Strategic Review of Support to Voluntary Organisations
Interim Topline results 16/07/04

- A copy of the strategy document and questionnaire were sent to 427 voluntary / community groups in Harrow on 14 June 2004
- A reminder mail out to non-respondents was sent on 29 June 2004
- Results are based on 80 responses received by 12 July 2004, giving a response rate of 19%
- Where results do not sum to 100, this may be due to exclusion of no answers, multiple responses, computer rounding or the exclusion of don't knows/not stated
- Results are based on all respondents unless otherwise stated
- An asterisk (*) represents a value of less than one half or one percent, but not zero
- Results should be analysed with caution due to the low base size (80)

Q1 and 2: Common Grants Criteria

Q1.a **To what extent do you support or oppose the proposed criteria for allocating funding?**

	%
Strongly support	33
Tend to support	50
Neither/nor	6
Tend to oppose	1
Strongly oppose	5
Not stated/No opinion	5

Q2.a **And do you support or oppose the idea that one or more of the criteria could be given additional weighting in a particular year so that there is an annual theme to funding?**

	%
Strongly support	8
Tend to support	24
Neither/nor	14
Tend to oppose	35
Strongly oppose	15
Not stated/No opinion	5

Q3, 4 and 5: Conditions of Funding

Q3.a **It is proposed that in future, those applying for funding will have to satisfy certain conditions. To what extent do you support or oppose the proposed conditions for applicants?**

	%
Strongly support	36
Tend to support	36
Neither/nor	5
Tend to oppose	9
Strongly oppose	6
Not stated/No opinion	8

Q4.a **It is also suggested that particular emphasis be placed on certain types of organisations or type of activity. To what extent do you support or oppose this?**

	%
Strongly support	8
Tend to support	19
Neither/nor	16
Tend to oppose	20
Strongly oppose	29
Not stated/No opinion	9

Q5.a **It has been suggested that the community premises allocation system should be replaced with a grants system? To what extent do you support or oppose this?**

	%
Strongly support	9
Tend to support	14
Neither/nor	21
Tend to oppose	15
Strongly oppose	14
Not stated/No opinion	28

Q6, 7 and 8: Grants vs SLA's and Funding Duration

Q6.a **It has been proposed that a threshold be established for SLA funding. To what extent do you support or oppose a system of small grants below £10,000, and of service level agreements for larger grants?**

	%
Strongly support	19
Tend to support	41
Neither/nor	15
Tend to oppose	3
Strongly oppose	1
Not stated/No opinion	21

Q7.a **There is a proposal that new SLAs will include details of any conditions attached to the funding, objectives and performance measures, clear reporting requirements linked to staged payments, and "clawback" arrangements. To what extent do you support or oppose this type of information being incorporated into new SLA documents.?**

	%
Strongly support	19
Tend to support	44
Neither/nor	11
Tend to oppose	3
Strongly oppose	3
Not stated/No opinion	21

Q8.a **There is a proposal to move to 3 year funding grants. To what extent do you support or oppose this suggestion?**

	%
Strongly support	44
Tend to support	34
Neither/nor	8
Tend to oppose	1
Strongly oppose	3
Not stated/No opinion	11

Q9: The Balance of Funding

Q9.a **To what extent do you support or oppose the idea that the council should monitor the distribution of funding over time?**

	%
Strongly support	41
Tend to support	39
Neither/nor	10
Tend to oppose	3
Strongly oppose	0
Not stated/No opinion	8

Q10: Transitional Funding

Q10.a **To what extent do you support or oppose the suggestion that the council should establish transitional funding arrangements?**

	%
Strongly support	30
Tend to support	43
Neither/nor	5
Tend to oppose	5
Strongly oppose	4
Not stated/No opinion	14

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ABOUT YOUR ORGANISATION

Please complete the section below which asks about your organisation or group. This information will be used for analysis of the survey results to aid understanding of the priorities of different sections of the voluntary sector. It will only be used by MORI and by Harrow Council, and not passed onto any third party.

Q11. **What is the legal status of your organisation?**

	%
Registered charity	
Company limited by guarantee	TBC: back code 'other'
Other	

Q12. **What are the main aims of the group?**

	%
Social/Leisure activities/ Clubs/Groups	
Help/integrate ethnic minorities/asylum seekers/ refugees	
Getting everyone involved in the community	
Help people with diseases/disabilities	
Provide a safe environment for children	
Prevent crime/make community safer	TBC: back code 'other'
Cater for the needs of the elderly	
Work with young people	
Improve skills of disadvantaged people	
Regeneration of the area	
Consumer / debt counselling	
Education	
Employment/advice on employment	
Other	
Not stated	

Q13. **Which one of the community Strategy headings listed below best describes the work of your group?**

	%
Empowering Local Communities	39
Safer Harrow	10
Regenerating Harrow	9
Greener Harrow	6
Children and Young People	26
Learning for all	15
Making ICT work	4
Healthy Harrow	21
Other (Please specify below)	16
Not stated	3

Q14. **How long has your organisation been running?**

	%
Less than one year	1
Between 1 to 2 years	4
Between 3-5 years	10
Between 6-10 years	10
Between 10-15 years	13
Over 15 years	58
Don't know/can't remember	1
Not stated	4

Q15. **How many people belong to the organisation/group?**

	%
1-15 people	6
16-30 people	9
31-40 people	5
41-50 people	13
51-100 people	15
101- 200 people	1
201-300 people	11
More than 300 people	34
Not stated	6

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Q16. **Who are the main target audiences of the group/organisation?**

	%
Black and Minority Ethnic people	29
Children	30
Drug users	0
Ex-offenders	1
Faith groups	5
Gay/lesbian people	3
Learning difficulties	13
Mental illness	13
Older people	26
People with physical disabilities	21
Refugees/asylum seekers	15
Tenants	0
Travellers	5
(The) unemployed	9
Women	20
Young people/teenagers	26
All community residents/everyone	38
Other (Please specify below)	11
Not stated	5

Q17. **Whereabouts do your organisation's activities take place?**

	%
School	33
Community centre/hall	34
Leisure centre	4
Library	8
Somebody's house	16
Pub/bar	3
Church/chapel/mosque/synagogue/other place of worship	18
Youth Club	3
Local business/shop	3
Leased premises from Harrow Council	21
Arts centre	5
We own our own premises	10
No fixed location	15
Other (please specify)	33
Not stated	4

Q18. **Which geographical area or areas does the group serve?**

	%
Central Harrow	66
Belmont	59
South Harrow	63
Rayners Lane	65
Wealdstone	64
North Harrow	69
Pinner	66
Kenton	65
Edgware	56
Other areas	18
Whole borough	***53***
Not whole borough	***48***
Not stated	5

Q19. **Is the group currently in receipt of funding from any of these sources?**

	%
Funding from Harrow Council	46
Funding/sponsorship from central government/ department	16
Funding/sponsorship from a charity/trust	30
Funding/sponsorship from local business	9
National Lottery funding	10
Donations from members, friends etc	41
New Deal for Communities	0
Other (please specify)	26
No, the group is not in receipt of funding from any source	20
Not stated	5

Q20. **If you currently receive funding from Harrow Council, how much is this per annum?**

	%
Less than £100 per year	0
£101-£200 per year	0
£201-£300 per year	5
£301-£400 per year	0
£401-£500 per year	5
£501-£1,000 per year	14
More than £1,000 per year	70
Don't know/can't remember	3
Not stated	3

Base: All respondents who receive funding from Harrow Council (37)

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Q21.   **If you <u>do not</u> currently receive grant funding from Harrow Council, do you receive any of the following?**

	%
Discretionary Rate Relief	5
Concessionary Lettings	33
Free accommodation at community premises	2
Other (please specify)	9
None/Not stated	56

Base: All respondents ho do not receive funding from Harrow Council (43)

Q22.   **From the list below, how would you describe the Council's current arrangements for funding organisations like yours in Harrow?**

		%
a)	Easily accessible	39
	Inaccessible	30
	Not stated	31
b)	Straightforward	30
	Bureaucratic	36
	Not stated	34
c)	Easy to understand	41
	Difficult to understand	26
	Not stated	33
d)	Efficient	44
	Inefficient	24
	Not stated	33

Q23.   **What two or three things, if any, would most improve the grants funding system in Harrow, and the way in which grants are awarded?**

	%
Process applications for funding more quickly	
Provide more information about the process of grants funding	
Make the system easier to understand	
Explain the criteria used to allocate funding more clearly	TBC: back code 'other'
Explain the basis of decisions more clearly	
Ensure that <u>all</u> organisations get something	
Ensure that a <u>few</u> organisations are properly funded	
None of these/nothing	
Other	
Not stated	