

ANGUS COUNCIL

ITEM No. 14

POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE

4 DECEMBER 2001

CORPORATE GRANT AID TO THE VOLUNTARY/COMMUNITY SECTOR

Report by the Chief Executive

ABSTRACT

This report (1) advises Elected Members of decisions taken by the Corporate Officer Grant Aid Working Group on applications up to £500, and (2) makes recommendations to the Policy & Resources Committee on applications for Grant Aid over £500.

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Policy & Resources Committee:

- i) Agree to note the grant aid awards up to £500 in value made by the corporate grant aid officer group, and
- ii) Approve the grant aid recommendations made in this report in respect of applications for funding of over £500.

2. INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND

Members will recall that on 7 May 1996, the Policy & Resources Committee considered and approved Report No 317/96 which set out arrangements for how the Council might manage its grant aid arrangements. The issues agreed were:-

- i) To proceed with the production and issue of an Angus Council grant aid booklet. This has been done.
- ii) To agree that all grant aid applications below a sum of £500 be dealt with either by the appropriate department at an officer level, or by a corporate officer group chaired by a member of the Chief Executive's Department.
- iii) To agree that any grant aid requests over the sum of £500 be the subject of quarterly submissions to appropriate committees of the Council.

3. GRANT APPLICATIONS

Applications below £500

The following approvals are for sums of below £500 and are submitted for information.

Members are reminded that this list does not include service department grants, which are dealt with separately.

Organisation	Grant Aid Type	Amount Sought £	Decision	Comment
Scottish CND	A	200	Nil	Insufficient demonstration of direct benefit to Angus
Angus Foster Carers Association	A	500	Nil	Insufficient demonstration of direct benefit to Angus

Applications above £500

The following are applications for sums in excess of £500 and the Corporate Officer Working Group's recommendations are outlined in the table. The Council's views are sought.

Organisation	Grant Aid Type	Amount Sought £	Decision	Comment
Children's Hospice Association	A	4,368	1,456	Social Work and Education contributing the remainder
Angus Tay Appeal	A	1,000	1,000	Local priority
Scottish Low Pay Unit	A	2,200	2,200	Annual contribution
Scottish Human Rights Centre	A	1,330	Nil	Insufficient demonstration of direct benefit to Angus
Childline Scotland	A	750	Nil	Insufficient demonstration of direct benefit to Angus
Shopmobility Dundee	A	1,200	Nil	Insufficient demonstration of direct benefit to Angus

Copies of these applications are available in the Members' Lounge.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Provision for corporate grant aid is contained within the miscellaneous services section of the Council's Revenue budget and the amounts approved or recommended for approval set out in this report can be contained within these sums.

5. HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES

There are no human rights implications arising from this report.

6. CONSULTATIONS

The Directors of Law & Administration and Finance have been consulted during the preparation of this report.