

SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the Leader's Portfolio Meeting held on
Friday, 19 February 2010 at 2.00 p.m.

Portfolio Holder: Ray Manning

Councillors in attendance:

Scrutiny and Overview Committee monitors and Opposition spokesmen: John Batchelor

Also in attendance:

Officers:

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| Paul Howes | Corporate Manager, Community and Customer Services |
| Gemma Barron | Partnerships Manager |
| Kathryn Hawkes | Partnerships Officer |
| Guy Moody | Democratic Services Officer |

18. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

19. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 14th January 2010 were agreed as a correct record.

Matters Arising

The Leader was advised that an agreement to loan the CCTV equipment had been drafted.

20. GRANT FUNDING TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS

The Corporate Manager, Community and Customer Services presented a report to present details of the applications received from the voluntary sector for grant funding for 2010 onwards, including:

- a) Requesting approval by the Leader of recommendations made regarding grants over £5,000; and
- b) Presenting for information only, Officer decisions regarding grants under £5,000 in accordance with current decision thresholds.

The Leader was advised that grants were made to Citizens Advice Bureaux in North Herts, Haverhill (Suffolk) and Uttlesford (Essex) as the client base for those organisations included residents of South Cambridgeshire District Council. The Leader was further advised that no such reciprocal arrangements existed where the crossover was 'in county', for example SCDC residents using CAB services in St. Ives.

In reply to a question the Leader was advised that the amount shown, as 'Grant Proposed 2010-11' would be the amount paid for each of the next three years. This was not a legal agreement and would be subject to the amount of funding available. Variations could be made subject to the recipient organisation receiving three months notice.

The Leader was further advised that each receiving organisation had received an offer of

funding outlining these terms in the following words:

'I am writing to inform you that your application to the above scheme was successful and that the Council has awarded NAME OF ORGANISATION £sum per annum in a three-year funding agreement (*subject to the availability of grant funding in future years*).'

The Leader expressed concerns at the high level of funding for the Connections Bus Project, and questioned whether it was value for money. He suggested that some of the monies might be made available for permanent youth facilities instead. The Leader requested that he be informed of the funding streams that the project was tapping into.

Action: Gemma Barron

Following clarification of the scope and purpose of several of the organisations, the Leader **APPROVED** grant funding to the following voluntary organisations on a 3-year term:

| Organisation Name | Grant to be awarded 2010-11 | Comments |
|---|-----------------------------|---|
| Citizens Advice 3 Yr Term | | |
| North Herts CAB | £17,974.12 | To be paid in 2 instalments, the first up front and the second after successful monitoring at 6 months. |
| Haverhill CAB | £5,943.51 | Grant to be made subject to specified monitoring information. |
| Cambridge CAB | £57,488.86 | To be paid in 2 instalments, the first up front and the second after successful monitoring at 6 months. |
| Uttlesford CAB | £5,943.51 | Grant to be made subject to specified monitoring information. |
| Subtotal | £87,350.00 | |
| Other Grants over £5,000 3 Yr Term | | |
| Cambridge Council for Voluntary Services | £7,500.00 | Conditions: funded events to be named in advance, CVS needs to expand membership in S Cambs. £4,500 to be allocated to core costs and £3,000 to representation (incl. planning for growth events). |
| Cambridgeshire ACRE | £9,000.00 | Condition: ACRE to share parish profile information sheets with SCDC. |
| Care Network Cambridgeshire | £5,500.00 | Grant reduced from 2009-10. Condition: services to be provided must be specified in advance. |
| Romsey Mill | £0.00 | Funding over-subscribed. SCDC would like to fund but cannot prioritise given the turnover and given the focus on older people's services in the district. |
| Crossroads Care Cambridgeshire (West Anglia Crossroads) | £3,500.00 | Grant reduced from 2009-10. Funding over-subscribed. High turnover. Condition: this is an ambitious application and might need to be scaled back. |
| Woodside Rural Care CIC | £0.00 | Funding over-subscribed. SCDC supports this work but cannot fund such high set up costs. A lower grant would not necessarily be as useful if remaining funds were not found. Would like to invite to apply again next year once set up costs are covered. |
| Subtotal | £25,500.00 | |

The Leader **NOTED** the Specialist Services Grants as detailed in Sections 3 and 4 of the report.

21. FORWARD PLAN

The following addition to the forward plan was noted:

13 May 2010

Add

- LSP Progress Report Paul Howes / Gemma Barron

22. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Leader **NOTED** the date of the next meeting as Thursday 11 March 2010.

The Meeting ended at 2.48 p.m.
