quality assurance award.

- Are proposing projects dealing with consumer advice, debt counselling, immigration, housing, and mental health.

- Are serving black and minority ethnic communities, refugees and asylum seekers, women, and address domestic violence issues, as all these areas are currently under-resourced.

- Demonstrate that they will use the Council's grant to attract funding from other sources. In order not to disadvantage small and emerging groups, this will only apply to groups applying for grants of £5,000 or more.