

Appendix 1 to agenda item 8

Excerpt Report to Grants and Concessions Panel January 2015

Organisation	Summary purpose	Funding type	Value 2014/15
Voluntary Action Arun and Chichester (VAAC)	Towards the “voluntary sector support” service which is available to advise and support any community group in the district on fundraising, governance, promotion and other issues.	Grant – 2 year agreement (Yr1 of 2)	£42,400 for a period of two years from 1 April 2014
<p>The service provided to voluntary and community sector organisations by VAAC under the above agreement was considered by a Task and Finish Group of Overview and Scrutiny Committee concluding with a report to Cabinet in January 2014. Following the review a Service Specification and monitoring agreement was negotiated with VAAC. Negotiation was carried out collaboratively with partner funders Arun DC and WSCC (who have agreed for their funding for voluntary sector support to be dispersed by the relevant lower tier authorities for this period). Quarterly monitoring format was agreed.</p> <p>A formal review meeting (jointly with Arun and WSCC) was held on the 8th December. Reporting covered all areas of activity against the Service Specification, which determined that voluntary and community sector organisations from Chichester District continue to receive the desired level of support. Changes to the service, as agreed during the review process are being implemented. Service performance is considered by the VAAC Board on a quarterly basis, but this was the first formal review with funding partners and as a result, a streamlining of reporting formats and summaries was agreed.</p> <p>Monitoring highlights included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significant levels of activity by the Development team providing advice and support directly to charities. • Fundraising advice continues to be the most sought after support requested although staff often need to give governance support as part of their fundraising input. Since the closing of the Fundraising Hub, the development team filled in this role and are able to identify that recipients of support submitted bids requesting a total of £1524414 – will confirmed grants of £627,193 (with 5 waiting to hear and 9 no response). • A Funding E-bulletin and Fundraiser network has been established with both proving popular with Chichester area groups. A renewed focus on reaching out to smaller groups was evidenced (Midhurst event) • Monitoring has been improved to enable VAAC to track the impact of their courses. • Under quality and good practice, VAAC anticipate starting quality standard accreditation in the new year. <p><u>Grants 2014/15</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chichester DC – £42,400; Arun DC- £60,950; West Sussex- £84,585 			
<p>Next Steps: Continued attendance at quarterly monitoring meetings. It is hoped that in 2015 we will have information from WSCC regarding their funding intentions for Voluntary Sector Support for 2016 and beyond, and can begin discussions regarding funding requirements and arrangements for April 2016 and beyond.</p>			