

## **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**

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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.   |