Report submitted to the Executive Board at its meeting on 24 April 2008:-

GRANTS TO OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

1 SUMMARY

1.1 This report sets out the applications to be considered for financial assistance in 2008/09. Appendix 1 sets out the applications received and those recommended for funding. In 2007/08 a sub-committee was established to assess the grants applications and it is proposed that the same committee is re-established to oversee the process for this financial year.

2 CRITERIA

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

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

- To provide an excellent cost effective frontline service for all our customers
- 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.

What groups will be considered for funding?

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 The Committee agreed in January 2007 that, when reviewing the criteria, Service Level Agreements (SLA) would be developed with organisations receiving significant levels of funding. It is recommended that the following organisations have a SLA for the year 2008/09 if the proposed level of funding is agreed:-

- The Old Peoples Welfare Committee for Rochford
- The Hockley and Hawkwell Old Peoples Welfare Committee
- Rayleigh Age Concern

3.2 It is also recommended that the Citizens Advice Bureau and Rochford Sports Council as 'top sliced' organisations have three year SLA's developed

4 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Applications for funding can be met within the agreed budget.

5 PARISH IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Organisations in all the Parishes will considered for funding.

6 RECOMMENDATION

6.1 It is proposed that the Board **RESOLVES** to re-establish the Grants to outside Organisations Sub–Committee with the same membership as 2007/08 (Cllrs T G Cutmore (Chairman), K J Gordon, Mrs H L A Glynn, R A Oatham and Mrs M J Webster) and to delegate authority to that Sub–Committee to determine the grants to be made for 2008/09.

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Background Papers:-

None

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Organisation	Amount requested	Amount granted in 2007/08	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	Amount not specified	£110	2,5	Older people	£130	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
DIAL	£5,000	-	2,5	Disabled people	£2,400	A grant would enable DIAL to open a surgery in the Rochford area. Grant to be used specifically for this purpose.	Promotion of the welfare and quality of life for disabled people through the provision of information and advice on issues relating to disability.	Level of recommended grant to enable specifically the set up of a local surgery to allow people to visit in their own locality.
Essex Racial Equality Council	£2,000	£700	2,5	All	£500	Legal advice for victims of racial discrimination. Advice to employers and service providers. Community engagement.	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	

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Great Wakering OAP Club	£100	£100	2,5	Older people	£125	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
Historical Society of Rayleigh	£225	£100	6	All residents	£120	Specifically to be put towards public liability insurance that the society are responsible for on the windmill	Retain our heritage. Members act as stewards on open days and archive documents.	Level of recommendation is the same as last year plus a small amount to cover the cost of inflation.
Hockley & Hawkwell Old People's Welfare Committee	£3,500	£2,700	2,5	Older people	£2,900	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 Senior Citizens Welfare Council	£5,000	£2,200	2,5	Older people	£2,400	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

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Old People's Welfare Committee for Rochford	£5,000	£3,500	2,5	Older people	£3,700	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
Pensioners Good Fellowship Association	£2,000	£250	2,5	Older people	£280	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 Age Concern	£3,000	£2,500	2,5	Older people	£2,575	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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Rayleigh No 1 Club	£2,000	£250	2,5	Older people	£280	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 Physically Handicapped Club	£5,000	£1,200	2,5	Disabled people	£1,250	Social activities and support for disabled people	Improved well being and reduced feelings of isolation	The level of recommended grant is in line with similar organisations providing similar services and serving similar numbers of people
Rochford District Access Committee for the Disabled	£700	£400	2,5	Disabled people	£430	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
Rochford District Players	£600	-	5	All residents	£110	Amateur dramatic group who perform an annual pantomime and make charitable	Enhanced enjoyment for audience and benefit of charities to whom the group	Small grant awarded as benefit mainly to whichever charities the group decides to donate

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Rochford Sports Council	£3,900	£3,750	5		£3,900	Supports sports and sport development within the district	Increased well being and healthy life styles	'Top sliced' organisation. SLA in place
Royal Association for the Deaf	£1,000	£700	2,5	Disabled people	£725	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
Citizens Advice Bureau	£79,000		1,5		£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 in place

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