

Agenda Item No:

Report to: Charity Committee

Date of Meeting: 29 March 2011

Report Title: GRANT ADVISORY PANEL APPOINTMENTS AND
CONSTITUTION

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Purpose of Report

To recommend appointments to the Grant Advisory Panel and to submit the amended draft Constitution for approval.

Recommendation(s)

- 1. That the Committee appoints the persons named at the meeting to the Grant Advisory Panel.**
- 2. That the Committee agrees the amended draft Constitution.**
- 3. That the Committee notes the position regarding consideration of grant criteria.**

Reasons for Recommendations

The Charity Commission Scheme requires that the Council consults with the Grant Advisory Panel in relation to grant criteria, grant applications and related administrative matters for the purpose of distributing surplus income through grants for charitable purposes.

Introduction

Grant Advisory Panel

Recruitment to the Panel

1. At its first meeting, members considered a report which detailed the functions of the Grant Advisory Panel and instructed that a recruitment process take place for suitable members of the Panel.
2. Following advertisement in the local newspaper and on the Council's website, nine applications were received and this was shortlisted down to 6 candidates for interview. The candidates were interviewed by the members of the Committee.
3. The successful candidates will be named at the meeting.

Draft Constitution

4. As instructed independent legal advice was sought and an amended draft is submitted taking account of the recommended amendments. These consisted of correction of the name of the Panel from Grant Advisory Group to Grant Advisory Panel, which is, of course, entirely correct and in accordance with the Scheme and inclusion of reference to the Protector's powers to attend and speak at meetings of the Panel and access to papers and minutes. Generally, Counsel advised that whilst the draft could be more detailed, more was not necessary.
5. It may be that the Panel will want changes and these can be considered in due course.

Work for the Panel

6. Once the Panel is appointed officers will work with them to bring forward their recommendations on draft Grant Criteria to the Committee's June meeting.

Wards Affected

None

Area(s) Affected

None

Policy Implications

Please identify if this report contains any implications for the following:

Equalities and Community Cohesiveness	No
Crime and Fear of Crime (Section 17)	No

Risk Management	No
Environmental Issues	No
Economic/Financial Implications	No
Human Rights Act	No
Organisational Consequences	No

Background Information

appendix A - draft constitution Grant Advisory Panel

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