

# **Report of the Strategic Director Place to the meeting of Bradford West Area Committee to be held on Wednesday 22 February 2017**

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## **Subject:**

Allocation of Community Buildings Grant for 2017-19

## **Summary statement:**

This report outlines the recommendations of the Bradford West Area Committee Grants Advisory Group for the allocation of Community Buildings Grants (CBG) 2017-19, to Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) organisations operating in Bradford West.

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**Overview & Scrutiny Area:**  
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## 1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report outlines the recommendations of the Bradford West Area Committee Grants Advisory Group for the allocation of Community Buildings Grants (CBG) 2017-19, to Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) organisations operating in Bradford West.

## 2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 As part of the budget decision on the 25th February 2016, Bradford Council agreed to reduce the discretionary support available to (VCS) organisations.

- 2.2 In setting the budget for 2016/17 onwards, three specific budget reductions were proposed in relation to rental subsidies, business rate relief and community development to take effect from 1st April 2017. These were:

**a) Remove rent subsidies provided to VCS organisations**

**b) Reduce Community Development grants**

**c) Remove discretionary business rate relief to not for profit organisations**

**Community Centre Core Costs Grants** were included with the three proposals as requested by the sector during the Council's budget consultation.

- 2.3 A review was undertaken of the different types of support given to the VCS and a proposal developed. This proposal merges the remaining support available into one CBG and devolved the decision making to Area Committees in order to increase fairness, transparency and accountability.

- 2.4 The Review group concluded that the best way forward was to combine all remaining resources and establish a single process, based on an extended core costs model.

- 2.5 At the Bradford West Area Committee meeting on 23 November 2016 it was resolved that:

- (1) That the proposed allocation process for Community Building Grants be noted.
- (2) That the Bradford West Area Co-ordinator be requested to organise meetings of the Area Committee's Grant Advisory Group to consider Community Building Grant applications for funding from groups within the Bradford West Area.
- (3) That the Bradford West Area Co-ordinator be requested to bring a report to the Bradford West Area Committee within the 2016-17 municipal year, with recommendations from the Grant Advisory Group on how to allocate the Community Building Grants funds available.

### 3. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1 On 26 January 2017, Bradford West Grants Advisory Group met to discuss the CBG Expressions of Interest (EOI) submitted from across the Bradford West constituency. After full consideration of all the (EOI) the recommendations from the Bradford West Grants Advisory Group were as follows:-

Name of Organisation	Requested 2017-2018 £	Requested 2018-2019 £	GAG Recommendation 2017-18 £	GAG Recommendation 2018-19 (subject to funding) £
Action for Business Ltd	£36,253	0	£5,500	0
Artworks Creative Communities	£3,700.00	£3,700.00	£0	0
Attock Community Association	£16,682.22	£16,682.22	£7,000	£7,000
Bangladesh Youth Organisation	£5,680.96	£5,680.96	£5,000	£5,000
BEAP Community Partnership (Cornwall Rd)	£5,790.00	£5,790.00	£4,390	£4,390
BEA Community Partnership (Shapla Hall)	£1,850.00	£1,850.00	£0	£0
Café West Healthy Living Centre	£10,652.00	£10,652.00	£9,000	£9,000
Frizinghall Community Centre	£9,400.00	£9,400.00	£5,400	£5,400
Girlington Community Association	£35,064.00	£35,064.00	£17,500	£17,500
Grange Interlink	£34,000.00	£34,000.00	£22,000	£22,000
Heaton Community Centre	£5,100.00	£5,100.00	£3,000	£3,000
Khidmat Centre	£22,525.00	£22,525.00	£0	£0
Lower Grange Community Association	£9,500.00	£9,500.00	£8,900	£8,900
Manningham Project	£9,884.00	£9,884.00	£7,000	£7,000
Millan Project	£7,741.00	£7,741.00	£5,000	£5,000
Pakistan & Worldwide Community Link Ltd	£15,905.00	£15,905.00	£0	£0
Sandy Lane Cricket Club	£1,802.40	£1,802.40	£0	£0
St Francis Village Hall	£1,350.00	£1,350.00	0	£0
Thornton & Allerton Community Association	£21,000.00	£21,000.00	£15,000	£15,000
Contingency	£0.00	£0.00	£8,110	£13,610
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£253,880</b>	<b>£217,627</b>	<b>£122,800</b>	<b>£122,800</b>

3.2 The table below shows (by Ward) the level of CBG funding requested per year by VCS organisation operating in Bradford West and the total recommended by the Bradford West GAG.

Wards	Requested 17-18	Requested 18-19	Recommended 17-18	Recommended 18-19
<b>City</b>	£76,907.22	£76,907.22	£29,000	£29,000
<b>C&amp;FWG</b>	£9,500	£9,500	£8,900	£8,900
<b>Heaton</b>	£9,400	£9,400	£5,400	£5,400
<b>Manningham</b>	£83,104	£46,851	£26,890	£21,390
<b>Thornton &amp; Allerton</b>	£34,804.40	£34,804.40	£24,000	£24,000
<b>Toller</b>	£40,164	£40,164	£20,500	£20,500
<b>Contingency</b>	0	0	£8,110	£13,610
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£253,880</b>	<b>£217,627</b>	<b>£122,800</b>	<b>£122,800</b>

3.3 In making their recommendations, Bradford West Grants Advisory Group requested that the organisations listed below meet the following conditions:-

- Action for Business Ltd – The organisations explores options of becoming a registered Charity within the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 17-18.
- Attock C.A - looks to renegotiate its rental agreement with Bradford Trident.
- Frizinghall C.C - The organisation explores options of becoming a registered Charity within the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 17-18.  
Makes changes to it Governing document as advised by VOSO.  
Holds an open and transparent AGM and ensures that women are represented on its Management Committee.
- Millan Centre - Organisation to ensure that the Centre is accessible to new members of the community

3.2 For those groups that have been successful or unsuccessful in this process, support will be available from Bradford Council for Voluntary Service (BCVS) through one of the Voluntary Organisation Support Officers (VOSO). An additional VOSO will be employed for 12 months to help and assist VCS organisations with their funding application, Governance arrangements, training etc.

3.3 It is also the intention of the Council to set up a workshop in each constituency that will offer advice and support with fundraising to mitigate the loss of funding.

#### **4. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL**

- 4.1 The amount of funding available per annum for the Bradford West area was £122,800 for 2017-18 and £122,800 for 2018-19 (the second year being subject to funding being available).

#### **5. RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES**

- 5.1 Non-specific.

#### **6. LEGAL APPRAISAL**

- 6.1 This work relates directly to the Local Government Act 2000 and to the Duty of Well-being placed upon the Council to promote and improve the well-being of the District.
- 6.2 Under the Councils Constitution at Article 12, the Executive can delegate/devolve the discharge of functions to Area Committees. In discharging these functions, all decisions made must be in accordance with policies, strategies, plans or criteria agreed by the Council or Executive and within the approved budget.

#### **7. OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

##### **7.1 EQUALITY & DIVERSITY**

- 7.1.1 The progressive distribution of grants to Areas with higher level needs will aid the development of initiatives which reduce inequalities.
- 7.1.2 Priorities supported will promote fairness and inclusion while supporting Bradford West Area Committee's commitment to equal opportunities for all, including those protected characteristics identified within the Equalities Act 2010.

##### **7.2 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.2.1 Resources available to Bradford West Area Committee, described in this report, and used to support the Bradford West Area Ward Plans and will directly support the delivery of the District's Plan and promote and contribute to the People Can Make a difference approach.

##### **7.3 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IMPACTS**

- 7.3.1 Actions to assist in identifying the greenhouse gas impacts of potential projects to be funded through this budget will be undertaken. These will include a consideration of, for example, energy efficiency opportunities in purchasing new equipment or refurbishing or modifying buildings.

##### **7.4 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.4.1 None.

## **7.5 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT**

7.5.1 None.

## **7.6 TRADE UNION**

7.6.1 There are no implications related to Trade Unions arising from this report.

## **7.7 WARD IMPLICATIONS**

7.7.1 The activity outlined in this report affects the whole district and all organisations which currently receive buildings related support in Bradford West. The creation and devolution of the Community Building Fund to Area Committees will establish a more tailored provision and more accountability at a ward level.

## **7.8 WARD PLAN IMPLICATIONS**

7.8.1 The activities outlined in this report contribute to priorities within the Bradford West Ward Plans.

## **8. NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS**

8.1 None.

## **9. OPTIONS**

9.1 Bradford West Area Committee adopts the recommendations outlined in this report.

9.2 Bradford West Committee adopts the recommendations outlined in this report, with amendments.

9.3 Bradford West Committee decides not to accept the recommendations outlined in this report.

## **10. RECOMMENDATIONS**

10.1 That Bradford West Area Committee approves the recommendations made by the Grants Advisory Group for the allocation of CBG outlined in paragraph 3.1 of this report.

10.2 Responsibility for the contingency funds in Bradford West be delegated to the Area Co-Ordinator in consultation with members of the Grant Advisory Group.

10.5 That Members of Bradford West Grants Advisory Group be thanked for their active participation in the CBG allocation across Bradford West and District Wide.

## **11. APPENDICES**

11.1 None.

## **12. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

- 12.1 The Allocation of Community Buildings Grants (Extended Community Centre Core Costs), Document R, Bradford West Area Committee, 23 November 2016.