

GRANTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

1 SUMMARY

- 1.1. [Appended](#) at Appendix 1 to this report is a list of grant applications from existing recipients, and at Appendix 2 a list of applications from new applicants.

2 CRITERIA

- 2.1. Members will recall that a set of criteria for the consideration of applications has been established and is set out below:-
- (A) Service Delivery Priority
1. Provide a cost effective, community-focused service that complements the local authority's statutory priorities.
 2. Provide a cost effective, community focused service that complements the local authority's discretionary priorities.
 3. Provide a local service either solely or mainly for the following priority groups:
 - Elderly
 - Handicapped
 - Children
 - Other groups identified through the Council's policies.
- (B) Funding Priority
1. Applications must be made each year. Any organisation not submitting an application will not receive funding.
 2. Totally dependent on Rochford District Council's funding.
 3. Rochford District Council's funding represents greater than 50% of total funding.
 4. Rochford District Council's grant is a valued contribution towards funding, and represents 10% or more of the organisation's total funding.
 5. Rochford District Council's grant is notional funding towards the service and represents less than 10% of the organisation's total funding.

6. The remainder of the grants budget not awarded by the end of the financial year to be carried forward to the following financial year.

Any applications received during the year will be judged solely against the above criteria.

Some organisations may be selected to give a presentation to the Council's Corporate Resources Sub Committee in support of their application.

3 YEAR 2002/2003

- 3.1. The current draft estimates for 2002/2003 in respect of grants and community support is:-

CAB	£70,600
General	£23,900.

4 CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU (CAB)

- 4.1. Included at Appendix 1 is an application from Rochford and Rayleigh Citizens Advice Bureau. The table below shows the funding awarded for 2001/2 and details of the Bureau's 2002/3 application.

	2001/02 £	2002/03 £
Rochford and Rayleigh CAB	66,000	68,000
Outreach	1,600	1,600
Mediation	<u>1,000</u>	<u>500</u>
	68,600	70,100

- 4.2. The application from the CAB is shown on the main agenda as it is by far the largest single application for support. It is the only service that is scored as a service priority 1 in that it complements the local authority statutory priorities. In the delivery of services, customers must feel that they have access to independent advice. Hence, in many of the Council's services, eg., council tax, housing benefits, housing and homelessness, the Council advises customers to contact the CAB for that independent advice.
- 4.3. Members will be aware that the two separate CABs have now merged to form the Rochford and Rayleigh CAB. They have appointed a District Manager to oversee the two centres. She has had a number of discussions with key officers to ensure there is effective partnership working.

- 4.4. Although accounts were submitted with the application, additional information has been requested which will be reported to the Committee.

5 RAYLEIGH ASSOCIATION OF VOLUNTARY SERVICES (RAVS)

- 5.1. In November 2001, RAVS submitted a draft Service Level Agreement (SLA) covering the period between 1 April 2002 and 31 March 2005 between this council and RAVS. Unfortunately, owing to other work pressures, the Council has not been able to respond to this draft SLA. Members have previously expressed a view that a well established co-ordinating body representing the total voluntary sector would be welcomed by the authority. This could introduce some significant changes to the way the Council deals with the voluntary sector. It is therefore proposed that Members agree the grant for 2002/03 but receive a separate report at the next meeting of this Committee.

- 5.2. Members will note that support is also requested for the use of the Civic Suite. RAVS is able to hire the Committee Rooms for meetings. However, where disabled groups or participants are involved, the requirement is to hire the Council Chamber. For 2002/3 the charge for Rooms 3 and 5 is £15 per 3 hour session, whereas the Council Chamber is £40 per hour. Members are required to consider the hire of the Council Chamber to RAVS at £15 per 3 hour session for a maximum of 4 meetings per year.

6 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1. The recommendations as approved will be included within the budgets for 2002/2003.

7 PARISH IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1. Applications have been received from most parishes in the District.

8 RECOMMENDATION

It is proposed that the Committee **RESOLVES**

- 8.1. That applications be considered as shown within the report and in Appendices 1 and 2.

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Background Papers:

Application forms

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