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REFERENCE: ACCH-001-13 Intention

AREA BOARD FUNDING GUIDANCE 2013-14

Purpose of Report

To update and provide clarity to the 2013/14 Area Board funding process.

Consultation

Undertaken through joint Community Area Manager and Councillor Working Group.

Options Considered

Various including:

No change to a multi-option down loadable application process; which sometimes caused confusion for applicants or embrace digital access and formulate a single process for all applicants to ensure ease of use and greater clarity.

To retain the amount of un-matched funding available at £1,000 or to reduce it to £500 to ensure funding could be more widely spread across the community.

To retain a special small grants process awarding up to £350, which had not been fully utilised in 2012/13 or to ensure groups could access up to £500 unmatched funding from an area board.

Reason for Decision

To improve the application process for members of community, voluntary groups and councillors through adoption of a common on-line process and in so doing make council administrative efficiencies.

INTENTION TO MAKE DECISION

Following consultation with officers I give notice that I intend to make the decision set out in the attached report. If you would like to make any representations to me on this issue please do so by 25th March, 2013.

The following supporting documents are attached:

- ACCH-001-13 - Report
- ACCH-001-13 - Appendix 1 Area Board Budget Allocations 2013-14
- ACCH-001-13 - Appendix 2 Community Area Grant Funding Criteria and Information 2013-14
- ACCH-001-13 - Appendix 3 Area Board Projects and Councillor led Initiatives

Date: ...15th March, 2013.....

Cllr John Thomson
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Care, Communities and Housing