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REFERENCE: ACCH-002-12

ACCH-002-12 APPROVED - AREA BOARD GRANT GUIDANCE 2012-13

Purpose of Report

To update and provide clarity to the 2012/13 Area Boards grants process.

Consultation

Undertaken through joint Community Area Manager and Councillor Working Group

Options Considered

No change to the grant process or make a range of minor improvements to the funding criteria and application forms (provided to us by councillors, officers and members of the public), to ensure ease of use and greater clarity.

To only give small grants to those with a formal constitution or to allow un-constituted groups to apply, in an effort to enhance the opportunity to build local capacity in communities.

Reason for Decision

To provide greater scope for community led projects and activities undertaken by the voluntary and community sector in each community area; to ensure clarity and transparency of area board/councillor led projects and provide area boards with greater clarity on the administrative and decision making processes associated with the full range of delegated Area Board Grant Funding.

DECISION MADE

I approve that

1. The emphasis in 2012/13 will be that the Community Area Grants will support the ethos of volunteering and community involvement.
2. That in 2012/13 Small Grants will be introduced to support local people to undertake projects near to where they live which will contribute towards building more resilient communities.
3. Community Area Managers will provide area boards with recommendations in respect to Community Area and Small Grants.
4. That there should be no change to the guidance in respect to funding to parish/town councils. Area boards should not consider applications from town and parish councils for purposes that relate to the statutory duties or powers of such councils that may be funded from the local parish precept.
5. That there are improvements to the guidance and application form for Area Board Projects and Councillor Led Initiatives. The purpose of this scheme is to enable councillors to tackle issues in their area, including projects and initiatives which have been identified by the community. It should not be used to fill gaps where there are service shortfalls or where it is possible for them to be resolved through use of the Community Area Grants scheme.
6. That the funding process and criteria for the distribution of area board funding outlined in Appendices 1- 7 of this report are approved.

This decision was published on 3rd April, 2012 and will come into force on 13th April

The following supporting documents are attached:

ACCH-002-12 - Area Board Funding - Report
ACCH-002-12 -App 1 Community Area Grant Funding Criteria and Information 201213
ACCH-002-12 -App 2 Community Area Grant Application Form 201213
ACCH-002-12 -App 3 Sources of Advice and Other Funding 2012 13
ACCH-002-12 -App 4 Small Grant Funding Criteria and Information 201213
ACCH-002-12 -App 5 Small Grant Application Form 201213
ACCH-002-12 -App 6 Application for AB Projects and Councillor led Initiatives 2012 13
ACCH-002-12 -App 7 Criteria for AB Projects and Councillor Led Initiatives 2012 13

Date: ...3rd April, 2012.....

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