

**Report submitted to the Policy, Finance & Strategic
Performance Committee at its meeting on 19 April 2007:-**

GRANTS TO OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report sets out the applications to be considered for financial assistance in 2007/08. Appendix 1 sets out the applications received and those recommended for funding.

2 CRITERIA

- 2.1 The criteria for considering applications is set out below:-

Organisations needed to show how they contribute to one or more of the Council's corporate aims listed below:-

- To work towards a safer and more caring community
- To promote a green and sustainable environment
- To encourage a thriving local economy
- To improve the quality of life for people in the District
- To maintain and enhance the local heritage and culture

In addition, the Council wish to give priority to organisations that provide a local service either solely or mainly for the following priority groups:-

Older people.

People with disabilities or who are disadvantaged.

Young people.

Applications will only be considered from groups meeting all of the following requirements:-

- Groups that are non-statutory organisations.
- Groups that are formally constituted.
- Groups that operate in the 'not for profit' sector.
- Groups that can clearly demonstrate their ability, through a grant award, to deliver benefit to the community within the grant year and to sustain their activities.
- Groups whose activities benefit residents of Rochford.
- Groups whose activities clearly contribute to or support Rochford District Council's Corporate aims.

3 SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENTS

- 3.1 This Committee agreed in January 2007, when reviewing the criteria, that Service Level Agreements (SLA) would be developed with organisations receiving significant levels of funding. It is recommended that the following organisations have a SLA if the proposed level of funding is agreed.

- Citizens Advice Bureau
- Rochford Sports Council
- Foot Prints Community Group
- Old Peoples Welfare Committee for Rochford
- Rochford, Rayleigh Association of Voluntary Service
- Hockley and Hawkwell Old Peoples Welfare Committee
- Rayleigh Age Concern

4 ORGANISATIONS NOT MEETING THE CRITERIA

- 4.1 There are seven organisations that have requested funding but do not meet the Council's criteria based on their applications and proposed use of the grant. These are set out in Appendix 2. One of the organisations listed is Mayday Mobile. In 2006/07, Mayday Mobile were awarded a grant of £1,220. They have not been recommended for funding in 2007/08 because the Council already provides accommodation to the organisation and also works with the Wyvern Community Transport scheme to provide community transport to all sections of the community.

5 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Applications for funding can be met within the agreed budget. The total of the recommended applications is £28,350 plus £79,000 for the Citizens Advice Bureau.

6 PARISH IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Organisations in all the Parishes may be funded

7 RECOMMENDATION

- 7.1 It is proposed that the Committee **RESOLVES**

- (1) To agree the grant applications in Appendix 1
- (2) To establish Service Level Agreements with organisations set out in 3.1

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Background Papers:-

None

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Appendix 1

Organisation	Amount requested	Amount granted in 2006/07	Corporate aims supported (see below)	Target group (s)	Recommended grant amount	Use to which grant will be put	Outcomes for the community	VFM judgement
Barling Magna Evergreens Club	£110	£110	1,4	Older people	£110	Social activities and support for older people	Reduced feelings of isolation, increased well being for older people	The level of recommended grant is in line with similar organisations providing similar services and serving similar numbers of people
Essex Racial Equality Council	£1,500	£700	1, 4	All	£1,280	Legal advice for victims of racial discrimination. , Advice to employers and service providers. Community engagement	More cohesive, stronger communities	A stakeholder for the council. Funding to support a small but growing section of the Rochford community and assistance to the council in developing its equality agenda
Footprints Community Group	£6,720	-	1, 4	Young, disadvantaged people	£4,000	Community group in the least affluent area of the district. Provides a safe place for young people. Essential life skills, reduced anti-social behaviour, signposting to support services, health promotion, confidence building	More young people with essential life skills, increased well being, ambition and opportunity, reduced anti social behaviour	A very successful project, that continues to provide an ideal link for statutory and non statutory groups to engage and deliver services to a harder to reach group. There have been a number of notable successes including the High

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								Sheriffs award in 2007. This project reaches over 1000 people a year.
Great Waking OAP Club	£100	£100	1, 4	Older people	£100	Social activities and support for older people	Reduced feelings of isolation, increased well being for older people	The level of recommended grant is in line with similar organisations providing similar services and serving similar numbers of people
Hockley & Hawkwell Old People's Welfare Committee	£4,000	£3,700	1, 4	Older people	£2,700	Social activities and support for older people	Reduced feelings of isolation, increased well being for older people	The level of recommended grant is in line with similar organisations providing similar services and serving similar numbers of people
Hullbridge Pensioners Fellowship	£110	£110	1, 4	Older people	£110	Social activities and support for older people	Reduced feelings of isolation, increased well being for older people	The level of recommended grant is in line with similar organisations providing similar services and serving similar numbers of people

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Hullbridge Senior Citizens Welfare Council	£4,000	£3,700	1, 4	Older people	£1,200	Social activities and support for older people	Reduced feelings of isolation, increased well being for older people	The level of recommended grant is in line with similar organisations providing similar services and serving similar numbers of people
Old People's Welfare Committee for Rochford	£5,000	£3,700	1, 4	Older people	£3,500	Social activities and support for older people	Reduced feelings of isolation, increased well being for older people	The level of recommended grant is in line with similar organisations providing similar services and serving similar numbers of people
Pensioners Good Fellowship Association	£2,000	£360	1, 4	Older people	£250	Social activities and support for older people	Reduced feelings of isolation, increased well being for older people	The level of recommended grant is in line with similar organisations providing similar services and serving similar numbers of people
RAVS	£10,000	£1,800	1,3,4	Older people	£6,000	Core CVS support services, volunteer bureau, funding assistance, young carers, laptop scheme for elderly	Improved Community and voluntary sector support and development. Increase in funding	Funding proposed represents less support than other similar organisations in other areas. The organisation helps 6000 people a

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						people	coming into the district.	year in addition to supporting other organisations support local groups
Rayleigh Age Concern	£3,026	£3,700	1, 4	Older people	£2,500	Social activities and support for older people	Reduced feelings of isolation, increased well being for older people	The level of recommended grant is in line with similar organisations providing similar services and serving similar numbers of people
Rayleigh No 1 Club	£1,000	£300	1,4	Older people	£250	Social activities and support for older people	Reduced feelings of isolation, increased well being for older people	The level of recommended grant is in line with similar organisations providing similar services and serving similar numbers of people
Rayleigh Open Door Service	£4,200	-	1,4		£400	Counselling service for individual and family problems. Funding for core costs and student tuition fees	Increased well being	Recommend contribution to core costs but not support tuition fees
Rayleigh Physically handicapped	£1,500	£800	1, 4	Disabled people	£1,200	Social activities and support for disabled	Improved well being and reduced feelings of	The level of recommended grant is in line with similar

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Club						people	isolation	organisations providing similar services and serving similar numbers of people
Rochford District Access Committee for the Disabled	£400	£350	1,4	Disabled people	£400	Advice with statutory organisations and others on disabled issues, and implementation of national guidance	Reduced barriers for people with disabilities in their day to day lives	A stake holder that provides support to the council in an efficient and economical way
Royal Association for the Deaf	£1,000	£620	1,2	Disabled people	£600	Services for deaf/hard of hearing people. Extra interpreter service	Reduced barriers for deaf people in living their lives, reduced feelings of isolation	Contribution to costs that equates to the percentage of people from the district using the service
Rochford Sports Council	£3,750	£3,600	5		£3,750	Supports sports and sport development within the district	Increased well being and healthy life styles	'Top sliced' organisation. SLA to be drawn up
Citizens Advice Bureau	£79,000	£76,500			£79,000	Provides impartial information, advice and guidance for people with a range of issues	Increased well being, particularly for less affluent people	'Top sliced' organisation. SLA being negotiated

Corporate aims

1. To work towards a safer and more caring community
2. To promote a green and sustainable environment
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Appendix 2

Organisation	Amount requested	Use of grant	Reason for not funding
Historical Society of Rayleigh	£205	Public liability insurance	The society's volunteers who work in the Mill and provide a service to the public are already covered by the Council's liability insurance.
Mayday Mobile	£2,500	Transport service for elderly people	The Council already provides accommodation to the organisation and works with the Wyvern Community Transport scheme to provide community transport to all sections of the community.
Falcons Sonozon Judo Club	£7,941	Hall hire, new equipment, competitions abroad	Has only 22 people a week attending, poor value for money and little community benefit. There are other more suitable funding sources.
Friends of Kendal Park	£700	New leaflet for Kendal Park	There is an existing leaflet and there is little benefit for the wider community.
Canewdon Summer Playscheme	£1,000	One weeks play scheme in the summer	Very poor value for money. Incomplete forms provided, despite several requests for the additional information.
Vitalise	£1,108	National organisation providing breaks for disabled people	11 residents have been on breaks with the organisation, but the grant would not support services in the district.
Victim Support for Essex	£5,000	Support services for victims of crime	The District's CDRP is already funding the organisation for a piece of work within the District.

**Minute of the Policy, Finance & Strategic Performance
Committee from its meeting on 19 April 2007:-**

135 GRANTS TO OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

The Committee considered the report of the Head of Finance, Audit and Performance Management setting out applications to be considered for financial assistance in 2007/08.

Members felt that, apart from the application from the Citizens Advice Bureau, it would be appropriate to delegate the detailed consideration of applications to a Sub-Committee. Given both timing and the fact that the organisation delivers a number of services related to the Council's own objectives, a grant of £79,000 to the Citizens Advice Bureau could be endorsed.

Resolved

- (1) That, given timing and the fact that the organisation delivers a number of services related to the Council's own objectives, a grant of £79,000 be made to the Citizens Advice Bureau.
- (2) That authority be delegated to a Sub-Committee of five Members (Councillors T G Cutmore, Mrs H L A Glynn, K J Gordon, Mrs M J Webster and one Liberal Democrat appointee) to consider the remaining applications for financial assistance. (HFAPM)