

## **RAYLEIGH ASSOCIATION OF VOLUNTARY SERVICES (RAVS)**

### **1 SUMMARY**

To update Members in connection with the latest position regarding Rayleigh Association of Voluntary Services (RAVS).

### **2 DETAILED CONSIDERATIONS**

In late February the Chief Executive received notification from RAV's that they were temporarily shutting their offices in Rochford until further notice.

- 2.1 Since then, further clarification has been sought as to what the position is but to date nothing has been received in writing. Although RAVS is not currently funded by the Authority, the Council, through this Committee, has agreed to grant aid RAVS £1,500 in 2000/2001. Given the current position, it is recommended that the Council defer any payment of grant until the position of RAVS can be clarified and the purpose of the grant substantiated.

### **3 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.1 A sum of £1,500 has been agreed from the Council's Grants and County Support Budget for 2000/2001.

### **4 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 The legal context for providing this type of grant aid is the 1989 Local Government and Housing Act and Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972.

### **5 RECOMMENDATION**

- 5.1 It is proposed that the Sub-Committee RECOMMENDS:

That Finance and General Purposes Committee are recommended to defer the payment to RAVS of £1,500 grant aid for 2000/2001 until the position of the organisation can be clarified.

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**Background Papers:**

None.

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